

Engaging Solutions

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Overview of Engaging Solutions

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Engaging Provincial Solutions



Great Lakes without a COA

- Unilaterally, Ontario could implement the following:
 - Expand the Lake Simcoe protection approach to the Great Lakes;
 - Get serious about combined sewer overflows;
 - Report on pollutant loadings;
 - Build full-cost recovery into the water taking charge;
 - Unleash the potential of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*
 - Build on successes like the cosmetic pesticides ban;
 - Ban Asian carp imports, dead or alive;
 - Defend wetlands;
 - Curb agricultural runoff;
 - Harness a broader range of ministries to deliver GL restoration; and
 - Champion the Great Lakes.

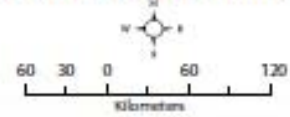
Legend

-  Moose Cree Traditional Area (AOU)
-  Provincial Park
-  Conservation Reserve
-  Far North Boundary
-  Major Road
-  Railway
-  Community
-  First Nation Community

Ongoing Community Based Land Use Planning Areas

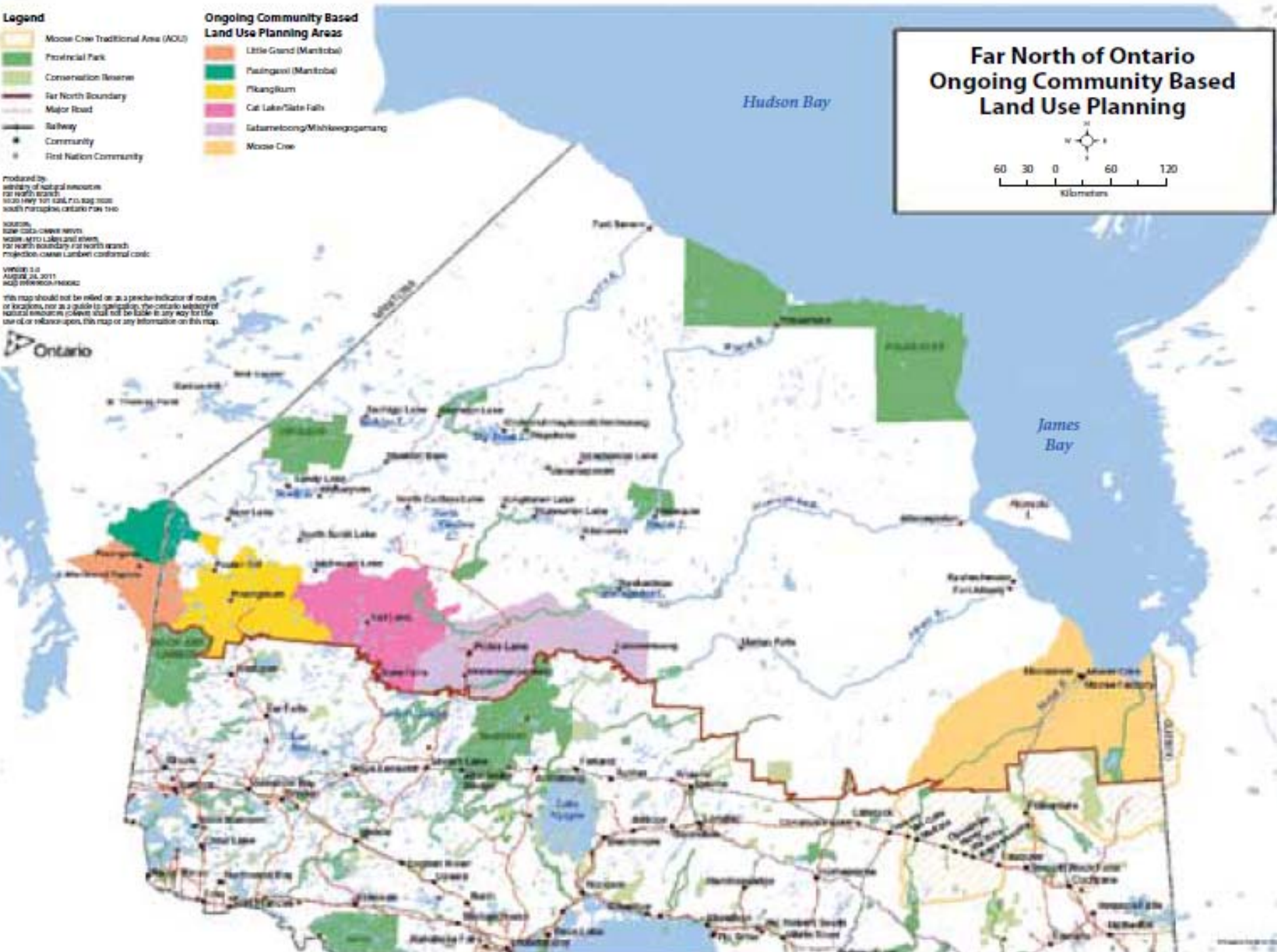
-  Little Grand (Manitoba)
-  Pease Lake (Manitoba)
-  Pikangikum
-  Cat Lake/Slate Falls
-  Sabameboong/Mishikewegaming
-  Moose Cree

Far North of Ontario Ongoing Community Based Land Use Planning



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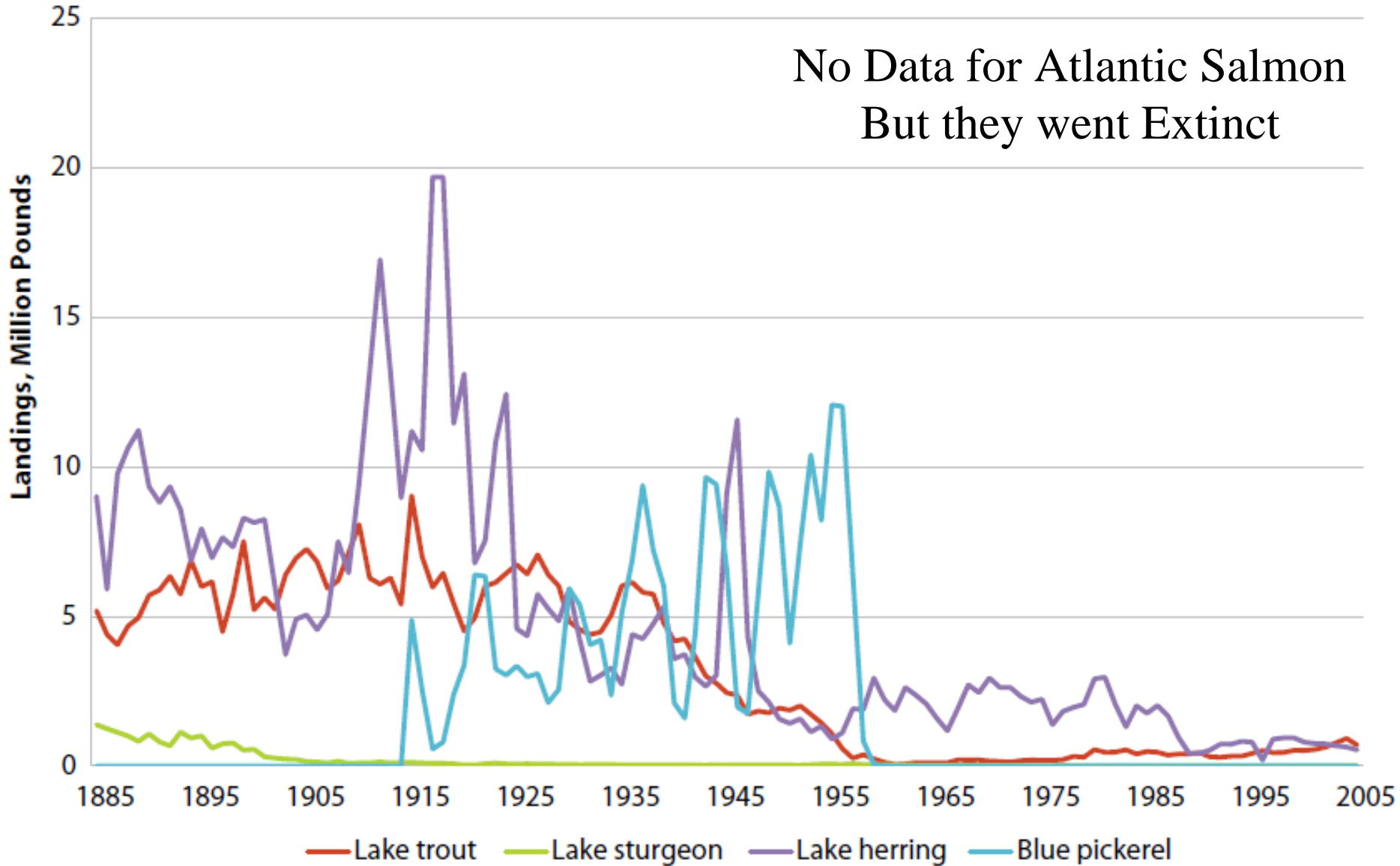
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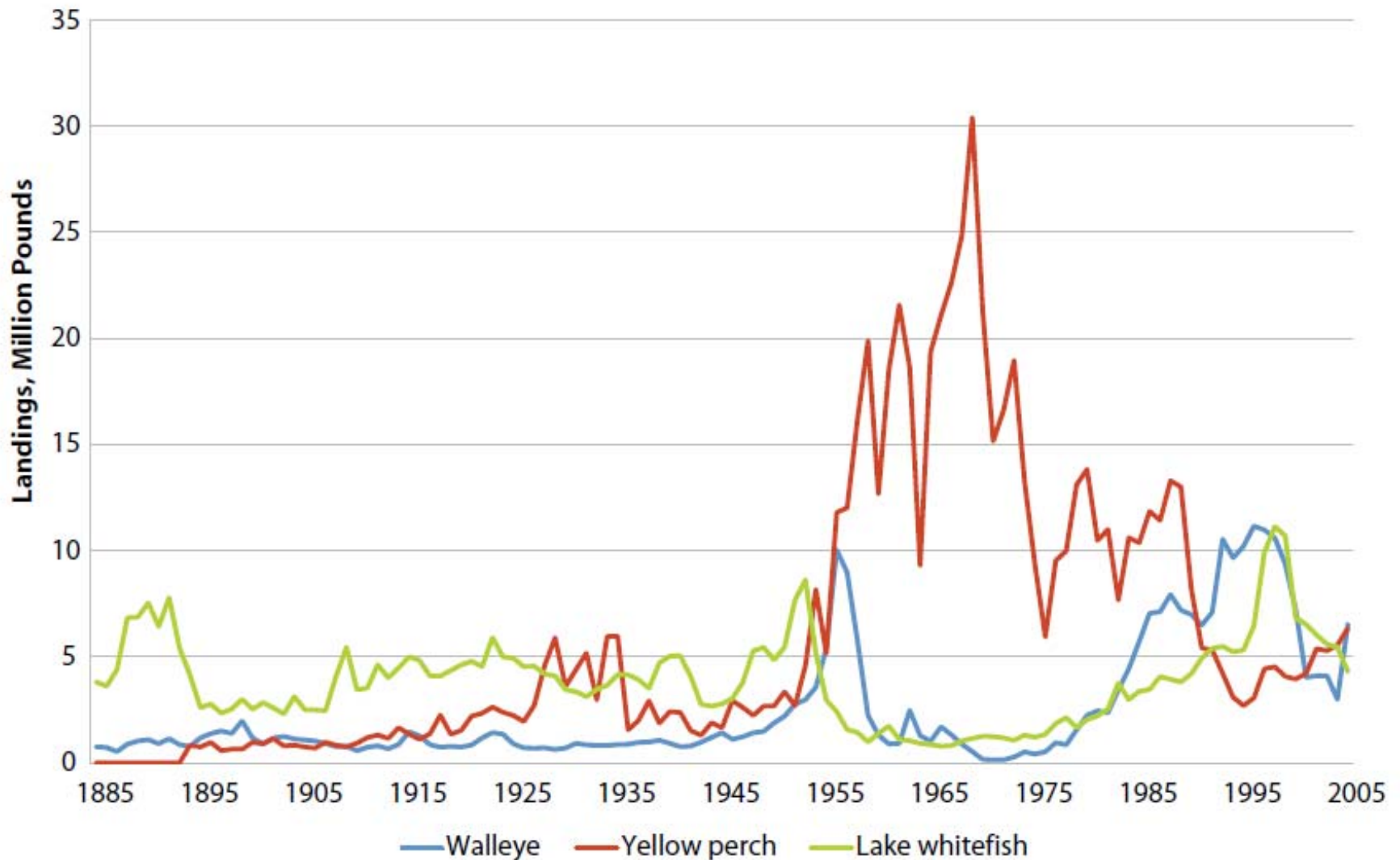


Biodiversity Matters

Ontario's Great Lakes Fishery Legacy



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- **MNR Aquaculture of Crown Land Policy 10 years overdue**
- **Resources moved away from policy dev in order to renew the licences**
- **Relaxed standards ... low inspection**
- **No public consultation on licenses**

Recovery of Species at Risk: Government Responses Inadequate

Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO) lists species



Species experts prepare **recovery strategy** and make recommendations to government for the protection and recovery of the species



MNR responds to recovery strategy recommendations in **government response statement**



Government implements **conservation actions** described in its response

Scientific expertise and independence necessary

Ecological, social and economic factors are weighed



Unlikely Species at Risk Icon



Recognising the Need for Green Infrastructure





Planning Solutions

Stormwater: Our Neglected Headwaters



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Getting on with Environment Business

Budgets at MOE + MNR as %

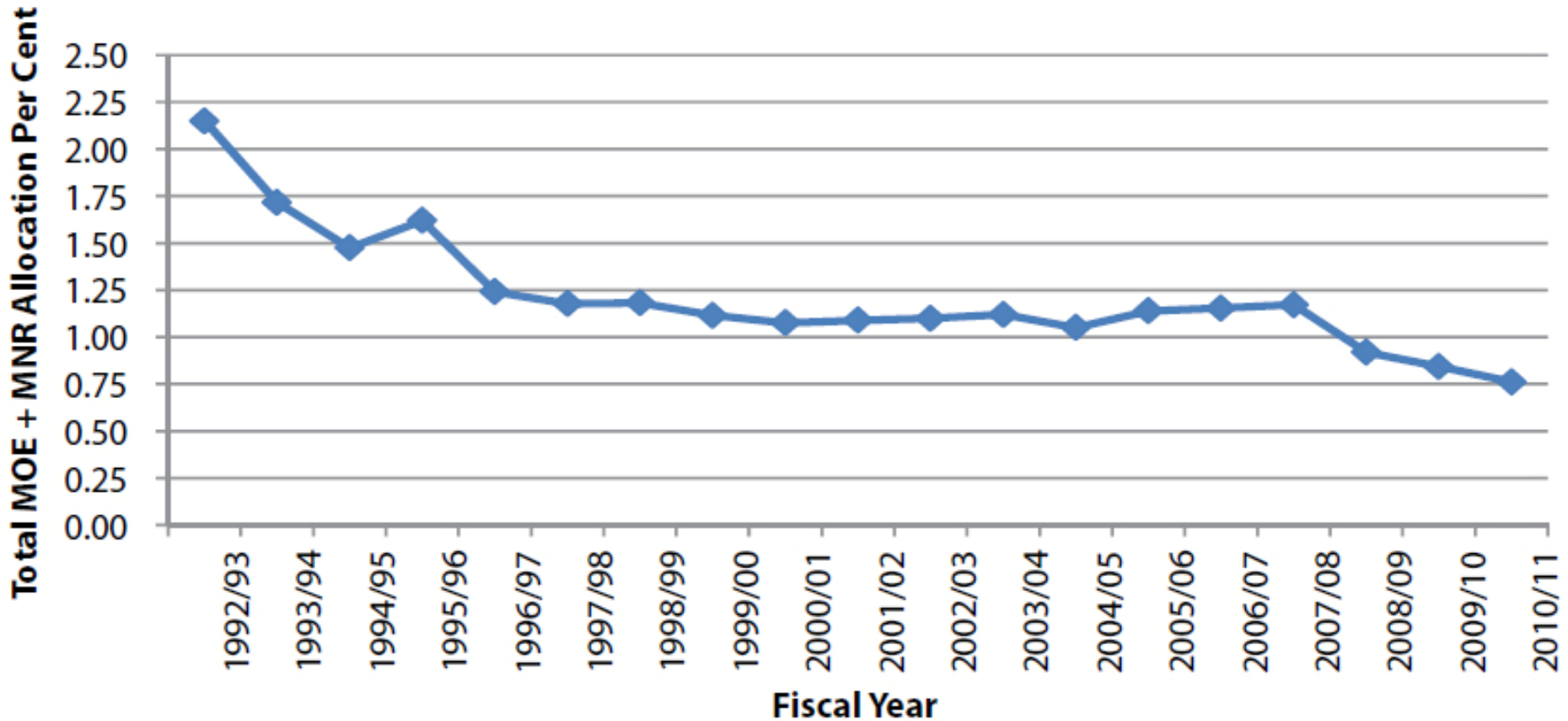
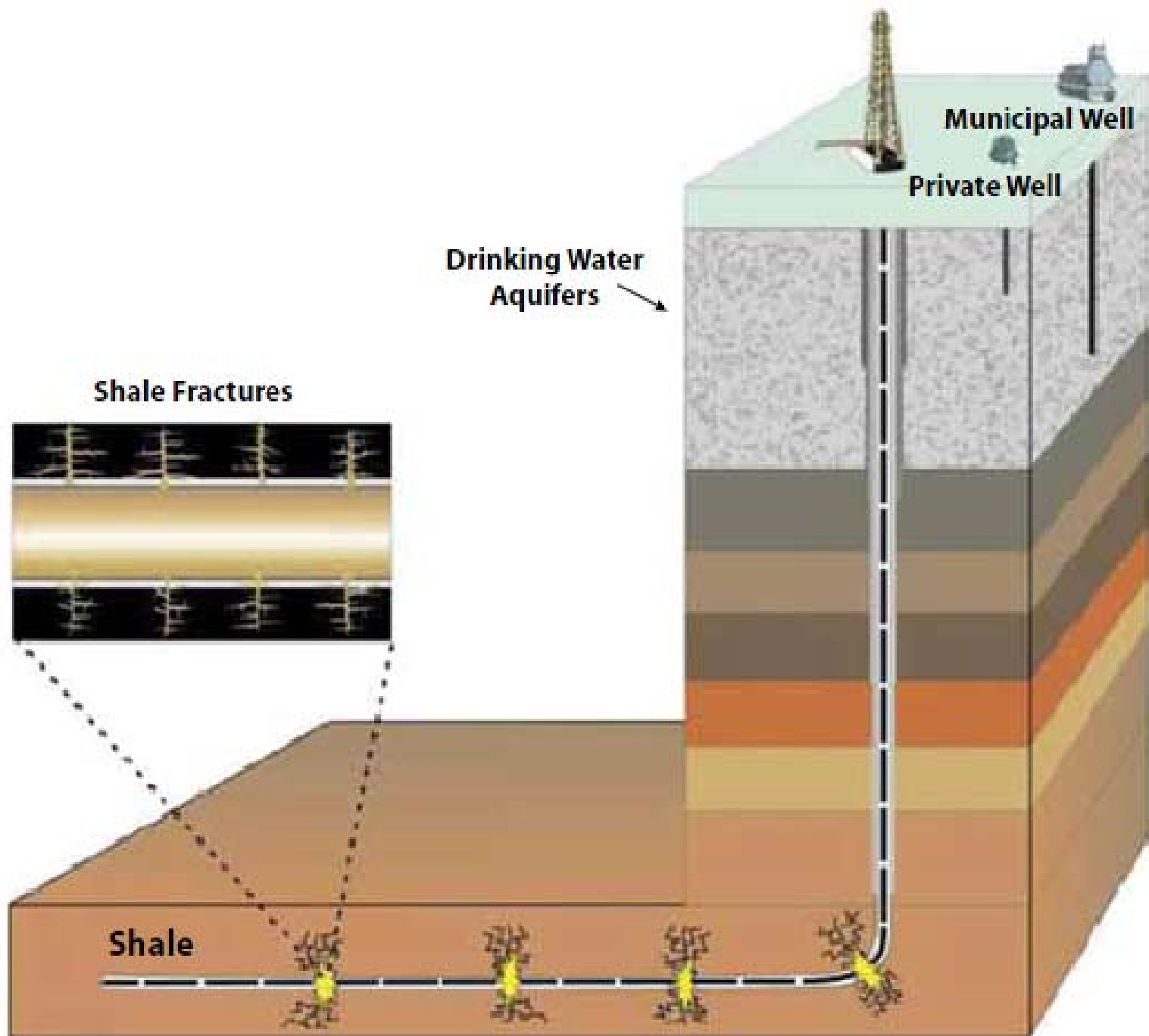
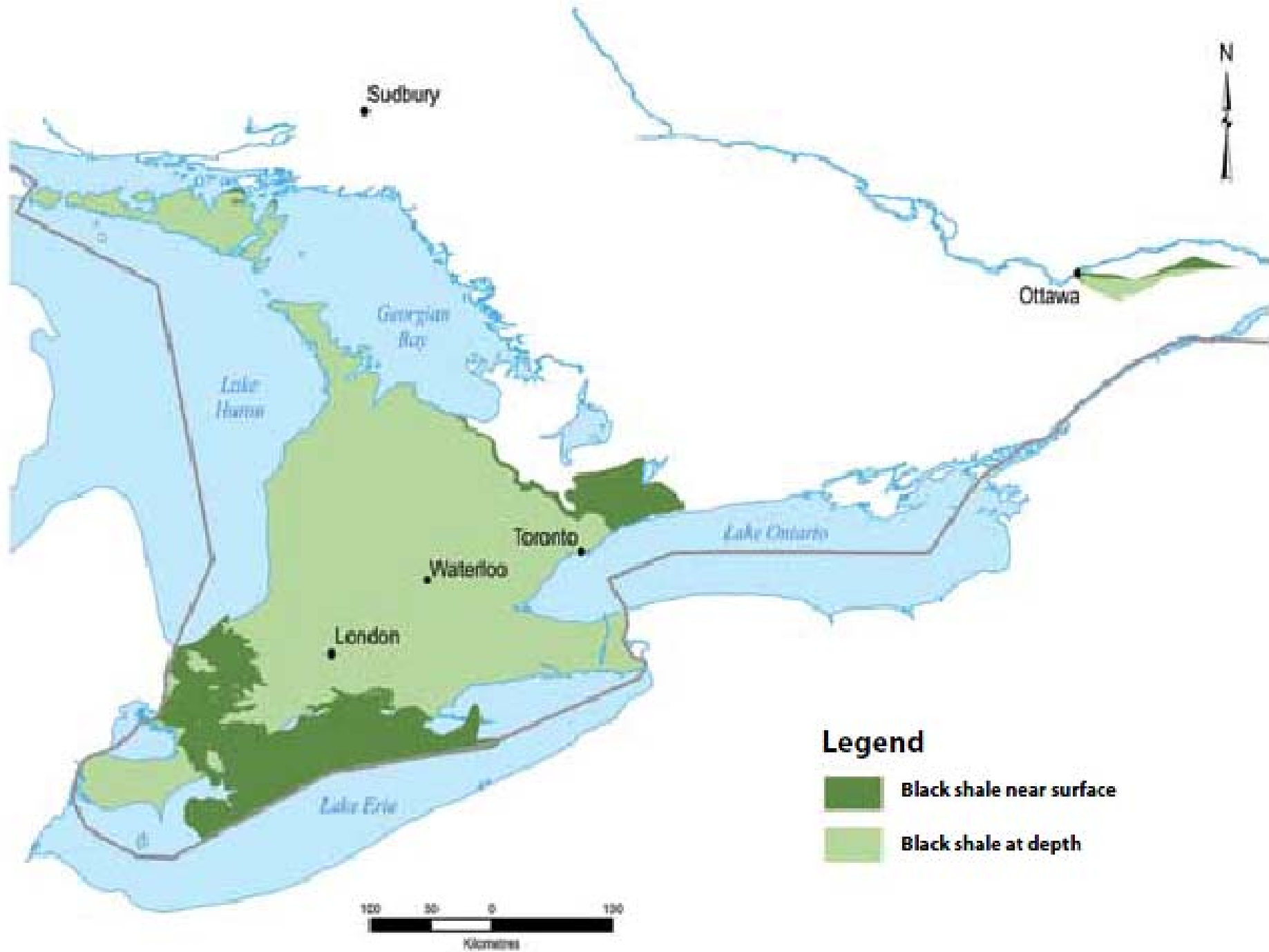


Figure 5.1.1. Total MOE and MNR per cent allocation of Ontario's operating budget.



Emerging Issues





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“Stay Calm, Be Brave, Wait for the Signs”

Tom King

Thank You for Your Attention