



Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council

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Guest Speaker:

Richard Rowe

Manager/Biologist
Natural Resources Department,
Nipissing First Nation
*"NFN Natural Resources
Management Plan"*





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2011 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday April 20th, 2011
Sturgeon Falls

AGENDA

Welcoming Remarks

Chair's Report

Guest Speaker: Richard Rowe, Manager/Biologist
Natural Resources Department, Nipissing First Nation
"NFN Natural Resources Management Plan"

BREAK - 10 minutes

Approval of the Agenda (Motion 1)

Approval of Minutes of the 2010 AGM (Motion 2)

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Approve the Acts and Proceedings of the Board (Motion 3)

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the Financial Statements (Motion 4)

Election of Directors:

Biology, Conservation, Fisheries, Director at Large (youth)

Other Business

Adjournment (Motion 5)



Greater Nipissing
Stewardship Council

2010 GNSC Board of Directors

Executive Directors:

Chairman: John Thornton	Wilderness Sports Representative
Vice Chair: Bill Hagborg	Forestry Representative
Treasurer: Jessica Dion	Youth Representative
Secretary: Paula Scott	Conservation Representative

Directors:

Peggy Walsh Craig	Environmental Representative (part yr.)
Vijanti Ramlogan-Murphy	Environmental Representative
Frank Marusich	Tourism Representative (part yr.)
Bob Burke	Director at Large
Dr. Kevin O'Grady	Fisheries Representative
Adrienne Pelletier	First Nations Representative
Steve Mitchell	Biology Representative
Klaus Wand	Agriculture Representative
Roy Warriner	Director at Large

Honourary Directors

Liza Vandermeer	Ministry of the Environment
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Ontario Stewardship/Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Nathan Kirby	Stewardship Coordinator
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Check out our latest Newsletter...

[GNSC Newsletter June 2010.pdf](#)

Trail Guide to Healthy Living

Get out and enjoy the numerous trails our area has to offer, by purchasing a copy of our trail guide from one of these fine locations: Active Running & Therapy Centre, Bigwood Sporting Goods, North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce (Tourism Booth), Cheapstakes Quality Sporting Goods, Cycle Works, Discovery North Bay Museum, Lefebvre's Source for Adventure OR North Riders. You can also purchase a guide online - [ORDER HERE](#).

Fishing Slot Ruler

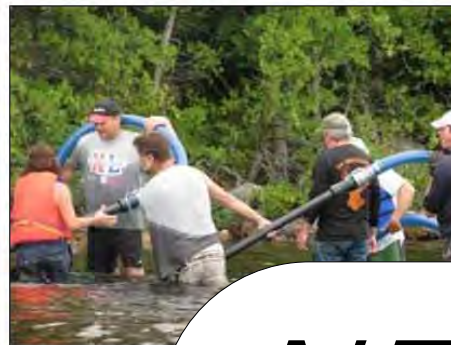
Fisheries Management Zone 11

You can purchase your slot ruler at the following outlets: TD Bank (North Bay Branches), Billy Bob's Bait (Lakeshore Drive), Discount Bait, Tackle & Vaariety (Trout Lake Road), Bowman, Young South Shore Centre (Callander) and the Waltonian Inn.

Individual or bulk orders may also be made on-line - [ORDER HERE](#)

2010 WORK PLAN

The Council's plan for 2010 has been approved. Click on our "Projects & Activities" page to learn more.



Executive Overview

The Council's mandate:

- To protect, conserve, improve and restore the natural resources and environment of the greater Nipissing area.
- To encourage and foster an understanding and awareness of the natural resources and environment and their value in enhancing our quality of life, by organizing conferences, seminars, public meetings and distribution of information circulars on issues relating to the environment and its management and protection.
- To conduct educational seminars, conferences and public forums about the flora, fauna, ecology, hydrology and geology of the greater Nipissing area.
- To collect information on the state of the natural resources and environment, and to provide information for, and participate in, management decisions affecting the greater Nipissing area.
- To act as a catalyst, in partnership with other organizations or individuals, assisting to achieve the desired outcome of projects that will benefit the natural resources and environment of the greater Nipissing area.
 - The area encompasses Marten River to Trout Creek and Mattawa to Hagar.
 - The Council is directly involved in carrying out a wide range of projects and initiatives, as well as participating and supporting other partners with implementing their projects.

Board of Directors

Position	Interest(s) Represented
John Thornton, Chair	Wilderness Sports
Bill Hagberg, Vice-chair/Media Relations	Forestry
Paula Scott, Secretary	Conservation
Jessica Dion, Treasurer	Youth-at-Large
Vijesti Ramlogan Murphy	Environmental
Vacant	Tourism
Steve Mitchell	Biology
Adrienne Pelliker	First Nations
Klaus Ward	Agriculture
Kayin O'Grady	Fisheries
Roy Warner	Member-at-Large
Bob Burke	Member-at-Large
Nathan Kirby	Stewardship Coordinator



NORTH BAY NATURAL HABITATS PROGRAM



TD TREE DAYS



TREE NORTH BAY/
NORTH BAY BLOOMS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT
CLEANUPS

2010 North Bay Regional Science Fair

This Award is Presented to:

Jorrie Pull

~for~

*Best Intermediate / Senior Grade Level
Natural Resources or Environmental Project*



REGIONAL SCIENCE
FAIR AWARDS



COMMUNITY EVENTS



McQUABY LAKE WALLEYE RESTORATION PROJECT



LAKE NOSBONSING LOON CONSERVATION PROJECT

Natural. Valued. Protected.



Planning for
successful catch
and release

Catch and Release

The number of anglers who catch and release fish is growing rapidly. Many anglers who practice catch and release fish for the sheer enjoyment of the sport.

Of course many anglers have always 'let the little ones go to grow up and get big', while keeping the bigger fish to eat. Fisheries managers and anglers have realized that letting medium-sized to large fish go makes even more sense. This is because larger, older mature fish are instrumental for reproductive success.

With size limits for many fish species now widespread, most anglers will be participating in catch and release. The successful use of size limits depends on anglers who can handle and release fish properly. When catch and release is properly practiced, this results in both more fish and bigger fish.

To ensure released fish survive, anglers must practice good handling techniques to minimize injury and stress to the fish. In this way, anglers

Careful gear selection

Selecting the right rod, reel and line is the first step. Your tackle should be matched to the kind of fishing you will be doing. For example, an ultra-light outfit with four pound test line might be fine for 6 - 10 inch (15 - 25.5 cm) brook trout, but not for pike or muskie. A long fight to bring in these big fish causes them enough stress to greatly reduce their chances of long-term survival.

Artificial lures as an alternative

Artificial lures generally result in fish being hooked in the mouth or lips, and not the gills or throat, since the hook is set as soon as the strike is felt. This reduces handling time and injury due to deeply ingested hooks. Using artificial lures is also fun and challenging.

Try barbless hooks

Using barbless hooks makes releasing fish quick and easy. Often barbless hooks can be removed without even touching the fish. If you cannot find barbless hooks at the tackle shop, simply pinch down the barb with a pair of pliers or file the barb off.

Capture correctly

Learn how to hold a fish and remove your hooks. There are a variety of different methods to safely hold fish while removing hooks. In general, larger fish should be held using two hands, with one hand firmly gripping the tail and the other supporting the body. Never hold a fish by the gills or eyes, this can result in serious damage or death. Mechanical grabbers are also harmful to fish.



CATCH & RELEASE BROCHURE



MOOSE HUNTING / COMPLIANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM



ONTARIO STEWARDSHIP RANGERS



Trail Guide to Healthy Living



**A COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF THE RECOGNIZED
MULTI-USE AND PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE TRAILS OF THE
GREATER NIPISSING AND NEAR NORTH REGIONS OF ONTARIO**

TRAIL GUIDE TO HEALTHY LIVING SALES



SLOT RULER SALES



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"Showing You Care"

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



October 2010

The Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council (GNSC) is comprised of a diverse group of individuals representing the following interests: First Nations, fisheries, tourism, conservation, forestry, agriculture, wilderness sports, biology, youth, public-at-large and the environment. Originally founded in 1999 as the Lake Nipissing Stewardship Council, the GNSC is a charitable organization that partners with similar-minded groups and government agencies to implement environmental programs; provide information on conservation and sustainability; and to increase awareness of the ecosystem. The Council relies upon a strong core of volunteers from member organizations to implement many of its initiatives.

Lake Nipissing Loon Conservation Project



Between April and August of this year volunteers and Ontario Stewardship Rangers led by local resident Kathleen Ross paddled the waters of Lake Nipissing to assess the status of common loons on the lake. Volunteers diligently recorded the number of loons sighted, number of breeding pairs found and offspring produced. A habitat survey was conducted around the entire perimeter of the lake looking for active nests and potential nesting habitat for Ontario's official bird. The purpose of the study was to determine the nesting and reproductive success on the lake and to make recommendations for future stewardship work. An adult pair of loons was observed with 3 chicks. Over the winter, data will be compiled and analyzed and recommendations will be made for future work as necessary.

Ontario Stewardship Rangers

2010 was another successful year for the Ontario Stewardship Rangers Program. The stewardship council received funding to hire 5 students (4 crewmembers and 1 crew lead) to work on local, natural resource projects. After some extensive training, the crew worked very hard throughout the summer on such notable projects as: the Lake Nipissing Loon Conservation Project; the McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project; Back Country Canoe Route Cleanup; Crown Land Garbage Removal; Provincial Park work; as well as tending trees planted by council and partners earlier in the spring.



MEDIA SPONSORS



MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS



USED BATTERY CONTEST

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2011?

Resource Management Projects

- McQuaby Lake Walleye Monitoring Project
- North Bay Natural Habitats Program
- Northern Treeplanting Program
- TD Tree Days
- Shoreland Buffer Program
- Lake Nobsong Loon Educational Project

Educational Efforts

- Presentation of the Lake Nipissing Educational Kit (French Version)
- Compliance Support Program
- Treaty Rights Workshop
- Information Booth/ Attendance at Public Events
- Water Quality Education Project

Planning

- Greater Nipissing Stewardship Planning Initiative



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Environmental Projects

- Annual Used Household Battery Collection Competition



Community Outreach & Involvement Programs in Natural Resources

- Ontario Stewardship Rangers - North Bay Crew
- Regional Science Fair Awards
- Youth Hunting Opportunities Day
- Media Partner Activities
- Local OFAH Lottery Coordination



Administrative Activities & Support Projects

- Website Administration
- Trail Guide to Healthy Living (Distribution and Sales Activities)
- Zone 11 Slot Ruler (Distribution and Sales Activities)
- Membership Drive & Newsletter
- West Arm Water Quality Committee Participation
- Lake Nipissing Fisheries Committee Participation



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Ontario Stewardship Program Website: www.ontariostewardship.org



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Motion 1

Approval of The Agenda

" Moved that the agenda be approved for the for this 2011 Annual General Meeting, April 20, 2011 "

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote record: For _____ Against _____ Abstention _____

Chair: _____



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Motion 2

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

" Moved that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of April 21, 2010 be adopted as distributed"

"Any errors or omissions?"

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote record: For _____ Against _____ Abstention _____

Chair: _____



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Motion 3

Confirmation of Acts

"Moved that all acts and transactions entered into by the Board and Officers of the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council on behalf of the Council, since the time of the last Annual General Meeting of April 21, 2010, be confirmed and approved."

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote record: For _____ Against _____ Abstention _____

Chair: _____

2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE GREATER NIPISSING
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

**Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council
Statement of Financial Position**

<u>December 31</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets		
Current		
Cash and bank	\$ 32,187	\$ 21,006
Accounts receivable	809	8,820
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	\$ 32,996	\$ 29,826
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Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ -	\$ 159
Deferred revenue	18,147	19,483
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	18,147	19,642
 Net Assets		
Unrestricted	14,849	10,183
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	\$ 32,996	\$ 29,825
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Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31	2010	2009
Revenues		
Projects	\$ 44,694	\$ 23,374
Donations	4,006	830
Trail guides	1,603	1,270
Memberships	1,032	1,175
Other revenues	843	14,921
Grants	-	14,200
	<u>52,178</u>	<u>55,770</u>
Expenses		
Project expenses	40,166	18,248
Office and administration	2,331	895
Insurance	2,200	1,750
Professional fees	1,811	1,794
Telephone	479	489
Rent	360	1,440
Bank charges	165	39
Trail guide production costs	-	16,420
	<u>47,512</u>	<u>41,075</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	4,666	14,695
Net Assets, beginning of year	<u>10,183</u>	<u>(4,512)</u>
Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$ 14,849</u>	<u>\$ 10,183</u>



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Motion 4

Approval of The Financial Statements

" Moved that the Financial Statements for the year ending, December 31, 2010 be accepted as presented."

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote record: For _____ Against _____ Abstention _____

Chair: _____



Election of Directors:

Nominees

Biology:

Stephen Mitchell (*incumbent*)

Nominated by: Roy Warriner

Seconded by: Peggy Walsh Craig

Conservation:

Paula Scott (*incumbent*)

Nominated by: Roy Warriner

Seconded by: Peggy Walsh Craig

Fisheries:

Kevin O'Grady (*incumbent*)

Nominated by: Roy Warriner

Seconded by: Peggy Walsh Craig

Director at Large (Youth):

Jessica Dion (*incumbent*)

Nominated by: Roy Warriner

Seconded by: Peggy Walsh Craig



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Motion 5

Adjournment

" Moved that the Annual General Meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2011 be adjourned."

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote record: For _____ Against _____ Abstention _____

Chair: _____