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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.

GNSC 2010 Work Plan

Each year the GNSC Board of Directors prepares a Work Plan of activities for the coming year. The 2010 work plan is an ambitious combination of continuing projects and new initiatives, all of which could not be done without your assistance. Here's a look at what's in store for 2010.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project

North Bay Natural Habitats Program

Rural Tree Planting Program

Don Nicholson Four Mile Creek Coldwater Restoration Initiative

NEW

Lake Nosbonsing Loon Conservation Project **NEW**

North Bay Boy Scouts Tree Planting Support

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS

Ontario Stewardship Rangers - North Bay Crew

Ontario Stewardship Rangers Mattawa Crew **NEW**

Adopt-A-Sturgeon Project

Near North District School Board Science Fair Awards

Media Partner Activities

PLANNING

Greater Nipissing Stewardship Strategic Planning Initiative

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Used Battery Contest

EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

Lake Nipissing Educational Kit

Moose Hunting Compliance Program

Treaty Rights Workshop

Information Booth/ Attendance at Three Public Events

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT PROJECTS

Website Re-construction **NEW**

Trail Guide to Healthy Living (Distribution and Sales Activities)

Zone 11 Slot Ruler Distribution (Distribution and Sales Activities)

Membership Drive

GNSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Canadore College – 100 College Drive

Lower Resource Meeting Room

Board of Directors

Executive

John Thornton, Chair
Bill Hagborg, Vice-Chair
Jess Dion, Treasurer
Paula Scott, Secretary

Directors

Bob Burke
Peggy Walsh Craig
Frank Marusich
Stephen Mitchell
Kevin O'Grady
Adrienne Pelletier
Klaus Wand
Roy Warriner

Honorary Director(s)

Doug Walsh

Stewardship Coordinator

Nathan Kirby



As part of our distribution plan, 800 of our **“Trail Guide to Healthy Living”** books were delivered to the M.L. Troy Armoury and included in the Christmas hampers for the 2009 North Bay Santa Fund.

Ontario Stewardship Rangers

Are you or is someone you know looking for a job that will make a difference, build some work experience *and* get paid for it this summer? The GNSC in partnership with the North Bay District MNR is again hosting an Ontario Stewardship Ranger (OSR) Team. The team consists of four 17-year old students (born in 1993) and an older, more experienced technician to act as Crew Leader.

OSR's work on a variety of projects alongside community partners including:

- Treeplanting
- Back Country Canoe Route Maintenance
- Waterfowl Banding
- Radio Telemetry of Species At Risk
- Assisting at the Local Fish Culture Station
- Trail Construction, Mapping & Maintenance
- Fish & Wildlife Habitat Improvement Projects
- Resource Assessments
- Provincial Park Maintenance

For additional information, check out this MNR website:

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Youth/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_163380.html



“Do Your Part”

Ice Fishing Practices...

- Dumping fish waste down the hole is against the law – bring it out with you
- Use barbless hooks and do not release live bait
- Always monitor your lines – for entire period
- Practice good catch and release methods, keep the fish in the water, use wet hands
- Keep your fishing depth less than 10 metres, quick release means better survival

Garbage, Waste and Water Quality...

- Bring an extra pail if you need a toilet
- Do not leave your garbage out on the ice, bring it back!
- Take your hut off as soon as possible, don't wait
- Each hut should have at least one garbage bag
- Do not dump grey or dirty water back in the lake – zero tolerance for anything down the hole
- Eliminate bait bags by using ‘thermos’ type jugs

Board Profiles

Meet **Roy Warriner**. Roy is a Member – at-Large, sitting on the GNSC's Board. He and his wife Francis reside in Trout Creek and have two children and five grandchildren. “I became a director of the Greater Nipissing Stewardship Council to promote the enhancement and protection from waste of our natural resources. This includes fish and wildlife, forests, water, soil and air. The purpose being so future generations will be able to enjoy the bountiful resources I have had the pleasure to experience.” Roy is the project lead for our McQuaby Lake Walleye Restoration Project and the Adopt-a-Sturgeon Project.