



#### 2012 GNSC Work Plan

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.

The Stewardship Council has approved the work plan that will guide this year's projects and activities. Ongoing projects include the **McQuaby Lake Walleye Monitoring Project**, now in year 4 of 9, which will include a spring walleye spawning survey, shoal cleaning (if required) and continued lake-wide voluntary closure of the walleye fishery and the Lake Nosbonsing Loon Educational Project.



Discussions are underway to initiate a **northern afforestation program**, which would replace the rural tree plant program that has faced several challenges, most notably a lack of adequate funding year to year.

Another project in the works is the development of a **Greater Nipissing Eco-Tourism Guide**, which would see the creation of a geocache program to promote awareness and appreciation of our green spaces.

The latest production in our **"Do Your Part"** campaign on Invasive Species, which aired last August on CTV and Cogeco and was published in the North Bay Nugget, will also include the posting of signage at several key access points on Trout Lake this summer.

To read more visit our website at <http://www.greaternipissing.ca/>

Check out our new web cam at <http://www.greaternipissing.ca/webcam.html>  
Catch a glimpse of Lake Nipissing from approximately 1 mile east of the mouth of the Sturgeon River

#### GNSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speaker – **Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario**

Friday, April 20, 2012 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Office, 15 Janey Ave North Bay, ON  
Natural Classroom

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## Upcoming Events

### MNR Species at Risk Open House

Sat, February 11, 2012  
9:00 am – 3:30 pm  
Clarion Resort Pinewood  
Park  
Ballrooms A & B  
201 Pinewood Park Drive

Information Booths:  
Sciensational Ssssnakes  
Farm Incentive Program  
Stewardship Fund  
Being Bear Wise  
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## Ice Fishing Code of Ethics - "Showing You Care"

With the new ice fishing season now here, it is a good idea to review the "Ice Fishing Code of Ethics", commonly referred to as the pledge card, developed about 8 years ago by the former Lake Nipissing Stewardship Council, local interest groups and individual



anglers, in an effort to keep Lake Nipissing in a healthy state. The practices outlined should be applied to any lake where you enjoy ice fishing.

Some of the key points include:

- Use barbless hooks and do not release live bait
- Fish for species other than walleye, if you are not going to keep it, put it back promptly
- Fish for yourself, take only what you need
- Do not leave your garbage out on the ice, bring it back!
- Do not dump grey or dirty water back in the lake – zero tolerance for anything down the hole
- If your vehicle is not safe for the road, i.e. leaks oil and fuel, keep it off the ice!
- Take your hut off as soon as possible, don't wait

The complete code has been posted on our website. Pledge cards are available by contacting us at [info@greaternipissing.ca](mailto:info@greaternipissing.ca).

## Fishing Slot Ruler (Zone 11)

Slot rulers for MNR's Zone 11 (includes Lake Nipissing and Lake Temagami) can be purchased at most local bait shops, TD Banks, Chamber of Commerce, and several other local businesses or directly from the Council. Go to our Projects and Activities page on our website and click on the order form for more info or to order a slot ruler online.



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