

To: Redstone Lake Cottagers' Association  
and all ...Redstone Lake Property Owners

Geographic Township of Guilford

July 11, 2009

**RE: Broad-scale Fisheries Monitoring, Redstone Lake  
Ecological Framework for Fisheries Management**

During the period September 8 to 18, 2009, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) crews will be conducting netting operations on Redstone Lake.

This operation is part of the broad-scale fisheries monitoring program which MNR began implementing across Ontario earlier this spring. (See attached fact sheet).

The crews of technicians and biologists will collect and record a variety of information from the fish caught during the netting surveys, including fish species, sex, age, length, weight, and general health. This will be used to determine sport fish abundance, life history characteristics of key species, and the diversity of the fish community. Some fish will also be sampled to assess contaminant levels.

The net sets will be clearly marked with MNR buoys, and we are asking recreational users to avoid activities in these areas. Some of the netting operations are overnight gill net sets, and some fish mortality may occur. This is generally low, and most of these fish will be used for contaminant sampling.

We are requesting you share this information with your members and other lake users, to help us inform people using the lake during these activities and to take necessary precautions in the immediate area. We have also attached a Notice regarding this activity which will be posted at public boat launches on the lake during the survey period. If you are aware of any other public areas where these notices could be posted to best inform lake users, please feel free to do so.

We would be happy to provide you with a report back on our preliminary findings following the netting, if you or your organization is interested. For example, we could provide the number and type of fish caught, general observations, etc., before the data is fully analyzed. We could also provide you with the State of the Resource Report, once the final analysis of data collected from across the region has been completed and the report compiled. Please contact the name below to make these arrangements.

We appreciate your help and cooperation in monitoring our fish populations and the health of our lakes.

Please feel free to contact David Flowers, Fisheries Extension Biologist at (705) 286-5215 or at [david.flowers@ontario.ca](mailto:david.flowers@ontario.ca), for preliminary results from your lake, the State of the Resource Report when it's available, or if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*David D. Flowers*  
for ....

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