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**Subject:** FMZ 11 Proposed New Fishing Regulations

Attention: Mayor Dan Omara; CAO Craig Davidson & Members of Council

As a committee member of the FMZ 11 Fisheries Council representing the Municipality of Temagami for the past number of years I am willing to make a presentation to Council on some of the issues that the Municipality should have concerns with:

1. Social Economic Benefits: Within the FMZ 11 proposed document the statement is very vague as to any benefits for any community. This is very evident with the Lake Trout proposal especially for the Temagami area where the recommendation is to cut the season by 1 month during the month of September. By going this route it would be detrimental to tourist operators within the Temagami area on and off Lake Temagami.
2. Brook Trout: There are 3 variable recommendations which are not consistent with other FMZ's which should be addressed.
3. Walleye: Although there is no change for our area many other FMZ's have a better system e.g. 4 Walleye 1 one allowable over 18" where ours quota is 4 but there is a major slot size.
4. There are other concerns that I will bring up to Council that should be challenged by Council.

If you can let me know a.s.a.p. if I am allowed to make a presentation on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. I will have a more detailed report ready for Council viewing prior to the next meeting.

Thanks  
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Attention: Mayor Dan Omera and Council

Re: Major concerns from the FMZ11 proposed changes to Fishing Regulation on the Temagami area.

Mayor Dan O'Mara & Council

As you are aware the MNRF FMZ 11 fisheries council are holding public open house meetings at various locations. Council should be aware and challenge some major changes being proposed by the MNRF FMZ 11 Council which can and will greatly affect the future tourism economy within the Temagami area.

**Socio-Economic Statement as presented:**

Provide diverse ways for users to experience and interact with resources and promote a fair valuation of the resources so that there is a broad appreciation of the socio-economic benefits that resources furnish.

Socio-Economic benefits

The Temagami area has some major differences from any other community within the FZ11 area such as:

- Marten River and areas south are in the Hardwood transition area where lakes are more productive.
- The Temagami area is closely related to the Boreal forest which has very rocky shallow soil which affects lake quality and fishery production.
- The Temagami area is very restrictive to many back-country lakes due to the MNRF road closures. This issue places excessive pressure on Lakes within the immediate Temagami community. These restrictions are not applied in the surrounding areas of North Bay.
- There is an issue on the Matabitchuan Lakes System (Cassells; Net; Rabbit; Snake etc.) where the Lake Trout spawn in the fall then the lake levels drop dramatically due to Hydro dam systems destroying many of the Lake Trout eggs. Corrective action should take place vs cutting the season.
- By cutting the Lake Trout season by 1 month can be very detrimental to many of the tourist camps especially on Lake Temagami where they are dependent on the income provided during this time period.

**Lake Trout Proposal:**

<u>Current:</u>	<u>Option #1</u>	<u>Option #2</u>	<u>Option #3</u>
Feb. 15/3 <sup>rd</sup> .Sun Mar.	Same	Same	Same
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Sept. 30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May Labour Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Aug. 31	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Aug. 31
S 2 C1 No size	S 2 1 over 40cm C O	S 2 C1	S 1 C O

**Lake Temagami**

Feb 15/3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun/Mar.	Feb 15/3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun/Mar.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Sept. 30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Labour Day
S 2 C1	S 2 -1 over 45cm C 1

**NOTE:** Present Lake Trout Seasons surrounding FMZ 11 area

FMZ 08 Temiskaming North: Feb. 15 to Mar. 15 & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. May to Sept. 30 Limit S 3 C1

FMZ 10 Sudbury Area West: Jan. 1 to Labour Day Limit S 2 Not more than 1 greater than 40 cm C1

FMZ 15 Algonquin South: Jan. 1 Sept. 30 Limits S 2 C1

**Brook Trout:** Most lakes within the Temagami area are stocked although there are some natural lakes.  
Present FMZ 11 Regs.

Natural Brook Trout Season Feb. 15 to Sept. 30

Stocked fish Open all year. Limit S 5 allow 1 over 30cm (12.1") C2 None over 30cm.

Issue: Recommendation Live bait vs No bait

Additional Opportunities

<u>Option #1</u>	<u>Option #2</u>	<u>Option #3</u>
Open all Yr.	Open all yr.	Open all yr.
Limit S 5 C 2	S 5 allow 1 over 30cm	S 5 allow 2 over 30 cm
No size restriction	C 0 none over 30 cm	C O none over 30 cm
No live bait allowed	Live Bait allowed	Live Bait allowed

**Note:** Present Brook Trout seasons surrounding FMZ 11 on additional opportunity lakes

FMZ 8 Temiskaming North S 5 C 2 No size restrictions

FMZ 10 Sudbury West S 5 C 2 No size restrictions

FMZ 15 Algonquin South S 5 C2 No size restrictions.

**NOTE: The Temagami/North Bay area is the most restrictive in keeping Brook Trout size as compared to surrounding FMZ'S.**

**Northern Pike** Although not identified at this time, it should be challenged as to length of season.

<u>FMZ 11 Present Regs.</u>	<u>FMZ 8 Regs.</u>	<u>FMZ 10 Regs.</u>	<u>FMZ 15 Regs.</u>
Jan. 1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Dec. 31	Open all Yr.	Open all Yr.	Jan 1/Mar. 31 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Dec 31
Limit S 6 not more than 2 greater than 61 cm. not more than 1 greater than 86 cm	Limit S 6 Same as FMZ 11	Limit S 6 Same as FMZ 11	Limit S 6 No size Restrictions
Limit C 2 not more than 1 Greater than 61 cm. Non Greater than 86 cm.	Limit C 2 Same as FMZ 11	Limit C 2 Same as FMZ 11	Limit C 2 No size Restriction

**Note:** Minimal or no data available. Basically, any small lake in the Temagami area have an abundance of Northern Pike. The Northern Pike season should be challenged and extended to a minimum of March 31.

**Walleye:** Recommend changes to Regulations although FMZ 11 committee recommend keeping present regulations.

<u>FMZ 11 Present Regs.</u>	<u>FMZ 8 Regs.</u>	<u>FMZ 10 Regs.</u>	<u>FMZ 15 Regs.</u>
Jan. 1 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May to Dec. 31	Jan. 1/Apr. 14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Dec. 31	Jan. 1 to Mar31 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. May/Dec. 31	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. to Dec 31
Limit S 4 and C2 none Between 43-60cm.	Limit S 4 and C 2 not more than 1 greater than 46 cm	Limit S 4 and C 2 not more than 1 greater than 46 cm.	Limit S 4 and C 2 not more than 1 greater than 46 cm. (18")

**Note:** All surrounding areas have a size limit of 1 over 46 cm except for our area FMZ 11. We should all be comparable to areas with the adjoining FMZ's

#### Socio-Economic Benefits

1. We as a Temagami community do not feel that the Socio-Economic Benefits were considered for the Temagami area.
2. North Bay Sturgeon Falls and Smaller communities within the immediate vicinity have a diversified economy such as: manufacturing, service providers, many private businesses etc. Reduced or restricted Fishery regulations does not affect them the same as it would the Temagami area.
3. Along with many various businesses the North Bay area are at a central point for major traffic flow e.g. Hwy # 11 North and South; Hwy # 17 South and West; along with a direct road into the province of Quebec. This central junction in North Bay give them great exposure in attracting multi businesses to the area.
4. The Temagami area is almost totally dependent on the Tourism industry. Because of all the restrictions imposed by FMZ in the past and possibly new proposed recommendations in the future there is no Socio-Economic benefits to the Temagami area.
5. We should recommend that the FMZ 11 regulations match FMZ 8; 10; and 15, this would be a great addition as it would bring many more people from Southern Ontario; North Bay, Sturgeon as well as many more groups from the Tri Town areas during our now off season. These day or weekly users not only purchase gas, they spend some time at camps or lodges, eat at restaurants etc.

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