

# An Overview of the Draft Management Plan for Fisheries Management Zone 11

Information about fishing and how fish resources are managed

The management plan (the Plan) for Fisheries Management Zone 11 (FMZ 11) is intended to outline the status of the fisheries in the zone, describe management objectives and provide direction for management actions.

The Plan identifies monitoring that will take place to ensure that progress is being made towards meeting the management objectives and targets. The Plan is a dynamic document designed to be flexible and adaptable to a wide range of future conditions and will be amended as required.

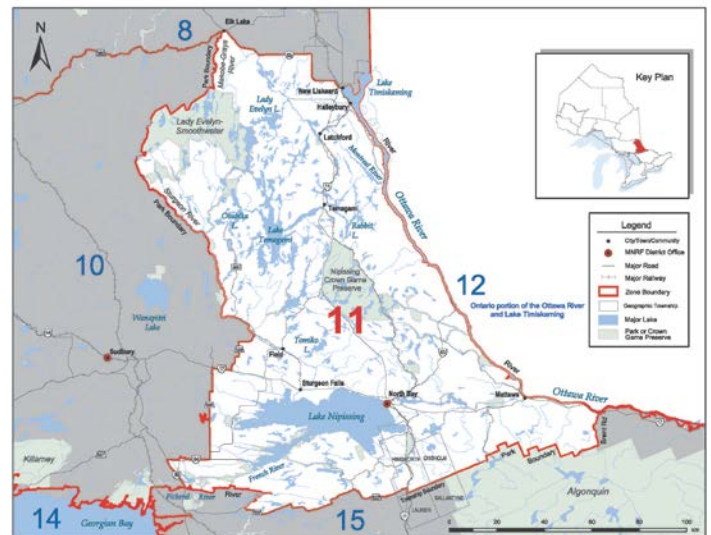
## About this zone

FMZ 11 is located in northeast Ontario, and includes the cities of North Bay, Temagami, Sturgeon Falls and Temiskaming Shores. The eastern border is formed by the Ottawa River and Lake Temiskaming (FMZ 12); the southern border follows the Pickerel River, Highway 522 and Algonquin Park's northern boundary.

## About the Plan

The proposed FMZ 11 Management Plan was developed by the MNRF with input and advice from the FMZ 11 Advisory Council which is made up of a group of anglers, stakeholders, researchers, scientists and interested community members.

Input was also received through consultation with Indigenous communities.



Map of FMZ 11

## Lake Nipissing and FMZ 11

Although Lake Nipissing is within the area of FMZ11, it is managed through a separate planning process and has its own independent Fisheries Management Plan which is referenced in the FMZ 11 Plan.

## Management Objectives

The Management Plan for FMZ 11 includes a number of objectives:

- To increase or maintain fish abundance;
- To develop a habitat protection and restoration strategy;
- To increase public awareness of fisheries management;
- To work with partners to provide sustainable fishing opportunities; and
- To prevent the arrival, establishment and/or spread of non-native and invasive species.



**Figure 1: Young angler with a Northern Pike caught while ice fishing**

## Implementation of the Final Plan

It is anticipated that the final Plan will be approved late in 2019 and implemented January 1, 2020.

## Review and Amendment

The FMZ 11 Plan will be reviewed periodically to assess overall success in achieving the management objectives and to identify sections of the management plan that require updates. Results of the review will be reported back to the FMZ 11 Advisory Committee and the public.

Amendment of the Plan can occur prior to, or as a result of, a comprehensive review following the adaptive management approach. Depending upon the nature of any changes that are required, public consultation may be required. It is anticipated that amendments to the plan would only occur if there was a significant management issue (i.e. stemming from monitoring and assessment results) that would have an immediate effect on fisheries across the zone.

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