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Public Input Sought on Draft Fisheries Plan

If you are interested in fishing, in water quality, in the state of the Nonquon River or Lake Scugog, or if you'd like to know how to improve your own property's environment, you may want to mark your calendar for an upcoming event hosted by Kawartha Conservation.

A summary of the draft Nonquon River Fisheries Management Plan will be presented at a public information session on February 21st at 7pm at the Scugog Community Centre in Port Perry. A similar session was held in early November and drew about fifty attendees. Public input is being sought to ensure the plan incorporates the values of area residents, who are the primary users of the fisheries resource. Once finalized, the Plan will be posted on the Environmental Registry and will be submitted to the Township late in the year.

Kawartha Conservation undertook the three-year study of the Nonquon River fisheries for the Township of Scugog. The study examined the current state of fisheries in the Nonquon River watershed and included the fish community, physical habitat, water temperature and water quality conditions at over 75 sites. The Nonquon River Fisheries Management Plan will make recommendations to ensure the fisheries is maintained at its optimum state, while balancing the needs of humans.

Heather Surette, aquatic biologist for Kawartha Conservation urges anyone interested in the Nonquon fishery to come out to the information session. "We really want to get your feedback, whether it's during the presentations, the question and answer period, or informally later in the evening. Survey forms will also be available at the session and on our website."

In addition to the Nonquon River Fisheries Management Plan, short presentations on the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan and Stewardship funding will be given. For more information contact Heather Surette at 705 328-2271 extension 222, toll free 1 800 668-5722 or email hsurette@kawarthaconservation.com or visit the website at www.kawarthaconservation.com.

Kawartha Conservation is a watershed-based environmental organization focused on providing abundant clean water within a healthy landscape. It is one of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario providing natural resources management. The Kawartha watershed includes the City of Kawartha Lakes; Township of Scugog; Township of Brock; Municipality of Clarington; Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey; and Township of Cavan-Millbrook-North Monaghan.

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