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### WOLF RIVER WALLEYE SPAWNING ASSESSMENT

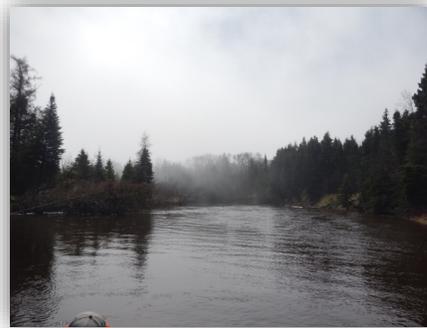
The Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC), in partnership with Red Rock Indian Band (RRIB), will be conducting a Walleye Spawning Assessment on the Wolf River, a tributary of Black Bay. The project will take place in two shifts and are set to begin the last week of April 2017 and expected to continue until the beginning May 2017.

This project will continue to monitor the walleye spawn occurring in the Wolf River by recapturing tagged walleye. This project will also incorporate the use of a drone to assist in habitat delineations to estimate total available spawning habitat and other important instream characteristics. Side-scan sonar will also be used to map small portions of the Black Bay near the mouth of the Wolf River. Time permitting, crews will also observe Peal River for the presence of spawning walleye.

Short set gill nets will be used on the Wolf River proper. Dip netting will also take place at suspected spawning grounds. All captured walleye will be tagged and measured for fork length, total length and round weight, will be observed for sex and



maturity, and will be live released. All other species will be length tallied, counted, and live released.



The walleye population of Black Bay collapsed in 1986 due to overfishing, habitat loss, and predation of juvenile walleye by rainbow smelt.

Two main tributaries support the walleye population in Black Bay—the Black Sturgeon River and the Wolf River.

The Wolf River Walleye Spawning Assessment will add information to the baseline studies completed by The A/OFRC and RRIB in 2015 and 2016. RRIB was also actively involved in creel studies on the Wolf River from 2012—2014 and has imposed a walleye harvest moratorium from April 1—June 15.

The A/OFRC is a not-for-profit organization that serves as an independent source of information for communities within the Anishinabek Nation. The Centre provides information and recommendations for sustainable fisheries management, reports of stock status, evaluates stresses on fish populations and habitats, and offers technical support.

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