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### LACLOCHE LAKE WALLEYE SPAWNING ASSESSMENT

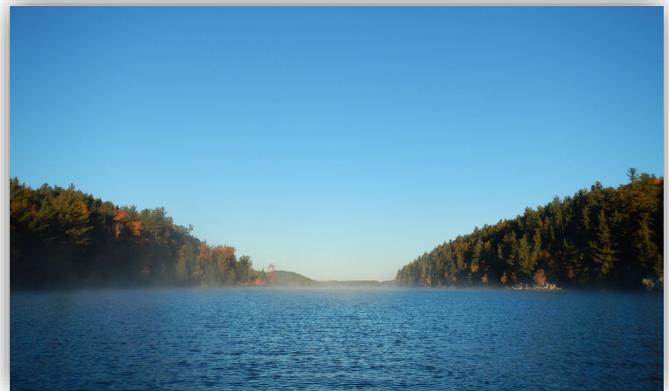
The Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC), in partnership with Sagamok Anishnawbek, will be conducting a Walleye Spawning Assessment on LaCloche Lake. The project will begin April 18, 2017, when water conditions become ice free and water temperatures reach 4 °C, and is expected to continue for 10 days.

During previous studies completed on LaCloche Lake, including a Fall Walleye Index Netting Survey, it was observed that all captured walleye were stocked, as opposed to being naturally occurring population. This project will assess the spawning walleye population of LaCloche Lake and assist identify possible spawning locations, including sites where ideal walleye spawning habitat occurs.

Protocols from the End of Spring Trap Netting will be utilized. Four 6' trap nets will be set in areas where walleye are likely to spawn.



All walleye will FLOY tagged and measured for fork length, total length and round weight. Sex and maturity will be determined. Scales and dorsal samples will be



collected for age interpretation. All other sport fish species will be biologically sampled, including recording length, weight, and collection of ageing structures, and will be live-released. All other species will be length tallied.

This data collected from this project will be used to complement projects completed in the past including Fall Walleye Index Netting Surveys on LaCloche Lake in 2001, 2006, 2010, and 2015.

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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