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Henvey Inlet First Nation

SANDY BAY ASSESSMENT

Henvey Inlet First Nation, in partnership with the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC) will be completing an Ontario Stream Assessment of a small tributary located in Sandy Bay, within the traditional territory of Henvey Inlet. This project will be taking place the third week of August 2016 and is expected to continue for ten days.

Community members of Henvey Inlet First Nation are concerned about discolouration, odour, and blue-green algae located in Sandy Bay. Satellite imagery has provided some insight into some possible point source nutrient loading by agriculture upstream of Sandy Bay.

The A/OFRC will be utilizing the Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol (OSAP) to assess the health of Sandy Bay. The information collected will be used for baseline data, to monitor changes over time, to identify and confirm fish species present, and to assess habitat. The OSAP will be followed using the Fish Community Sampling, Benthic Invertebrate Sampling, Water Quality Sampling, and Channel Morphology Protocols. The use of Traditional Ecological Knowledge will also be utilized to



determine the history of the location, to preserve important information for the community, and to aid in the understanding and ecological importance of the creek. This study will help determine if nutrient loading is responsible for the blue-green algae blooms in Sandy Bay.

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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