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# A/OFRC

## ANISHINABEK/ONTARIO FISHERIES RESOURCE CENTRE

At the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC), we strive to be an independent “Centre of Excellence” for fisheries assessment and management, recognized and trusted by First Nations, governments, and all users of fisheries resources. Governed by a Board with equal representation from Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, our mission is to report on stock status, evaluate stresses on fish populations and habitats, providing advice of fisheries conservation and management issues wherever there is an interest to member communities of the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) – Anishinabek Nation.

The Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC) originated from the Anishinabek Conservation and Fishing Framework Agreement signed in July of 1993. The Centre is a not-for-profit corporation established under letters patent dated April 25, 1995, by the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Over the last 30 years, the A/OFRC has completed over 400 fisheries projects with First Nations Communities.

**If your community is concerned about:**

- Fish Population Decline
- Ecosystem Health
- Spawning Success
- Fish Movement
- Angling Pressures
- Culturally Significant Species
- Shoreline Development
- Human Impacts
- Species at Risk
- Invasive Species
- Water Quality
- Training and Capacity Building
- Something else related to your community’s natural resources

**Our experienced staff can partner with your community to develop a customized research plan to address your concerns. Even if you are not sure where to begin, please reach out to us and we can discuss possible options.**

**Please find a blank *Letter of Intent* below for completion by the Chief, the Lands and Resources portfolio holder, and/or Lands and Resources Manager, hereby referred to as “Environmental Representative”, and have it returned to us so we can begin designing a study plan.**

**Between:**

Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre  
191 Booth Rd Unit#15, North Bay, ON, P1A4K3

**And:**

First Nation:	
Address:	
Authorized Contact:	
Title:	Phone:
Email:	Date:

In as much detail as possible, please describe below the specific species, interest in community outreach and/or education, or concern regarding your community's natural resources. If you are interested in multiple projects with the A/OFRC, **please complete a separate Letter of Intent for each project.**

**Species**

**(Walleye, Lake Sturgeon, Brook Trout, Species at Risk, Invasive Species, etc.):**

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**Community Outreach and/or Education:**

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**Natural Resource Concern  
(Fish Population Decline, Ecosystem Health, Spawning Success, etc.):**

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By completing this document, you declare that you and your represented First Nation have an interest in working with the A/OFRC to develop a survey or outreach initiative to aid in your community's natural resource concerns as described above. Please submit this completed Letter of Intent for the 2026 field season **by mid-October 2025**. This letter can be either scanned and emailed, completed digitally and emailed, to:

[aofrc@aofrc.org](mailto:aofrc@aofrc.org)

or mailed back to our main office at:

**191 Booth Rd Unit#15, North Bay, Ontario, P1A4K3.**

Once this Letter of Intent is received by the A/OFRC, staff will contact your community's Environmental Representative at the staff's earliest convenience to further discuss the proposed project.

Then, once a survey and subsequent proposal are developed, or outreach initiatives are determined, the A/OFRC staff and Project Planning Committee will determine the feasibility of the project. Final decisions regarding the project will be made **early 2026**, and this will be communicated with your Environmental Representative.

The A/OFRC is made up of dedicated and passionate environmental professionals. We all care deeply for fisheries, natural resources, and the lands that support us all. With our shared interests, we take great pride in the work we do and the relationships we build.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions regarding your Letter of Intent, or any other collaboration opportunities.

**Please stand by as our staff review this Letter of Intent.**

**Chi-miigwech, thank you for your interest in working with the A/OFRC!**