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Significant Fish Wastage
Ministry of Natural Resources



Conservation Officers from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - North Bay Enforcement Unit are looking for information related to a significant fish wastage incident that occurred on Lake Nipissing in June this year. Because Lake Nipissing draws anglers from all over, people with knowledge of this case may be from communities throughout Ontario.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry seeks the public's help to identify the owners of gill nets that were left unattended in Lake Nipissing for a significant period of time in the month of June.

From June 7 to 23, 2014, several gill nets set off the northeast corner of Great Manitou Island and left abandoned were reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Conservation officers with the North Bay Enforcement Unit were able to locate and pull the nets, which contained decomposed fish.

When found, these nets were still properly set and were not adrift, but had been left unattended for an estimated three to seven days, or possibly up to 10 days.

One net had a small black float on each end that could be used to locate the net, while another net had a white foam float and a small red float marking the ends. None of the nets had any markings to identify ownership.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is hopeful that the public can help to provide information leading to the owners of the nets.

If you have any information about these nets, please contact the MNR TIPS line at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

If you know the suspects responsible for this crime or have any knowledge of this or any other crime but wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS**, leave an anonymous tip on-line at www.1800222tips.com or text message your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK. If the information you provide helps solve the case you may be eligible for cash reward of up to \$2000.00. You never have to identify yourself or testify in court. Help **BREAK THE SILENCE** and speak up for a safer community.

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