



## LAKE SIMCOE FISHERIES STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE

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**Lake Simcoe ON:** The Lake Simcoe Fisheries Stakeholder Committee (LSFSC) is calling on the anglers who participated in the Lake Simcoe Angler Diary Program to return their diaries as soon as possible. "We are looking forward to receiving the information contained in the diaries and having it summarized in the database the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has established for us", said LSFSC co-chair Larry Wickett.

In partnership with the MNR, the Committee distributed the diaries last winter. The objectives for the diary program are to engage anglers and obtain advanced information and alert us to changes in angler success and other fish community patterns. This important information will be used to help improve and evaluate fisheries management on Lake Simcoe.

"The LSFSC would like to sincerely thank all anglers who participated in the program for their time, effort and interest in Lake Simcoe and encourages more anglers to participate in the program in the coming year" said Wickett. Diaries will be collected through the fall, the data entered, and summarized in a report that will be released sometime in early winter.

Anglers are asked to mail their diaries in using the self addressed envelop that they originally received with their diary. Alternatively, diaries can be dropped off to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Aurora District Office at 50 Bloomington Rd. West (North West corner of Bloomington Rd. and Yonge St.). If requested, anglers can have their diaries returned for subsequent use or for their records.

New diaries will again be available this coming year for the upcoming ice fishing season. Anglers may obtain a diary with instructions from their local tackle shops around the Lake Simcoe watershed or by calling 905-713-7400.

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