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Hello again from the frozen shores of Lake Matinenda where the ice is two feet thick!! We are having a typical winter up here -- cold with moderate snow.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is presently conducting a review of its fishing regulations and seasons and has published a report called "Blind River District Fisheries Management Plan 1987-2000". They have recognized that there is an overharvesting of lake trout in our district by 15,800 kg per year! Some of the proposals in the report that would affect Lake Matinenda are:-

- 1) ban downriggers
- 2) Allow 1 line per person in any winter season
- 3) restrict charter boat operations on inland waters
- 4) prohibit inappropriate access roads
- 5) reduce daily catch limits to 2 lake trout per day
- 6) monitor harvest by creel surveys on lakes subject to high use
- 7) close Dunlop lake to winter fishing

Our secretary, Graydon Decamp had already sent a letter the Minister of Natural Resources expressing our concerns about winter fishing as directed by a motion at our last annual meeting.

In addition, I filled out a survey and sent a letter in response to the management plan on behalf of the cottage association. In these letters the points that we have stressed are:-

- 1) correct the imbalance of fishing pressure and apportion winter fishing equitably among all lakes in the district on a fair sound basis
- 2) by stocking of district lakes, try to increase the yield to meet the demand. This would be a positive approach rather than such regressive measures as banning equipment and limiting lines which negatively impacts tourism opportunities and enjoyment of the fisheries resource by area residents

The annual meeting this year is Sunday July 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Log Chateau. Plan to stay for a social hour and/or lunch at the Black Bear Lounge after the meeting.

Do you have any concerns about the water level on the lake? Jeff Pinkston, owner of Log Chateau, now has approval from the MNR to control the lake level by adding or removing logs at the dam. This should result in a more immediate response to changing weather conditions.

Everyone seemed pleased with the containerized garbage service. Please limit items in the containers to kitchen garbage. Large items like mattresses, building materials, old stoves, logs, and raked leaves should not be placed in the bins but moved to the dump by the owner.

Yours truly,

Jerry Behnke

