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**SUBJECT: 2022 Broad-scale Fisheries Monitoring Program**

Dear Stakeholder,

From June to September, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR) science crews will be conducting netting on inland lakes throughout Ontario.

Netting on each lake will take five to eight days to complete. While the lake is being monitored, nets are checked and moved daily to a new location and all nets are clearly marked with the Ontario logo. Please do not lift the nets or buoys and avoid recreational activities between and around the buoys. Notices will be posted at various locations such as public boat launches and retail stores located on the lake while netting is underway.

The Broad-scale Monitoring program is designed to monitor the current and changing state of fisheries across Ontario. The program is in its third five-year cycle. Approximately 150 lakes will be assessed this summer across the province. NDMNR staff will collect information on fish species, take water samples, and check for invasive species. This information will be used to evaluate the health of fish populations and make management decisions for Fisheries Management Zones across the province. Fish flesh samples will also be collected and sent to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECP) for contaminant analyses to help inform Ontario fish consumption guidelines.

Attached is a fact sheet with more information about the Broad-scale Monitoring program and a map with lakes to be sampled in your region. Survey results are available on the Fish On-Line website at [Ontario.ca/fishing](http://Ontario.ca/fishing).

If you have any questions about the fieldwork, please contact:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Elder", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darren Elder  
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Attached.