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Dear Stakeholder

**SUBJECT: Broad-scale Monitoring Program**

From June to September, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) science crews will be conducting netting operations on lakes in the Southern Region of Ontario. Netting will take five to eight days to complete. Nets are checked and moved daily to a new location.

Notices will be posted at various locations including the public boat launch and retail stores located on the lake during the netting operations. While the lake is being monitored, all nets will be clearly marked with orange MNR buoys. Please do not lift the nets or buoys, and avoid recreational activities between and around the buoys.

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 31 lakes will be assessed this summer in the Southern Region. MNR science crews will collect information on fish species, take water samples, and check for invasive species. This information will be used by biologists to evaluate the health of fish populations and make management decisions for Fisheries Management Zones 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Attached is a fact sheet with more information about the broad-scale program. A summary of the first cycle is available on the Fish ON-Line website at [Ontario.ca/fishing](http://Ontario.ca/fishing).

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Steve Vandermeer at 705 324-5851 ([steve.vandermeer@ontario.ca](mailto:steve.vandermeer@ontario.ca)).

Yours truly,

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