

The President,  
Lake Bernard Cottagers Association.

In behalf of those of our members delegated by the Association as members of the Lake Bernard Fishing Club, I have to report concerning the operation of the club during the year 1960-61 as follows:

1. Mr. William Jarvis was appointed as Game Warden succeeding the late Mr. Eugene Plouffe. Mr. Jarvis has kindly agreed to continue in this capacity.

Mr. William Sullivan carried on as Game Warden over the winter months and made tours of inspection of all cottages from time to time. It is our hope that he will continue to serve over the winter months of 1961-62.

It is the intention to appoint an additional auxiliary Game Warden who will have jurisdiction over the Hamilton Bay area.

It is requested that all members of the association make a point of purchasing their fishing licences from Mr. Jarvis and further that when fishing on Lake Bernard that they wear their licence in a manner in which they can be readily seen. Mr. Jarvis has not yet had opportunity of meeting all the cottagers and it would be a great help to all concerned if these suggestions are acted upon.

2. Trout fishing in Lake Bernard was very poor during last season. However, this situation appears to have been general in Quebec according to information we have received. Mr. Doane and Mr. Jarvis kept Motherwell Creek under observation during the spring season and observed a marked reduction in the number of large fish in the spawning pools. This may have been due to the very low water level. The club proposes to undertake measures for further protection of the spawning waters, both during the summer and in the spawning season.

Bass continue to be very plentiful in Lake Bernard and we recommend that fishing for bass be authorized over the same period covered by the trout season, e.g. 19th April to 30th September. It may be stated in this regard that research has established that under fishing for game fish tends to reduce both the number and size of the fish in a greater degree than over fishing.

3. Your representatives also wish to again draw attention to the fact that the terms of our lease require careful attention to avoidance of fire hazard. In particular any members who have not equipped their chimneys with spark arrestors should do so.

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President, Lake Bernard Fishing Club.

- (a) Letter to Quebec authorities
- (b) Valley Conservation Area.
- (c) Fishing through ice
- (d) new signs