

# LAKE NIPISSING

## RECOMMENDED FISHING REGULATION CHANGES

### 2007

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is committed to maximizing and enhancing angling opportunities on Lake Nipissing while promoting and ensuring the sustainability of resident fish populations. In maintaining these priorities the MNR has recommended the following fishing regulation changes for Lake Nipissing:

*Extend the winter season closure date from March 7<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> (all species)*

*Maintain Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> closure date for walleye and perch*

*For all other species including northern pike, bass, muskellunge and whitefish, extend fall closure date to November 30<sup>th</sup> (seasons currently closing on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>)*

*Muskellunge - increase the current minimum size limit of 91cm (36") to 122cm (48").*

*Northern Pike - maintain catch limit for sport licence at 4 fish. Adopt the 2-tiered size based regulation: sport fishing licence- only 2 fish >61cm (24"), of which only 1 can be >86cm (34") in length; conservation- only 1 >61cm and 0 greater than 86cm in length*

*Whitefish – catch limit of 12 for sport fishing licence, 6 for conservation fishing licence.*

Each proposed fishing regulation change has been carefully evaluated by MNR biologists to assure sustainability. These proposals are consistent with public recommendations compiled via public consultation in May 2004.

