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Public Open House for the Draft Central Lake Ontario Fisheries Management Plan

Central Lake Ontario Conservation, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada are hosting a public open house to present the draft Central Lake Ontario Fisheries Management Plan. If you are interested in the fisheries of Lynde Creek, Oshawa Creek, Black/Harmony/Farewell Creeks or Bowmanville/Soper Creeks then you will not want to miss this opportunity to learn more about the local fisheries. The open house will be held on Thursday June 21, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:30pm at Gagnon Sports, 385 Bloor Street in Oshawa. There will be various displays, free publications, posters and a chance to ask questions and share your concerns. Door prizes and refreshments will be available.

The draft Central Lake Ontario Fisheries Management Plan documents the current state of local fisheries, fish habitat and overall aquatic health of local watersheds. Management recommendations have been developed and targets have been set for implementation of these recommendations. "Building on last year's public open house we have now put together a plan to protect and enhance fisheries within Central Lake Ontario Conservation's watershed jurisdiction," states Jeff McNeice, Project Biologist with Central Lake Ontario Conservation. "Some issues that were addressed in the Plan include impacts associated with changing land use, degraded water quality, increased stream temperature, angling pressures, invasive species like round goby, in-stream barriers to fish migration, and access for angling opportunities."

Additional opportunities to comment on the Plan will be available through the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry at the beginning of July. At that time the Plan will be posted on the Central Lake Ontario Conservation website (www.cloca.com) and hard copies will be available for review at the Central Lake Ontario Conservation office (100 Whiting Ave., Oshawa) and the Aurora District Ministry of Natural Resources office (50 Bloomington Rd. W., Aurora).

For more information regarding the open house or the Fisheries Management Plan please contact Jeff McNeice at the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Office (905) 579-0411, ext. 109 or email: jmcneice@cloca.com.

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