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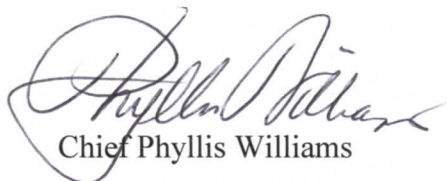
Please be advised that the Kawartha Lakes Fisheries Assessment Unit (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources) will be conducting fisheries assessments on Upper Buckhorn Lake and Chemong Lake which will include setting nets along the shorelines of Curve Lake First Nation lands. In past years, Curve Lake First Nation and MNR have conducted these same surveys for assessing the fishery and these surveys for 2013 is a continuation of data collection for the management of the resource.

These fisheries assessments will include a various types of surveys such as End of Spring Trap Net (ESTN) in late May to early June 2013 and Near-shore Community Index Netting (NSCIN) survey in September 2013 as well as an angler (creel) survey to estimate angler activity, catch and harvest amounts in the recreational fishery. All the netting surveys that will take place are passive netting methods and majority of the fish captured will be live released except for certain species that will be sacrificed for muscle tissue samples for contamination testing.

The information and data gathered in these fisheries assessments will aid Curve Lake First Nation in the awareness of contaminate levels in fish species to ensure fish consumption rates are at the correct level to ensure the safety and health of our members. It will also provide valuable information regarding fish populations in Upper Buckhorn and Chemong Lakes. A Curve Lake First Nation representative will be accompanying the Kawartha Lakes Fisheries Assessment Unit during the netting assessment in early June 2013.

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding the fisheries assessments that will be conducted by the Kawartha Lakes Fisheries Assessment Unit in 2013, please contact me at 705-657-8045 or via email at chief@curvelakefn.ca

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