

## Are permits required to do work on the shorelines ?

You want to do repair work or clean-up on the shores of the lake where your cottage or residence is located? What's allowed, what is not? Do you need a permit and if so, what kind?

Those who attended the meeting at the Center on April 26th in regards to the regulations now in effect, got the answers to their questions and much more. Sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Natural Resources as well as the Forest Protection Office of Temiscaming, this meeting was opened to all, though the majority attending were cottagers of Lac Tee.

As works on the shores of the lakes are restricted, it is advisable to present your project to your municipality or the local wildlife protection Office where the agents will be able to tell you if your projects conforms or not. «Don't be shy about making requests », said Pierre Bouffard, Wildlife Protection Department Head Offices in both Temiscaming and Ville-Marie. But it's

understood that most works to be undertaken on the shores require either an authorization certificate or a permit.

Works or repairs that can be done by hand are allowed. For example, raking and pick-up of dead leaves and branches, you must not dig up tree roots only those that are visible to the eye. You can cut those jutting out of the water at the ground level, to be done when the water is low. All work requiring machinery (VTT included) automatically requires a permit. All work directly done in the water is strictly forbidden. Nothing can be taken out of the water that was there before the water level went down, for example, a pile of rocks, in order to clean-up the beach. But if part of your land has been eroded by the water over the years it is forbidden to undertake refill works.

### DOCKS

Floating docks, on wooden or metal piles, are acceptable. If the base of your dock is on piers you can carry out minor repairs but you cannot rebuild it completely. Cement piers, forget about that!

### STABILIZATION WORK

All stabilization works of the land require a permit from the Ministry of the Environment. Cement walls in decorative or treated wood are forbidden. The ideal wood to use is cedar. The shores of the lake must be as natural as possible.



Les personnes qui ont assisté à la rencontre ont eu l'heure juste sur la nature des travaux qui sont permis ou non.

### STOCKING AND SPAWNING

Also at the meeting Daniel Nadeau, biologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources, talked about stocking of the lakes and spawning. He spoke in length on the spawning situation of Lac Tee. As the water level of the lake has gone down by about 7 feet, the eggs discovered were frozen and will not hatch out. To compensate for this loss, the lake will be stocked with grey trout next fall.

If you need more information contact a protection agent 627-3335 or the Ministry of the Environment (819) 763-3333.