



May 14, 2009

TO: **All Ontario Municipalities**

SUBJECT: **2009 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend**



As you know, the Province of Ontario, in partnership with many nongovernment organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, declares one summer weekend (Friday, July 10 through Sunday, July 12, 2009) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, again runs in conjunction with National Fishing Week, July 4-12, 2009, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.



Would you please help us publicize the 2009 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider "declaring" this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Please also remember that there will be an Ontario Family Fishing Winter Weekend in February 2010. There will be more details on this later in the year.



For further information, please contact the following during business hours:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters	(705) 748-6324
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	(705) 755-1902



Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Conservation,

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Fish license-free during the **Ontario Family Fishing Weekend** **July 10-12, 2009**

If you, a friend or family member would like to try fishing in Ontario waters for the first time (or for the first time in a long time), circle the weekend of July 10-12, 2009 on your calendar. For those three days only (12:01 a.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday), Canadian residents can enjoy the fun of fishing in Ontario without a license during the annual Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

All other regulations, fees and limits will apply

You must abide by the conservation license limits set out in the Fishing Ontario 2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available from fishing license issuers or the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. For example, the limit on walleye and trout is two instead of five or six; some fish, such as pumpkinseed, have no limit; and of course, there is no limit to the number of fish you can release.

*Events related to this special weekend will
take place across the province.*

Fishing festivals, clinics, derbies, or educational activities may be held in your area. If you would like event information, please call the O.F.F.W. event information line at 705-748-6324 ext. 233, or visit our website at www.familyfishingweekend.com

*Remember, fish with care and concern for future generations of
people and fish. Always protect fish habitat.*

Continue your fun during National Fishing Week, July 4-12, 2009.
For more information contact www.catchfishing.com

Anglers: Please pass this information on to your nonangling friends. Consider supporting a local event, or simply introduce someone to the joys of fishing on this weekend.

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