

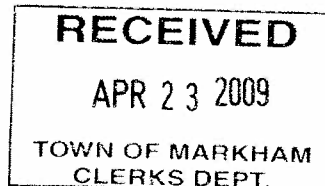
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Mayor Frank Scarpitti
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Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

Subject: Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program

As you may know, the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (L.O.A.S.R.P.) is a partnership of over 50 organizations led by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.) and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (M.N.R.). Now entering its fourth year, we have made significant progress in habitat restoration, education, stocking, and research and assessment, and are now seeing the first signs of success -- returning adults to all three target streams and wild reproduction.

As one of the L.O.A.S.R.P. streams of focus is located within your jurisdiction, we would appreciate the opportunity to provide you and your Council with a 15-minute presentation on the achievements and successes of this program, the 12,000-year history of the Atlantic salmon in Ontario, and the positive impact the program is having within our communities and watersheds.

This progress report will provide you and your Council with the information necessary to fully understand and appreciate the fantastic work this program has initiated and completed, and the numerous multi-faceted partnerships that have been developed and strengthened as a result. It will also provide a forum for questions to be answered and additional dialogue as required.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide the L.O.A.S.R.P. update at a scheduled Council meeting during the months of April to June or September to November. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and your Council. You will also be receiving invitations to our spring stocking events in your community shortly, once dates and locations are confirmed.

Yours in Conservation,

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