

BETTER FISHING – HERE'S HOW



PROTECT THEIR WATER

1. *Keep Your Shorelines Natural*

A shoreline with lots of deep-rooted Native trees and plants provides many benefits to our fish:

- Provides fallen logs that shelter fish and provide needed habitat
- Shades and cools the water improving oxygen levels
- Keeps pollutants and nutrients out of the lakes reducing weed growth and improving water quality

2. *Reduce your boat wake near shore*

More Info at www.cohpoa.org/resources/healthy-shorelines

3. *Make sure your septic system is operating properly*

- Keep all antibacterial products out of your system
- Reduce and spread-out water use – each drop that enters will exit
- Have your system inspected regularly – over 30% of systems are not working properly even though no problems are visible
- Don't flood your system by having more than 2 people per bedroom stay overnight

More Info at www.cohpoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Septic-Tips-May-2-2022.pdf

PROTECT THEIR HOMES

- Don't remove Woody Debris – vimeo.com/90929405
- Keep Invasives Out – many Invasive species harm fish populations. Make sure you Clean + Drain + Dry & encourage others
- Fix Erosion Problems – erosion resources on reverse side

PROTECT THEIR EGGS

- Invasive snails – www.invadingspecies.com/programs/mysterysnail-project

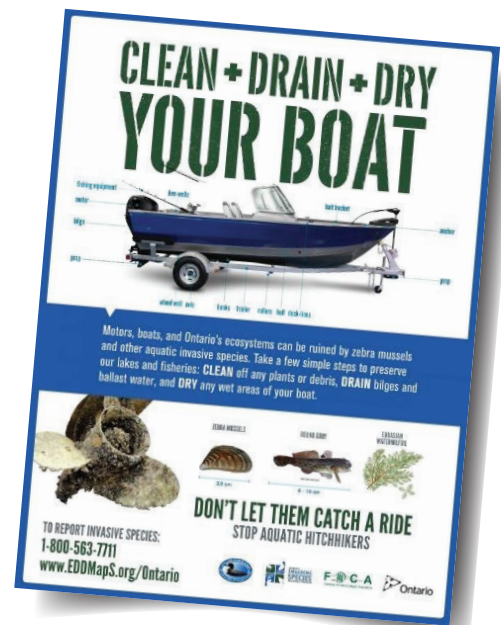
PROTECT THEIR HEALTH

- Plastic baits kill – www.nature.com/articles/s41598-021-90468-0
- Follow these 10 tips – cottagelife.com/outdoors/top-10-tips-for-catch-and-release-fishing

KNOW YOUR STUFF

- Know your fishing regs for our area which is Zone 15

www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary/fisheries-management-zone-15



➤ SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT YOUR LAKE & IT'S FISH

- LAKE ASSOCIATIONS – www.cohpoa.org
- HOOA – www.hhoa.on.ca
- VOTE – for politicians at all levels who will protect our lakes



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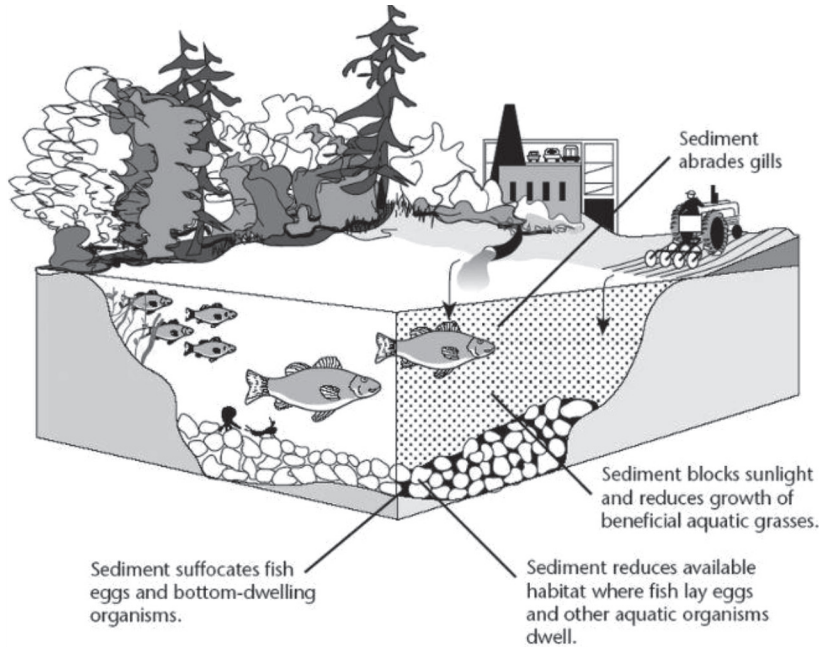
Erosion Control Resources – Over

EROSION – A PROBLEM FOR FISH

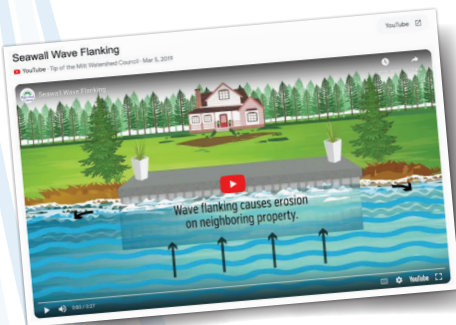
The effects of soil erosion go beyond the loss of land. It has led to increased pollution and sedimentation in streams and rivers, clogging these waterways and causing declines in fish and other species

– Credit: WWF

Suspended sediment in high concentrations irritates the gills of fish, and can cause death. Sediment can destroy the protective mucous covering the eyes and scales of fish, making them more susceptible to infection and disease.



Credit: www.canada.ca > services > pollution-causes-effects



Your neighbour's retaining wall causes erosion on your property, damages fish health and habitat!
Watch the video on You Tube on how wave flanking causes erosion on neighbouring properties, *simply point your smartphone's camera at the QR code to be directed to the webpage.*

THE GOOD NEWS – YOU CAN DEAL WITH EROSION AND KEEP FISH HEALTHY

Step # 1 Check out the Erosion Guide on the C.H.A. website: www.cohpoa.org

Step # 2 Watch the webinar *Bioengineering for Healthier Shorelines: 2023 Ice Breaker Speaker Series*
www.watershedcouncil.org/pastevents.html

NEED MORE ADVICE?

The Haliburton Master Gardeners will visit your property & provide that advice:

www.HaliburtonMasterGardener.ca



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