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ICE FISHING, RIVER CLEANUP PRESENTATION JANUARY 18

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The South Nation River watershed offers plenty of opportunities for landing “a big one”... even in the dead of winter. How to go about it will be discussed during a South Nation Conservation information meeting coming up Jan. 18, beginning at 7 pm, at headquarters in Finch; there’s no admission fee, all are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

“When the weather cooperates, more ice fishing huts are appearing on the river every year,” said Naomi Langlois-Anderson, SNC Senior Fish and Wildlife Technician. “The appeal of the sport is understandable: It’s affordable for the whole family, no real expertise is necessary, and it’s a chance to get out and enjoy nature.”

The region, Langlois-Anderson observed, offers excellent sport fishing year-round, with a great variety of fish residing in the watershed. Some of the most popular fishing spots are Jessup’s Falls and the St. Albert-Casselman area.

Some lower profile fishing holes are likely to be revealed during the session which will include tips from experts on techniques, species and locations. Gil Harrigan, Ryan Robson, and Fred Schueler will share their knowledge and illustrate it with an aquarium of live mud puppies.

Also on hand will be Art Gamble, from the Ministry of Natural Resources, with information on fishing licenses and regulations applying to huts which must be removed from the ice by a certain date every year.

“It’ll be a very relaxed and informal evening,” said event coordinator Gord Shaver. “There’ll be plenty of opportunity for novices to ask questions and experienced anglers are sure to pick up some useful tips as well.”

As part of proceedings, a winter garbage awareness campaign will be introduced to focus the attention of fisher people on cleaning up after they’re through enjoying the sport.

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