

**KDCA AND NWOTA
LAUNCH A NEW WEB SITE:
www.canadawelcomesyou.net**

The Kenora District Camp Owners Association (KDCA) and the Northwestern Ontario Tourism Association (NWOTA) with the assistance of the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) have collaborated in the launch of a new web site to provide our American friends and guests as well as the general public with convenient access to general information regarding crossing the International border into Canada. Since 9/11 border crossing rules have become more strictly enforced. We want the traveller to have access to as much information as possible before leaving home.



The site has been reviewed and approved by the Canadian Border Services Agency. The site includes information such as:

- What citizens of the U.S. should know when travelling to Canada
- What every parent should know
- What you can bring into Canada
- Impact of criminal record on admissibility i.e. MUI's
- What is prohibited from being brought into Canada
- Bringing firearms into Canada
- Travel Reminders & MNR Regulations
- FAQ's-Questions about crossing the border into Canada
- Useful links such as: Tax refunds for visitors; border wait times; Canadian Firearms Centre; Citizenship & Immigration and many other agencies.

The web site was designed and developed by northwest design + communications. We recommend that you all put links to this site on your own web site as well as any printed material.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVELERS
Travelers to and from Canada will be required to have a U.S. passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the United States. This is a change from prior travel requirements and will affect all U.S. citizens entering the United States from countries within the Western Hemisphere. For land border crossings to Canada, other documents that the government anticipates will be acceptable under WHI are NEXUS and FAST program cards. No other document is currently available that will be an acceptable substitute for a U.S. passport, NEXUS or FAST card.

By Dec.31,2006 a passport or other accepted document will be required for all air & sea travel to or from Mexico & Canada.

By Dec.31,2007 a passport or other accepted document will be required for all air, sea & land border crossings.

Source:http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/regional/regional_1170.html

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(807) 223-3266



**NOTICES:
KDCA**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Wednesday,
October 5, 2005 at
Evergreen Lodge
on Eagle Lake
9:30 A.M.
Anyone interested in
letting your name stand
for either President, Vice
President, Treasurer or a
Board of Director please
call Dan Denzler at
807-529-6346

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SMOKE TRAILS NEWS

From the Kenora District Camp Owners Association
Your Local Tourism Lobby Association Representing the Federal District of Kenora.
NOTO's Largest and Oldest Chapter

President's Message: September 2005
TO: KDCA Members, Allied Members & Other Readers:

Remember: ANNUAL FALL KDCA MEETING on October 5, 2005.
The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. at Evergreen Lodge on Eagle Lake (Pat & Mal Tygesson, Hosts). If you have questions about directions see the map at bottom of page or call Evergreen Lodge at 807-755-2434.

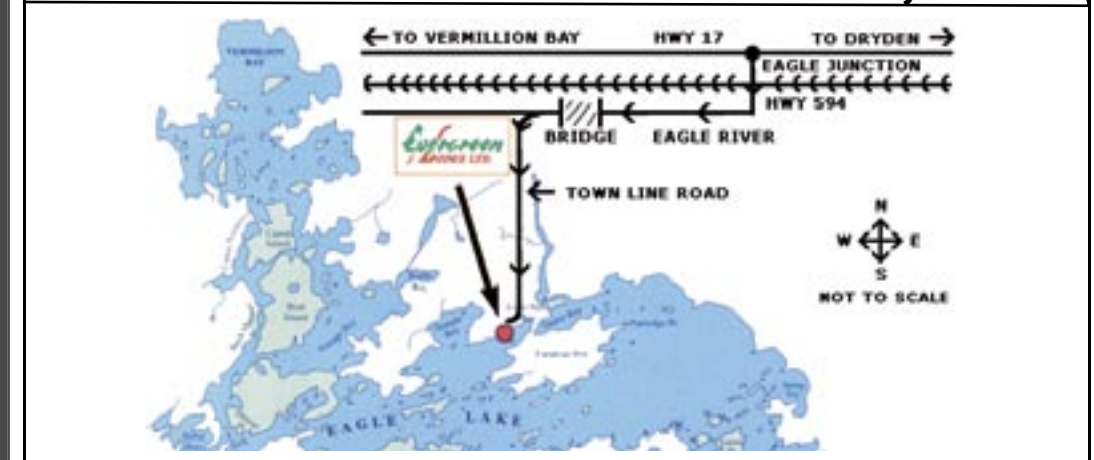
Confirmed invitees to the meeting include representatives from MNR (Follow-up to the July meeting in Ignace), MNM (Frank Bastone), MTR (Sheila Larmer/Jim Grayston), CBSA (Greg Mercure), NWOTA (Jerry Fisher), Allied Members (Weyerhaeuser) various members of KDCA (to include your elected President) and other interested parties. Needless to say, **ALL** of the topics will be interesting, exciting and hotly debated. Some of the topics might even be controversial, if you can believe that.

REMINDERS: for those tourist operators in attendance there will be five (5) drawings, each drawing worth \$100 cash. There will be an election of officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer). Please go to the KDCA web site (HYPER LINK "http://www.kdca.ca" www.kdca.ca) for instructions regarding elections. Or, call Dan Denzler (Fisherman' Cove at 807-529-6346) and let him know of your interests in being a candidate for office. And, don't forget the 2nd Annual Master Mixer & Pig Roast on October 1st at the Dryden Fairgrounds (Agriculture Bldg.)

Final note: If you want to be on the agenda or have a "hot topic" for discussion then give me a call (807-222-3246) and I will see that it is addressed. Remember, KDCA is your association so show up at the Fall meeting on October 5th.

Harald Lohn, President

KDCA FALL MEETING-OCTOBER 5, 2005



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A MEETING YOU SHOULDN'T MISS!

KDCA FALL MEETING

OCT. 5, 2005

Evergreen Lodge, Eagle Lake

-Tentative Agenda-

9:00 am Doors open, coffee served

9:30 am Business Meeting begins

Introductions
Additions/Corrections to agenda
Approval of Spring 2005 Minutes
Treasurer's Report
President's comments/observations
Letters/responses
Border Crossing Statistics
Lac Seul FMP
Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative
NOTO Convention-SSMarie, Nov.2-5

10:45 am Coffee Break

Old Business

Destination Marketing Partnership Fund
Water Regulations-Drinking Water
Systems

New Business

NWOntario Heritage Fund Programs-
Frank Bastone
Status of Forest Industry - Weyerhaeuser
Ministry of Tourism - Sheila Larmer, Director,
Policy & Research
Canadian Border Security Agency (CBSA)

12 NOON Lunch

July Meeting in Ignace-MNR Representatives
KDCA/NWOTA Website-Jerry Fisher
Office Services Contract
Elections
Spring Meeting Date/Location
Wrap Up/Adjournment

2nd Annual Master Mixer & Pig Roast

Brought to you by: Patricia Region Tourist Council (PRTC)

and the Dryden District Chamber of Commerce

October 1 -Cocktails 5:00pm/Dinner 7:00 pm/Dance + more to follow

Have you got your ticket? Call: 807.223.6792

NOTO CONVENTION

Sault St. Marie November 2-5, 2005

PLEASE SUPPORT KDCA ALLIED MEMBERS:

Alex Wilson Coldstream Ltd.	807-223-2381
Bay Lakes Mktg/All Canada Show	920-983-9800
BDO Financial Services	807-223-5321
Bobby's Corner	807-227-2099
Border Bob's	218-283-4414
Brose Management Services	807-468-6471
B. Taylor Home Building Centre	807-223-3381
Canada Borderlink Inc.	403-218-1300
Consumers Frosted Foods Ltd.	807-468-8995
CSP Print & Mktg. Ltd.	807-547-3229
Darkwater Developments	807-223-6331
Dingwall Ford	807-223-2235
Doug Bishop Sales	807-468-3333
Dryden District Chamber of Commerce	807-223-2622
Dryden GM	807-223-7123
Eagle Junction	807-755-2226
Egli's Sheep Farm	807-755-5231
Flexfish	204-257-9671
Hawkins Taxidermists Ltd.	204-775-3384
Hook, Seller & Lundin	807-468-9831
K- Sports KIA	807-467-4475
Kantola Motors	807-468-8984
Kenora Homes GMAC	807-468-4777
Kupper Contracting	807-227-2194
Latitude 50 Realty	807-223-4950
Lund-G McLeod (GENMAR)	
McAuley & Partners, Lawyers	807-223-2254
McTaggart's	807-274-7706
Mercury Marine	204-349-3209
Northern Lights Credit Union Ltd.	807-223-5454
Northland Enterprises	807-227-2057
northwest design + communications	807-223-3691
Northwest Printwear	204-982-1007
Ontario's Sunset Country Travel Assoc.	807-468-5853
Patricia Area Community Endeavors	807-221-3293
P.S.A. Insurance Services Ltd.	905-889-4933
Railside Sports & Marine	807-223-3517
Red Eagle Gift Stores	807-223-4513
Riverview Lodge	807-223-4320
Royal Bank- Dryden Branch	800-769-2511
Royal Bank - Toronto Branch	800-769-2511
Shewchuk, MacDonell, Ormiston, Richardt & Fregeau LLP Barristers & Solicitors	807-468- 5559
Skillen-Squire Insurance Services Ltd.	807-223-2215
Standard Insurance Brokers- Kenora	807-468-3333
Standard Insurance Brokers-Dryden	807-223-3676
Superior Propane	807-223-2980
Telesky Taxidermist Ltd.	204-775-6796
The Sam Group	1-800-860-4619
Timbermax	807-223-6699
Vermilion Bay Co-op	807-227-2160
Village Corner	807-227-2671
Weyerhaeuser Canada	807-223-2323
Wilson's Business Solutions	807-223-3316
Wolfraem's Bottled Water	807-223-8836
World of Water	807-468-4338
Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd.	

REPORT ON BED CAPACITY & LUP MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE JULY 13,2005 IN IGNACE

Charlie Lauer, Regional Director, MNR Northwest Region expressed in a letter received by KDCA on August 30,2005, that feedback from a number of operators has reinforced his feeling that good progress was made at this meeting to begin to address industry concerns. He said that while we work towards longer term solutions there still remains the need to undertake additional short term actions.

At a recent Regional Management meeting, he said the following issues raised at the Ignace meeting were discussed and as a result the MNR will be proceeding immediately with the following actions.

- MNR will distribute to all operators an information package outlining the current tenure options that are available to them. This information package will outline the similarities, differences, requirements, costs, benefits, etc. of each. (NOTE: KDCA has included a copy of this in the newsletter in case some of you have not received this. It is titled "Commercial Outpost Camps on Crown Land Options for Authorization").
- MNR will review all of the "additional" conditions on tenure documents to ensure that they are appropriate and if not they will be removed, e.g. conditions related to fuel storage that are dealt with under separate legislation. Direction was provided to all District Managers on August 17, 2005 regarding the use of "additional" conditions to tenure documents.
- MNR will conduct a region wide analysis of the productivity of lakes in relation to the size of the tourism establishments. The objective for this initiative is to provide a preliminary estimate of the magnitude of the level of concern related to potential over harvest situations, i.e. is it 1% of the lakes, 10% etc.
- Upon receipt of a transfer request from an operator, MNR will initially estimate the productive capacity of the lake using the most appropriate model (TOHA or MEI) and estimate the potential harvest as per the NWST Technical report Tr-121. If this analysis identifies an over harvest concern, the district will make arrangements to meet with the operators involved to seek their input and suggestions, e.g. camp rules, conservation policies, etc., for addressing the issues identified.
- MNR will establish a task team in conjunction with a representative group of operators to explore and further develop a range of ideas such as, seasonal occupancy rates, seasonal harvest quotas, enhanced camp conservation policies, how children and spouses are counted in family bookings, etc. to address concerns related to over harvest. A report and recommendations from this group will be completed by December 2005.
- With respect to recent decisions to reduce bed capacity, I am prepared to unilaterally reverse all these decisions. However, once the above mentioned working group has completed their work, I would be prepared to support these decisions being reviewed on a case by case basis if requested by an individual operator. These reviews would take into account the recommendations from the task group.
- On those occasions when an operator is requesting a temporary exception to their current bed capacity, e.g. seven people standing on the dock heading to a six bed outpost, districts will take into consideration items such as seasonal occupancy rates, camp conservation rules, etc. when reviewing these requests.
- MNR will develop, in partnership with operators, a variety of information/education materials for distribution to their guests, e.g. a CD on proper catch and release techniques, posters on fishing regulations, etc.

Although it was not a core topic at the meeting, the issue of "one bear per 50 square kilometres" is of significant concern to the industry. When the Ministry announced the availability of second seals for resident bear hunters in WMUs where additional harvest can be sustained, there was also a commitment to develop program enhancements more suitable for bear operators. The Ministry has been investigating ways to enhance the bear management program and specifically the BMA allocation regime in order to facilitate discussions with outfitters. The Ministry also expects to obtain enhanced bear population trend and harvest data over the coming year that will help in calculating sustainable harvest levels that are more flexible and responsive to local management objectives and habitat productivity. I believe that many of these changes will be supported by outfitters.

As discussed at the meeting in Ignace, there are some longer term items that require a broader policy discussion with the tourism industry and a number of other Ministries. Kevin Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Natural Resources Management Division will be leading these policy level discussions on behalf of MNR. Plans are already underway to initiate this process.

He concluded by saying that he believed the meeting in Ignace was an excellent platform from which to build and strengthen MNR's relationship with the tourism industry. He hoped that the immediate action items described above clearly demonstrate MNR's continued commitment to a strong and healthy resource based tourism industry in the Northwest Region.