

FAILING TO REMOVE ICE FISHING HUT PROVES COSTLY

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Lyle Zilney, 34, of Combermere, was fined \$1,000 for leaving an ice fishing hut on the ice after March 31 in Fisheries Management Zone 15, in the Kamanisseg Lake area.

Court heard on April 17, 2008, conservation officers from Bancroft District followed up on a complaint report to TIPS-MNR concerning an unlawful ice hut on Kaminisseg Lake. Given the ice had recently broken up during a spring thaw, the officers were faced with recovering a floating ice hut. It posed a threat to the lake environment and was a safety hazard to boaters. Although the hut was successfully removed from the lake, the operation monopolized valuable staff time and equipment resources.

Justice of the Peace B. Moran heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Bancroft, on June 3, 2008.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact the Bancroft District office at (613)332-3940 during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).