

PUBLIC HELP NEEDED IN WILDLIFE POISONING INVESTIGATION**NEWS**

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The Ministry of Natural Resources is asking for the public to come forward with any information that would help stop the people poisoning wildlife.

Over the past week poisoned baits have been found in the Drizzle Lake area. These baits may kill wildlife indiscriminately. Ministry staff have removed the material; however, they cannot be sure if there are other baits still in the vicinity.

The poisoned baits are described as approximately one pound packages of hamburger in clear plastic bags. The chemical that has been mixed with the hamburger is believed to be carbofuran, a pesticide used in the agriculture industry.

Do not allow pets to touch or eat the bait or dead wildlife found nearby. While not easily absorbed by humans through skin contact, the public is asked not to touch the bait and immediately report any of these baits or dead wildlife.

In March of 2007, Bancroft District conservation officers asked the public for their assistance when they discovered what appeared to be similar poisoned baits set out in the Meach Lake and Drizzle Lake areas. Valuable information from the public has been received, but additional information is needed to stop this dangerous and illegal activity.

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.