

## **BIG FINE OF \$1,000 FOR FAILING TO REMOVE ICE FISHING HUT**

**NEWS**

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The owner of an ice fishing hut was fined \$1,000 for failing to remove it from the lake by the deadline.

Michael Jeschke, 31, of Minden, was fined for leaving an ice fishing hut on Mountain Lake in Fisheries Management Zone 15, after March 31 – the date by which huts must be removed from the lakes.

Court heard that on April 8, 2008, conservation officers from Bancroft District received a complaint concerning an ice hut remaining on Mountain Lake. Officers spoke with Jeschke on two different days about removing the ice hut. Finally on April 14, with the ice quickly melting and the threat of warm weather and rain, Minden Area conservation officers were able to remove the hut, with difficulty, from the lake.

Justice of the Peace Dianne Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on August 7, 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).