COA:
Supporting the Goals of the
Lakewide Management Plan for Lake Superior

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COA: Canada and Ontario
Working Together

• Sixth Canada-Ontario Agreement Respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem (COA) signed in 2007

• Helps Canada meet its obligations under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

• MNR is one of three provincial signatories
Snapshot of 2007 COA

- Builds on strengths of the 2002 COA
- Greater emphasis on stewardship and partnerships
- 18 projects totalling $560 K
- 87% directed to supporting the Lake Superior LaMP
- 13% directed to work in AOCs
MNR will have three key areas of focus:

- To promote sustainable living
- To conserve biodiversity
- To lessen the threat of aquatic invasive species
Sustainable Living

- State of Lake Superior fish communities
- Evaluate aquatic habitats
- Support sustainable use of resources
Conserving Biodiversity

Support rehabilitation plans for native species

- Goal is to maintain, enhance and rehabilitate self-sustaining populations in original habitats
Rehabilitating Native Fishes: Coaster Brook Trout

- Historically widespread and common
- Highly valued and productive fishery
- Few viable populations left
What makes a brook trout coast?

Coaster Brook Trout

Conserving Biodiversity
Rehabilitating Native Fishes: Lake Sturgeon

- Historically abundant
- Declined due to overfishing and habitat loss
- Few viable populations left
  - Kaministiquia River

Conserving Biodiversity
Lake Sturgeon

Focus on:

• stock assessment
• radio telemetry
• mapping

Conserving Biodiversity
Rehabilitating Native Fishes: Walleye

- Focus is on Black Bay walleye stock
- Historically, the largest walleye population in Lake Superior
Lessen the threat of aquatic invasive species

- Stop transfer of live baitfish into Ontario
- Education and awareness program
Wrap Up

COA

• working towards achieving a healthy Lake Superior ecosystem.