

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

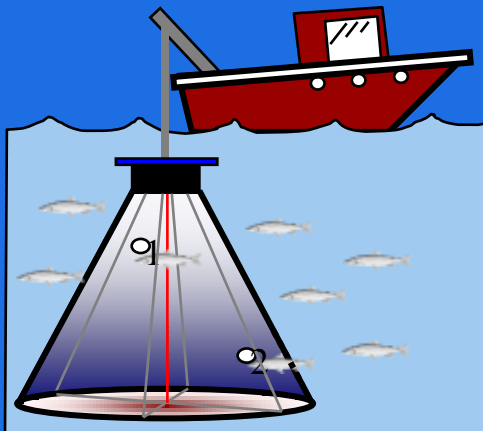
Lake Superior 2007-08 COA Work Plan



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

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Support rehabilitation plans for native species

- Goal is to maintain, enhance and rehabilitate self-sustaining populations in original habitats



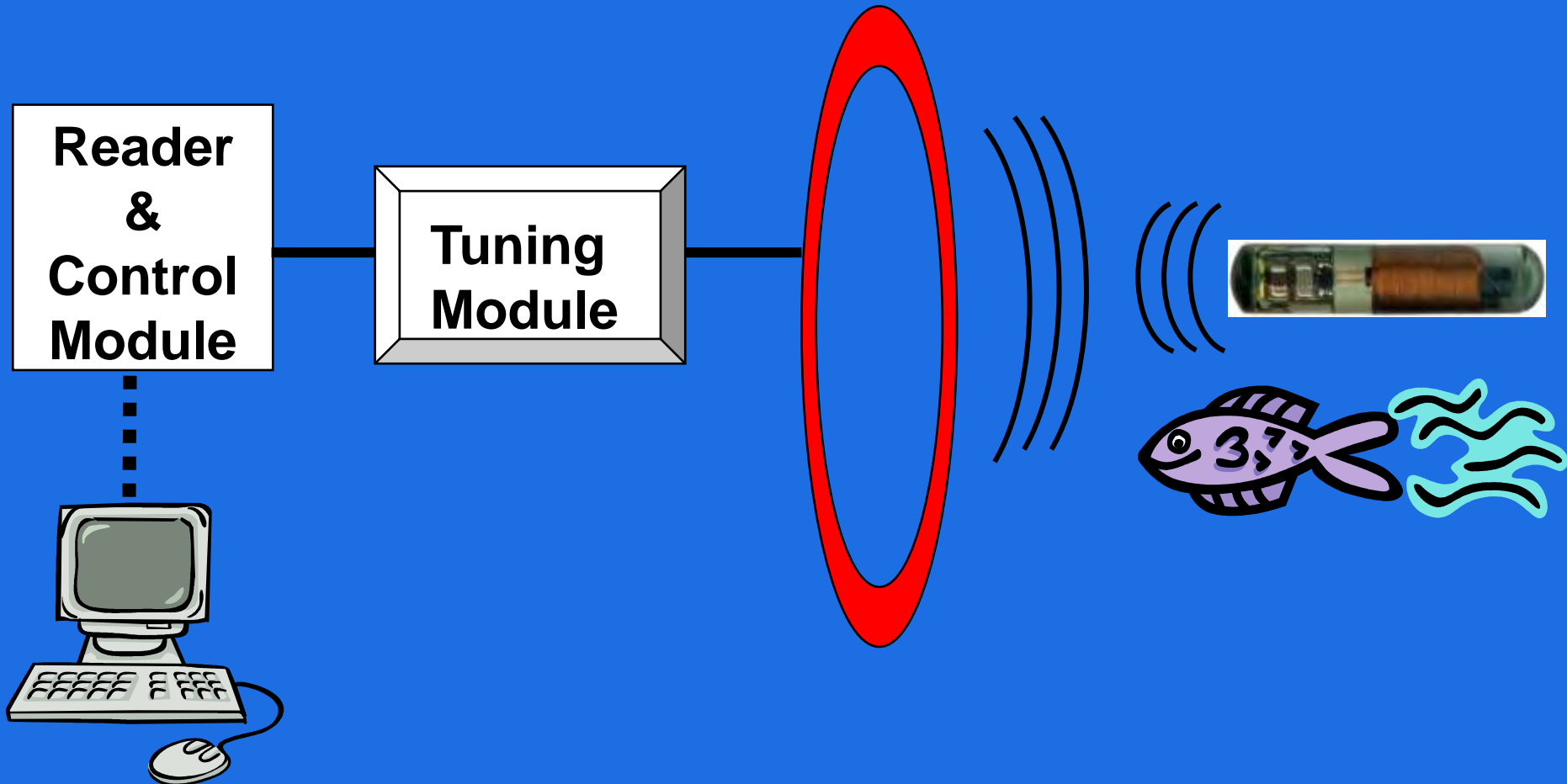
Rehabilitating Native Fishes: Coaster Brook Trout



- Historically widespread and common
- Highly valued and productive fishery
- Few viable populations left

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Coaster Brook Trout



What makes a brook trout coast?

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Rehabilitating Native Fishes: Lake Sturgeon



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

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Lake Sturgeon



Focus on:

- stock assessment
- radio telemetry
- mapping



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Rehabilitating Native Fishes: Walleye



- Focus is on Black Bay walleye stock
- Historically, the largest walleye population in Lake Superior

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Lessen the threat of aquatic invasive species



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

Wrap Up



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- working towards achieving a healthy Lake Superior ecosystem.