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**Subject:** Fishing Issues at Crowe's and McCracken's Landing Wharfs

Hello Martina,

Thank you again for reaching out to the OFAH. I hope you are staying safe and healthy during these challenging times. Despite our collaborations and shared strategies for addressing unwanted behaviour, we are disappointed that these issues continue to be a problem year after year for the Township of Douro-Dummer. We understand the connections that concerned residents are attempting to make, but keep in mind that this is not the actions of anglers, but delinquents, and the angling community shouldn't be painted with the same brush.

The toolkit has been evolving over the past while, but remains in draft form. That said, the fundamentals of what we have shared and discussed to date are similar (see table below). At this point, it may be beneficial to look at alternatives to these strategies if they have been fully explored, but with little to no results. One option that will be expanded upon in the toolkit includes establishing a working group comprised of key stakeholder representatives such as (for example) municipal staff, local police, cottage associations, MNRF, OFAH, etc. We've experienced significant breakthroughs with this approach in Port Hope on the Ganaraska River, and have developed targeted plans for deterring unwanted behaviour (e.g. YouTube videos on responsible angling, enforcement blitzes, signage, education, outreach and awareness).

We do not support a fishing ban at Crowe's and McCracken's Landing Wharfs, as this approach will have negative socio-economic impacts to these communities and its visitors. It punishes the masses for the behaviour of a few, and we believe there is a balance that can be reached without taking these drastic measures – it will just take time, coordination, and a well thought out plan. We look forward to working on a constructive, proactive approach with the Township. If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Issue	Jurisdiction/Statute	Potential Solutions
Trespassing	Ontario – Trespass to Property Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Post clear signage stating “no trespassing / private property”.</li><li>○ Better lighting in the area at night to deter unwanted behaviour.</li><li>○ Have landowner call provincial/municipal authorities who can enforce the Trespass to Property Act.</li><li>○ Increased enforcement (visibility)</li></ul>

Littering	Municipal – by-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Post clear signage stating “use garbage can” and/or “no littering”</li> <li>○ Provide additional garbage cans within the area</li> <li>○ Provide more frequent garbage removal</li> <li>○ Provide fishing line recycling receptacles</li> <li>○ Install moloks, which are more visually appealing, have a lifetime warranty and no maintenance. Garbage has to be removed less often and there is less smell and overall mess associated with them. Can be built and installed for between \$4,000 and \$10,000 and come in variable shapes and sizes.</li> <li>○ Install fish cleaning station in areas with heavy fishing traffic, this is convenient for anglers and will attract them to fish in the area. These have proven successful in popular areas including Port Credit, Port Hope, the St. Clair River and numerous ports on Lake Huron (Anglers speak very highly of these stations).</li> </ul>
Parking/Public Access	Municipal – by-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Post clear signage stating “no parking/ restricted parking” and/or “designated parking zone”.</li> <li>○ Create parking lots or designated spaces within a reasonable proximity of access point.</li> <li>○ Adjust parking by-laws and provide clear signage of where parking is and isn’t permitted (or restricted).</li> <li>○ Charge people for parking in restricted/prohibited areas.</li> </ul>
Noise	Municipal – by-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure a by-law in force that addresses identified concerns. Adjust where necessary.</li> <li>○ Post clear signage stating “noise by-law in effect” with relevant details (e.g. hours).</li> </ul>
Public Urination/ Defecation	Municipal – by-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide public washrooms that are available at all hours (portable toilets can be effective seasonal solution)</li> <li>○ Where possible, provide lighting so the washroom is usable at night</li> </ul>

Yours In Conservation,

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