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**Subject:** RE: Fishing Complaints at Crowe's and McCracken's Landing

Hi Martina,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm sorry to hear that there are still concerns at these locations. I am not speaking on behalf of enforcement as we enforce our mandate as laid out in law, but I did consult with the local District office and they provided that MNRF generally does not support or encourage the use of the *Trespass to Property Act*, municipal by-laws or other measures to restrict access to a public fishery. Accessible shoreline fishing opportunities are important to both local and visiting anglers. My understanding is that the concerns themselves at these locations are around garbage, noise etc. and not necessarily the fisheries resource itself, which I understand there has been attempts to rectify through the items you've mentioned. According to the Fisheries Management Zone 17 (FMZ 17) Advisory Council report the plan for FMZ 17 encourages the use of public land and access points for responsible angling.

It is correct that any private property owner can use the *Trespass to Property Act* to allow or not allow certain activities and specify timing around those restrictions (time of year, times of day etc.). Generally to communicate this most effectively this notification is done by posting at the location through signage exactly what is not allowed, in this case that would be prohibiting access to the property for the purpose of fishing (not fishing itself as fishing occurs in the water which is not owned by the property owner). Enforcement around a proposed prohibition such as this is workload to the Police, and potentially bylaw and ourselves given the need to respond to potential violations as it would come to a restriction such as this.

Overall the Ministry hopes that an acceptable solution can be found to allow fishing to continue in areas where it is possible to do so while also encouraging responsible behaviour by the angling community.

Thanks,  
Paula

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Hi Paul and Mike,

I hope you are both doing well. Back in 2017 and 2018 you had worked with Dave Clifford and other township staff regarding fishing complaints at Crowe's and McCracken's Landings. The Township had implemented all of the recommended approaches regarding signage, hours of access, providing port-a-potties and waste receptacles.

We have heard from residents in the area of the landings that the Township will soon receive a petition requesting that fishing is banned completely at both locations. Could you please let me know what the provincial position is on these types of requests and if there is a preferred outcome from the provincial perspective? I've seen in the notes from 2017 that it would be possible to ban fishing in both locations under the Trespass to Property Act but that it would cause a lot of work for our local police force the OPP and yourselves, is that still the case?

I have also reached out to the OFAH as they were previously involved in these discussions as well.

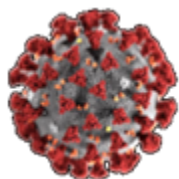
Thank you for your assistance.

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