

Sault Ste. Marie District Land Use Guidelines – General Resource Areas

1. URBAN AREAS

a. Area Description

Urban areas include the built-up areas of Sault Ste. Marie, Bruce Mines, Goulais River, Desbarats, Searchmont, Kirby's Corner, Heyden, Karalash Corners, Echo Bay, Hilton Beach and Richard's Landing. The boundaries of the above- noted areas are usually defined in municipal official plans and/or zoning by-laws.

Other communities, which do not physically occupy a great deal of land area, have not been included in this area description and will be dealt with in the areas where they are found.

The primary land use presently occurring in this area is urban development. Other existing land uses include agriculture, fishing, aggregate extraction, forest management, wildlife management (deer yards) and outdoor recreation.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent in this area will be for urban development with provisions for public recreation. All other activities will be permitted with the exception of Crown cottaging due to the lack of Crown land. Some agricultural lands are also found within this area. The Ministry will support the retention of these as agricultural lands.

The District will dispose of Crown water lots for public or private use, subject to municipal official plans and associated zoning by-laws., Discussions with municipal authorities and appropriate Provincial agencies should occur prior to any disposition. Major disposition is also subject to the Ministry of the Environment's review, which may result in the requirement of an environmental assessment. Disposition which would result in direct or indirect negative impacts on any Ministry program will be discouraged.

All activities in the area will take into consideration the 5 known historical sites, 2 vegetation sites, and 1 nesting site. The specific location for each can be found in a compendium at the District office.

One area of Crown land, the Marks Bay property, located within this area, was previously identified as a park candidate. However, that designation has since been dropped. The Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority have indicated a desire to develop the property as a recreation park at some time in the future. The District will manage this property to ensure the preservation of the important recreational, natural, cultural and archaeological values. In the interim, the permitted uses will include unstructured public recreation and construction of protective works to prevent shoreline erosion. On-shore mining developments may expand underground, outward under the Great Lakes, subject to existing international agreements.

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 1 - URBAN AREAS

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		In some areas these activities are subject to the <i>Mining Act</i> , <i>Pits and Quarries Control Act</i> , and <i>Beach Protection Act</i> . Aggregate extraction will be permitted. The strategies for mineral aggregate will be followed. Provision for the preservation and for the protection of critical fish spawning habitat and waterfowl habitat and staging areas will be made.
Agriculture	x		The Ministry will support the retention of existing agricultural lands.
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Cottaging		x	No Crown land will be disposed of for cottaging purposes. On private land, cottage development proposals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through the Ministry's plan review program.
Crown Land Recreation	x		
Forestry	x		Forest management will be permitted and encouraged. The Ministry will cooperate with private landowners in the implementation of guidelines required for the protection and maintenance of deer yarding areas aimed mainly at protection of cover and food supply. Operating and annual plans will contain specific guidelines for the protection of tourism values, important fisheries habitat and aesthetics.
Hunting	x		Hunting is restricted by the municipality within the City of Sault Ste. Marie.
Mining	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of tourism and aesthetic values. It is recommended, however, that mineral exploration and mining not be permitted in the former Marks Bay candidate park.
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads	x		
Rural Residential	x		Rural residential uses will continue to be recognized on private land only, subject to approved official plans.
Sport Fishing	x		Sport fishing opportunities will be increased through stream rehabilitation and fish population management in inner city streams, particularly the Carp, Little Carp and Root Rivers and West Davignon and Crystal Creeks. <u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u>
Tourism	x		The District will support the provision of facilities such as trails and a boat launch in the upper St. Marys River. The Ministry will encourage and provide outdoor education/interpretation opportunities relating to resource management (i.e. fisheries, wildlife, forest management, aggregate, etc.).
Trapping	x		
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development	x		

2. AGRICULTURE

a. Area Description

This area comprises the lands of critical agricultural importance in the District. The majority of these lands are found in the southeast portion of the District and on St. Joseph Island. Pockets of agricultural lands are also found along the Goulais River watershed and west of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Most of the area has organized municipal governments in place with existing official plans and associated zoning by-laws.

The primary present land use is agriculture. Other land uses include recreation and some resource production.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent is agriculture. The Ministry will encourage through the local planning boards the maintenance of good agricultural farm lands, and will actively discourage the conversion of these lands to other uses which would effectively remove agricultural lands from production for a long time. Other compatible resource production activities such as forest management will also be encouraged., Some deer yards are found within this area, located mostly in the uncultivated part of the area (bush lots). In these yarding areas the Ministry will encourage their protection and maintenance essentially through proper forest management techniques.

The Ministry will support uses which will not remove areas of high agricultural potential from agriculture.

The Ministry will encourage the preservation of important fisheries habitat including Gawas Creek and Milford Haven Creek, Echo River, Thessalon River and Bar River.

All activities in the area will take into consideration the 5 known nesting sites, 2 geology sites and 1 spawning area (Bar River). The specific locations can be found in a compendium at the District office.

On-shore mining developments may expand underground, outward under the Great Lakes, subject to existing international agreements.

The Ministry will retain for public use, at least the present area, on Crown islands and Crown shorelines of the Great Lakes (excluding the 20-metre reserve and road allowance).

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 2 - AGRICULTURE

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		The District will provide guidelines for the protection of important fish and wildlife values and to minimize conflicts between extraction and other Ministry programs.
Agriculture	x		The Ministry will discourage resource management activities, which would effectively remove agricultural land from production for a long term.
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging		x	Crown land cottaging will not be permitted. Private land cottaging will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis through the Ministry's plan review program.

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Crown Land Recreation	x		
Forestry	x		Operating and annual plans will contain specific guidelines for the protection of important fish and wildlife habitat. These guidelines will be most applicable for the maintenance and protection of important food and cover essential to wintering deer populations.
Hunting	x		Hunting will be permitted except in garbage dumps established on Crown land. The Ministry will also encourage municipalities to prohibit hunting at municipal garbage dumps.
Mining	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of important fish and wildlife values.
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads	x		
Rural Residential	x		
Sport Fishing	x		Angling opportunities will be promoted and developed on the Thessalon River subject to sustained yield capabilities of this body of water. <u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u>
Tourism	x		All proposals for expansion of existing tourism facilities will be supported providing they do not conflict with Ministry programs.
Trapping	x		Ongoing activity will continue and efforts will be made to increase the harvest to the existing quotas.
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development	x		

3. GOULAIS

a. Area Description

This area encompasses roughly the lower reaches of the Goulais River watershed to the shoreline of Lake Superior. The area is sparsely populated including a few small communities along the two main highways traversing the area (Hwy. 17 North and Hwy. 556). A number of lakes have had extensive cottage developments. Severe flooding and erosion problems occur along the shoreline of the Goulais River. The main land use activities presently occurring are recreation and resource extraction. One mine has been operating on a seasonal basis at Sill Lake. Mining exploration is occurring with an emphasis in Jarvis Township.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent for the area will be public recreation and resource extraction. Most other land uses will be permitted with restrictions directed at avoiding conflicts between resource users on a case-by-case basis. Sensitive fisheries habitat will be protected. Five lakes have been identified as lake trout lakes. They include Trout (Aweres Twp.), Jarvis, Lake One (Jarvis Twp.), Northland, and, Upper Island Lakes. These lakes will be managed for the preservation of lake trout (per **lake** trout policy). Twelve streams and lakes have also been identified as critical fisheries habitat, as they are used for spawning by a number of fish species. They include the Root and Goulais Rivers, Crystal, Kelly, Cranberry, Kars, Havilland, Stokely, Tier and Robertson Creeks, and Sill and Reserve Lakes. These will be protected as the need arises. All activities in the area will take into consideration the 5 known nesting sites, 3 spawning areas, 1 geology site, 3 vegetation sites and 2 special features sites. The specific location for each can be found in a compendium at the District office.

The Ministry will encourage the protection of the waterfowl habitat on the Goulais River delta. The Ministry will retain for public use, at least the present area, on Crown islands and Crown shorelines of the Great Lakes (excluding the 20 metre reserve and road allowance). On-shore mining developments may expand underground, outward under the Great Lakes, subject to existing international agreements.

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 3 – GOULAIS

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		The District will provide guidelines for the protection of important fish and wildlife values, tourism and aesthetics and to minimize conflicts between extraction and other Ministry programs.
Agriculture	x		
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging	x		On Crown land, inland remote cottage sites may be considered on a case-by-case basis. No remote cottage lots will be developed on lake trout and commercial outpost camp lakes. On private land, the Ministry will evaluate cottage development on a case by case basis through the Ministry's plan review program.
Crown Land Recreation	x		Crown land recreation will be promoted in this area. Increased access to sport fishing streams and lakes will be promoted.
Forestry	x		Operating and annual plans will contain specific guidelines for the protection of tourism and aesthetic values and important fish and wildlife habitat. These guidelines will be most suitable in situations involving designated lake trout lakes.

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Hunting	x		Hunting will be permitted except in garbage dumps established on Crown land. The Ministry will also encourage municipalities to prohibit hunting at municipal garbage dumps. Hunting will also not be permitted in locations where life and property values are endangered (i.e. around logging operations).
Mining	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat as well as tourism and aesthetic values.
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads	x		
Rural Residential	x		Development will be permitted subject to the <i>Sault North Official Plan</i> and associated zoning by-laws. However, there will be no encroachment of structural development on hazard lands as per hazard land policy. Exceptions under special circumstances will need Ministerial approval.
Sport Fishing	x		Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted and developed on Fillion, White Birch, Havilland and Prince Lakes and on Tier, Stokely, Havilland and Cranberry Creeks and the Root River. <u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u>
Tourism	x		All related tourism facilities (i.e. trails) will be encouraged and supported provided they do not conflict with the achievement of Ministry programs. Existing commercial outpost camps will be allowed to continue to operate on lake trout lakes. No expansion will be permitted on the existing outpost camps and no new commercial outpost camps will be allowed. Replacement of existing outpost camps will be considered as per the tourism policy contained in this document.
Trapping	x		Ongoing activities will continue and efforts will be made to increase the harvest to the existing quotas.
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development	x		Development will be permitted subject to the <i>Sault North Official Plan</i> and associated zoning by-laws. However, there will be no encroachment of structural development on hazard lands as per hazard land policy. Exceptions under special circumstances will need Ministerial approval.

4. HIGHWAY 17 NORTH CORRIDOR

a. Area Description

The area includes a narrow corridor comprised of the lands bounded by the shoreline of Lake Superior and a line 1 kilometre east of Highway 17 North. The southern boundary of the area is immediately south of Government Creek and extends to the northern boundary of the District. Development in this area has generally been directed towards the main activities presently occurring: transportation, recreation and tourism. The area is extensively used by local residents and is also considered a prime tourist attraction to the Sault Ste. Marie area. A number of public and private day-use facilities and commercial tourism developments are found in this area. Numerous cottage subdivisions are also found along the shoreline of Lake Superior.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent for this area is transportation and recreation with special emphasis for the protection of the scenic landscape along this route. Provisions of recreational facilities will include: cottaging, fishing, picnicking, camping and commercial tourist establishments. The Ministry will encourage the protection of the fisheries habitat of the following creeks: Jones, Government, Sawmill, Downey, Cabinansha, Cottrell Cove, Mamainse, Mica Bay, Cozens Cove, Alona Bay, Gamma, Beta #1 and #2 and rivers: Harmony, Batchawana, Carp and Pancake. All activities in the area will take into consideration the 4 spawning areas, 3 geology, 2 historical, 3 special features and 1 vegetation site. The specific location of each can be found in a compendium at the District office. The Ministry will recognize an MOE sampling station in Kincaid Township. Crown land disposition will be permitted for commercial or residential use in conjunction with existing commercial establishments. Discussion with appropriate local and provincial agencies will occur prior to any disposition. The Ministry will retain for public use at least the present area and frontage on Crown shoreline of Lake Superior. Onshore mining developments may expand underground, outward under the Great Lakes, subject to existing international agreements.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 4 - HIGHWAY 17 NORTH CORRIDOR

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		The District will provide guidelines for the protection of tourism and aesthetic values and important fish and wildlife habitat and to minimize conflicts between extraction and other Ministry programs.
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing		x	
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging		x	No Crown land will be disposed of for cottaging purposes. It is expected that the demand for cottaging will be filled through private land development.
Crown Land Recreation	x		The existing boat launch facility at Stokely Creek will be maintained. A public boat launch facility at the Harmony Bay access point will be maintained in conjunction with the Small Craft Harbours Branch of Environment Canada and other interested agencies and individuals. The Ministry will encourage the development of public access to Lake Superior.
Forestry	x		Operating and annual plans will contain specific guidelines for the protection of tourism values, important fish and wildlife habitat and aesthetics.

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Hunting	x		Hunting will be permitted except in garbage dumps established on Crown land, and in locations where life and property values are endangered (i.e. around logging operations).
Mining ,	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of important fish and wildlife values.
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads	x		
Rural Residential	x		
Sport Fishing	x		The Ministry will encourage and develop fishing opportunities at: Harmony, Batchawana, Carp, Pancake and Montreal Rivers and Caysee Lakes. <u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan.</u> [SSM #89-0002]
Tourism	x		The Ministry will support and recognize the establishment of tourism-oriented facilities on private land.
Trapping	x		
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development	x		Development will be permitted subject to the <i>Sault North Official Plan</i> and associated zoning by-laws. However, there will be no encroachment of structural development on hazard lands as per hazard land policy. Exceptions under special circumstances will need Ministerial approval.

5. BATCHAWANA

a. Area Description

The area covers the northwest corner of the District. The westerly boundary of the area is adjacent to area 4. HIGHWAY 17 NORTH CORRIDOR. The easterly boundary was determined to be the area accessible from the Algoma Central Railway (ACR). Approximately half of this area is Crown land whereas the other half is owned by the ACR.

The land uses presently occurring in the area include resource extraction and recreation. One hydro-electric power facility exists in this area situated at Montreal River; provisions for its continued use will be made. Four different locations in Nicolet, Norberg, Wishart and Vankoughnet Townships are research sites utilized by Provincial and Federal government agencies. Their locations will be taken into consideration by all Ministry programs to minimize conflict.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent for the Batchawana area is public recreation. All other land uses will be permitted in the area. However, site specific restrictions may be imposed on activities where Crown land recreation facilities are developed (i.e. picnic sites, camping, swimming areas, etc.). Three commercial outpost camp lakes are located in this area: Pancake, Adelaide, and Mamainse.

All activities in the area will take into consideration the 12 known nesting sites, and 2 historical sites. The specific location for each can be found in a compendium at the District office. A number of lakes have been designated as critical fisheries habitat. The Ministry will protect the lakes from habitat and/or species degradation on a case by case basis as the need is determined. These lakes include: Gavor, Bone (Olsen), Drew, Little Drew, Kerwin, #37 (Norberg), Cedar, Middle Pancake, Upper Pancake and Annie. Sixteen lake trout lakes have also been identified for protection as per the lake trout policy. They are: Bone (Tupper), Wolfe, Achigan, Trout (Dablon), Adelaide, Big Turkey, Mamainse, Griffin, Quintet #2, Spruce, Wart, Mongoose, Carpenter, Upper Sheppard, Pancake And Robertson.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 5 – BATCHAWANA

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		The District will provide guidelines for the protection of values such as tourism, aesthetics, important fish and wildlife habitat and to minimize conflicts between extraction and other Ministry programs.
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging	x		On Crown land, no lakes are available for linear subdivision cottaging. However, some possible inland remote cottage sites have been identified in Kincaid, Norberg, Olsen, Ryan, Palmer, Archibald and Tupper Townships, to the Provincial density standard (4 cottages per township). Waterway remote cottage sites have also been identified for Tupper, Picard and Bow Lakes. Lake plans will be completed on these lakes to assess capability of the waters and lands to sustain increased or new development. No remote cottage lots will be developed on lake trout lakes and commercial outpost camp lakes. Private land cottage development will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis through the Ministry's plan review program.

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Crown Land Recreation	x		Crown land recreation will be promoted and expanded in this area. Campsites, picnic sites and swimming areas will be developed on Huff, Little Turkey and Tilley Lakes. Boat launch ramps will be proposed where demand warrants it. Lake plans will be completed to assess capability of the waters and lands to sustain increased or new development.
Forestry	x		Operating and annual plans will contain specific guidelines aimed at protecting values such as tourism, aesthetics and important fish and wildlife habitat. These guidelines will be most applicable in situations involving tourist lodges, commercial outpost camps and lake trout lakes.
Hunting	x		Hunting will be permitted everywhere except in garbage dumps established on Crown land and in locations where life and property values are endangered (i.e. around logging operations).
Mining	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of lake trout lakes, fish and wildlife habitat and tourism values.
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads	x		
Rural Residential	x		
Sport Fishing	x		Angling opportunities will be promoted on Picard, Bojack, Upper and Lower Tilley, McGovern, Huff, Pipe, Round, and Gimlet Lakes. <u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u>
Tourism	x		All tourism (i.e. trails) facilities will be encouraged and supported provided they do not conflict with the achievement of Ministry programs. Existing commercial outpost camps will be allowed to continue to operate on lake trout lakes. No expansion will be permitted to the existing outpost camps and no new commercial outpost camps will be allowed. Replacement of existing outpost camps will be considered as per the tourism policy contained in this document.
Trapping	x		Ongoing activity will continue and efforts will be made to increase the harvest to the existing quota.
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development		x	

6. RANGER-GARDEN LAKES - AUBINADONG AREA

a. Area Description

This area covers the central and northeastern portion of the District. Access through the area decreases from being relatively easy in the southern part of the area to almost non-existent in the northern portion. Forest cover also changes in a northerly direction from mostly deciduous to coniferous. Development is minimal in the area and is usually associated with recreational activities. The land use activities presently occurring in the area include resource production (mostly timber extraction and trapping) ~~and~~ public recreation and remote commercial tourism. [SSM #90-0003]

There are 12 forest research areas located in this area. They are found in LaVerendrye, Gaudette, Hynes, Lamming, Butcher, Handleman, Carton, Jollineau and Plummer Townships and are operated by various governmental agencies both at the Provincial and Federal levels. Recognition will be made of these sites to reduce possible resource user conflicts.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent for this area is ~~resource production-mixed uses reflecting existing forest harvesting, remote commercial tourism and general public recreation.~~

Ten designated tourist lakes are located in this zone. Of these, three lakes – Megasi, Goulais and Patter – have main base lodge operations. The remaining seven – Spike, Affleck, Gord, Ragged, Lodestone, Penelope and Gong are outpost camp lakes. Five potential outpost camp lakes – Forester, Watson, Lake #24 (Lunkie Township), Dyson and Snyder – have also been identified, as have two small lakes adjacent to Goulais Lake which have become part of the total operation. Access planning will have regard for the need to maintain remoteness of all designated tourist lakes. [SSM #90-0003]

Other land uses will be permitted; however, there will be a reduction of Crown land recreation facilities in this area. Limited Crown land disposition will occur providing no conflicts with resource production activities arise. Eleven lakes have been identified as commercial outpost camp lakes. They are: Goulais, Spike, Affleck, Gord, Megisan, Patter, Ragged, Lodestone, Penelope, Gong and Prairie Grass. Six potential outpost camp lakes have been identified. They are: Forester, Watson, Lake #24 (Lunkie Twp.), Dyson, Snyder and Nokomis. A number of critical fisheries habitat have been identified. Their locations include: the Goulais and West Aubinadong Rivers, and Golf, Nod, LaVerendrye #1, LaVerendrye #2, LaVerendrye #4, LaVerendrye #5, Boundary, Laughing, Tujack, Shadow, South Branch, Welcome, #1 (Lunkie), Horne, Little Horne, Hanes, Hodgson, Dyson, Quinn, Little Quinn, Camel, Bliss, Patter, Lawer, Mirror, Hound, Fyfe, Affleck and Torrance Lakes. All activities in the area will take into consideration the 23 known nesting sites, 3 historical sites and 1 spawning area. The specific locations for each can be found in a compendium at the District office. A white spruce-seed production area is located in Gaudette Township. The Ministry will not dispose of this land and will protect it against physical disturbance.

There are 29 lake trout lakes in this area. They include: Penelope, Crooked, Anvil, Island (McIlVeen), Mystery, Point, Saymo, Ranger, Meredith, McMahan, Megisan, Patten, Morrison, McCarrel, Iron, Gord, Lac Cherie, Charley, Foxwell, McGrath, Skintent, Fetherson, Fern, Trapper, Gong, Goulais, Deil (Devils), Garden and Weashkog Lakes. The specific guidelines found under the access roads, MMA and lake trout policies will apply to these lakes.

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 6 - RANGER - GARDEN LAKES - AUBINADONG AREA

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		The District will provide guidelines for the protection of important fish and wildlife values and to minimize conflicts between extraction and other Ministry programs.
Agriculture	x		
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging		x	No additional remote cottage lots on Crown land will be disposed of in this area. Where remote cottage densities exceed the Provincial

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	Yes	No	
			spacing standard (4 cottages/township), the District will endeavour to reduce remote cottages to meet the standard by the year 2000 through various means such as attrition, relocation, etc. On Crown land no remote cottages will be developed on lake trout and commercial outpost camp lakes.
Crown Land Recreation	x		The District will remove access points on the following commercial outpost camp and lake trout lakes: Gong, Saymo, Mystery and Island (McIlveen Twp.), within the next 10 years.
Forestry	x		Operating and annual plans will contain specific guidelines for the protection of fish and wildlife habitat. These guidelines will be most applicable in situations involving commercial outpost camps and designated lake trout waters.
Hunting	x		Hunting will be permitted except in garbage dumps established on Crown land and in locations where life and property values are endangered (i.e. around logging operations).
Mining	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of important fish and wildlife values.
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads	x		
Rural Residential	x		
Sport Fishing	x		Angling will be permitted in this area; however, opportunities will not be promoted. Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]
Tourism	x		<p><u>The Ministry will support continued operations on designated remote tourist lakes through access planning and integrated resource management practices. [SSM #90-0003]</u></p> <p>The District will promote the establishment and development of a service centre facility in Curtis Township at approximately mile 17 of Highway 556.</p> <p>The District will study and assess the feasibility of establishing outpost camps on 5 potential lakes within the next 5 years. These lakes include: Forester, Watson, Lake 24 (Lunkie Twp.) Dyson and Snyder. Until the status of the potential outpost camp lakes are determined, the District will protect these lakes for outpost camps.</p> <p>Existing commercial outpost camps will be allowed to continue to operate on lake trout lakes. No expansion will be permitted on existing outpost camps and no new commercial outpost camps will be allowed. Replacement of existing outpost camps will be considered as per the tourism policy contained in this document.</p>
Trapping	x		Ongoing activity will continue and efforts will be made to increase the harvest to the existing quota.
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development		x	

7. OFFSHORE LAKE SUPERIOR - NORTH CHANNEL

a. Area Description

This area includes the Canadian portion of Lake Superior from Pointe Louise to Montreal River excluding Goulais Bay, Inner and Outer Batchawana Bay, Sand Bay and the waters of Lake Superior bounded by the coastline and a line from Sinclair Island to Theano Point. It also excludes part of area 16 located in Lake Superior off Gros Cap. It also includes the waters of Lake Huron found within the District that are not in

The present land use activities occurring in Lake Superior include resource production (tom creation fishing, aggregate extraction) and recreation.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent for this area is resource production, commercial fishing and aggregate extraction. Fish spawning areas along the shoreline will be protected from detrimental uses.

Recreational uses will be permitted in most shoreline areas.

The District will dispose of Crown water lots for public or private use subject to official plans and associated zoning by-laws. Major disposition is also subject to the Ministry of the Environment's review which may result in the requirement of an environmental assessment. Disposition which would result in direct or indirect negative impact on any Ministry program will not be permitted.

The shoreline areas, protected bays and natural harbours offer attractive recreational boating opportunities (motor boats, yachts, sailboats, canoes). Some of these areas are well known and have been publicized in various publications and consequently are relatively extensively used by cottage owners and tourists. In order to maintain the availability of such opportunities, the Ministry will retain for public use, at least the present area, on Crown islands and Crown shorelines of the Great Lakes; however, to future development for recreation is planned at present. Islands and lands under the waters of Lakes Superior and Huron have been withdrawn from staking.

All activities in the area will take into consideration the 11 known spawning areas. The specific location for each can be found in a compendium at the District office.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 7 - OFFSHORE LAKE SUPERIOR - NORTH CHANNEL

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		Aggregate extraction will be permitted in this area providing this activity does not interfere with commercial fishing and does not come into conflict with other Ministry programs such as preservation and protection of critical fish spawning habitat.
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing	x		This activity will be permitted throughout the area except within 1,000 metres of the mouth of rivers and streams and within a distance of 0.8 kilometres from the shoreline of the North Channel of Lake Huron.
Cottaging		x	On Crown land, there will be no disposition of land for cottaging. On private land, cottage development proposals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through the Ministry's plan review program.
Crown Land Recreation	x		
Forestry	x		
Hunting	x		Hunting will be permitted on the islands in the offshore area of Lake Superior subject to appropriate laws and regulations.
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads		x	

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Rural Residential		x	
Sport Fishing	x		<u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u>
Tourism	x		All related tourism facilities on private land will be supported provided they do not conflict with the achievement of Ministry programs.
Trapping	x		
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting		x	
Urban Development		x	

8. ST. MARYS RIVER - LAKE HURON

a. Area Description

This area includes the St. Marys River from Pointe Louise through the St. Marys Rapids, down to Lake George and St. Joseph Channel to the boundary of Johnson and Plummer Additional Townships then easterly along this boundary line to the intersection with a north-south line immediately east of Milford Island then southerly along this line to the International Boundary.

The water quality of this area varies from Lake Superior down through the City of Sault Ste. Marie to Lake Huron. The existence of local industry on the river and the municipal sewage treatment plant contribute to the varying quality of water. The land uses presently occurring in the area include sport fishing, boating, commercial navigation, cottaging, power development, commercial fishing, municipal and industrial water intake and sewage disposal facilities.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent for this area will be public recreation. All other land use activities with the exception of commercial fishing will be permitted providing they do not seriously conflict with Ministry programs and policies. One hydro-electric power facility already exists on the St. Marys River. Provision for its continued use will be made.

All activities in the area will take into consideration the 1 known spawning area, 1 nesting site and 1 historical site. The specific location for each can be found in a compendium at the District office.

The Ministry will protect and/or encourage protection of the critical fisheries habitat identified when considering any development proposals in this area. The St. Marys Rapids have been identified as a significant fisheries value. The District will object and/or recommend mitigating measures to development that will have a negative impact on the rapids area.

The Ministry will protect and encourage the protection of the important waterfowl habitat identified in the area.

The District will dispose of Crown water lots for public or private use subject to municipal official plans and associated zoning by-laws. Major disposition is also subject to the Ministry of the Environment's review which may result in the requirement of an environmental assessment.

Disposition which would result in direct or indirect negative impacts on any Ministry program will be discouraged. The District will retain for public use, at least the present area, on Crown islands and Crown shorelines of the Great Lakes. Islands and lands under the water of this area have been withdrawn from staking.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan.

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 8- ST. MARYSRIVER-LAKE HURON

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		Aggregate extraction will be permitted in this area providing this activity does not conflict with other Ministry programs such as preservation and protection of critical fish spawning habitat and waterfowl habitat and staging areas.
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing	x		For experimental and/or assessment purposes, permits may be issued for the commercial harvest of fish species at specific times, at the discretion of the District Manager, in accordance with fisheries management principles. The issuance of these permits will be considered only in that portion of this area lying east of lines extending from

			Gravel Point to the intersection of the boundary of Johnson and Plummer Additional Townships and from Koshkawong Point south to the International Boundary. <u>St. Joseph Island between Gravel Point and Koshkawong Point, south to the International Boundary.</u> [SSM #84-0001]
Cottaging		x	No Crown cottaging will be available in this area. Cottages on private land will be assessed on an individual basis giving consideration to flooding problems. Protection of fisheries and wildlife habitat will also be a prime concern of the Ministry.
Crown Land Recreation	x		Crown land recreation will be promoted and encouraged for the provisions of camping opportunities as well as day-use opportunities including swimming and picnic sites. Development of facilities to provide access to water will be encouraged.
Forestry		x	
Hunting	x		
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads		x	
Rural Residential	x		
Sport Fishing	x		<u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan.</u> [SSM #89-0002]
Tourism	x		All related tourism facilities will be encouraged and supported provided they do not conflict with the achievement of Ministry programs.
Trapping	x		
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x	x	
Urban Development			

9. BATCHAWANA BAY -SAND BAY

a. Area Description

This area is composed of the waters of Batchawana and Sand Bays. Batchawana Bay includes the waters inside a line drawn from 1 kilometre west of the mouth of the Batchawana River due south to Batchawana Island, along the shore of the island to its most southern extremity and southeasterly to the northern extremity of the point, which forms the western boundary of Horseshoe Bay. Sand Bay includes the waters inside a line drawn across the mouth of the bay.

The land uses presently occurring in this area are public recreation (mostly angling, motor boating, and sailing) and some commercial fishing. Commercial fishing in the area is presently restricted from Inner Batchawana Bay (gill netting) and within 1,000 metres of the mouth of rivers or streams through legislation and conditions of licences.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent for this area is public recreation. The Ministry will protect and encourage the protection of the waterfowl habitat around the east end of Batchawana Island. All activities in the area will take into consideration the 1 known spawning area. The specific location can be found in a compendium at the District office.

The District will dispose of Crown water lots for public or private use subject to official plans and associated zoning by-laws. Major disposition is also subject to the Ministry of the Environment's review, which may result in the requirement of an environmental assessment. Disposition which would result in direct or indirect negative impacts on any Ministry programs will be discouraged. The shoreline areas, the small protected bays and natural harbours offer attractive recreational boating opportunities (motor boats, yachts, sailboats, canoes). Some of these areas are well known and have been publicized in various publications and consequently are relatively extensively used by cottage owners and tourists. Therefore, in order to maintain the availability of such opportunities, the Ministry will retain for public use, at least the present area, on Crown islands and Crown shorelines of the Great Lakes. However, no future development for recreation is planned at the present. Islands and lands under the water of this area have been withdrawn from staking.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No.9- BATCHAWANA BAY-SAND BAY

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		Aggregate extraction will be permitted in this area providing this activity does not conflict with other Ministry programs such as preservation and protection of critical fish spawning habitat and waterfowl habitat and staging areas.
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	Commercial fishing will not be permitted in this area. However, the quota allocated for fish to the commercial fishermen will not be reduced due to the exclusion. Commercial fishing may be permitted using impounding gear instead of gill nets. However, other restrictions may be placed on the fishing activity in order to minimize conflict with public recreation activities.
Cottaging		x	
Crown Land Recreation	x		All water-related Crown recreation will be promoted and encouraged for this area.

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Forestry		x	
Hunting	x		
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads		x	
Rural Residential		x	
Sport Fishing	x		The area will be managed to provide a quality sport fishing experience. Hatchery stocking will continue until such time as the rehabilitation of the lake trout population is considered successful. Specific management techniques will be addressed in the <i>Lake Superior Fisheries Tactical Plan</i> . Angling will be promoted in the area. The Ministry will encourage the establishment of new access to the area as well as the improvement of existing access. <u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan.</u> [SSM #89-0002]
Tourism	x		All related tourism facilities on private land will be supported providing they do not conflict with the achievement of Ministry programs.
Trapping	x		
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development		x	

10. OUTER BATCHAWANA BAY-GOULAIS BAY

a. Area Description

This area includes the waters of Batchawana Bay inside a line drawn between Corbeil Point and Rudderhead Point and the western boundary of area 9. It also includes the waters of Goulais Bay inside a line drawn from Maple Point to Goulais Point. The land uses presently occurring in this area are public recreation (mostly angling, motor boating, and sailing) and commercial fishing. Commercial fishing in this area is presently restricted within 1,000 metres of the mouth of rivers or streams and from Goulais Bay (May 1 Sept. 30) through legislation and conditions of licences.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent for this area is public recreation, with emphasis on the provisions for sport fishing opportunities. The Ministry will protect the spawning streams located along the shoreline of this area. The Ministry will protect and encourage the protection of the waterfowl habitat around the Goulais River Delta. All activities in the area will take into consideration the 1 known spawning area and 1 nesting site. The specific locations can be found in a compendium at the District office. The District will dispose of Crown water lots for public or private use subject to official plan and associated zoning by-laws. Major disposition is also subject to the Ministry of the Environment's review which may result in the requirement of an environmental assessment. Disposition which would result in direct or indirect impacts on any Ministry programs will be discouraged. The shoreline areas, the small protected bays and natural harbours offer attractive recreational boating opportunities (motor boats, yachts, sailboats, canoes). Some of these areas are well known and have been publicized in various publications and consequently are relatively extensively used by cottage owners and tourists. Therefore, in order to maintain the availability of such opportunities, the Ministry will retain for public use, at least the present area, on Crown islands and Crown shorelines of the Great Lakes. However, no future development for recreation is planned at the present. Islands and lands under the water of this area have been withdrawn from staking.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 10 - OUTER BATCHAWANA BAY - GOULAIS BAY

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		Aggregate extraction will be permitted in this area providing this activity does not conflict with other Ministry programs such as preservation and protection of critical fish spawning habitats and waterfowl habitat and staging areas.
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	On an experimental basis, permits may be issued for the commercial harvest of non-game fish species at specific times, and at the direction of the District Manager, in accordance with fisheries management principles. Commercial fishing is also restricted within 1,000 metres of rivers and streams.
Cottaging		x	
Crown Land Recreation	x		All water-related Crown recreation will be promoted and encouraged in this area.
Forestry		x	
Hunting	x		
Provincial Parks		x	

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Roads		x	
Rural Residential		x	
Sport Fishing	x		<p>The area will be managed to provide a quality sport fishing experience. Hatchery stocking will continue until such time as the rehabilitation of the lake trout population is considered successful. Specific management techniques will be addressed in the <i>Lake Superior Fisheries Tactical Plan</i>. Angling will be promoted in the area. The Ministry will encourage the establishment of new access to the area as well as the improvement of existing access.</p> <p><u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u></p>
Tourism	x		All related tourist facilities on private land will be supported provided they do not conflict with achievement of Ministry programs.
Trapping	x		
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development		x	

11. LAKE SUPERIOR SPORT FISHERIES AREA

a. Area Description

The area consists of the waters and lake bottom of Lake Superior, near the mouth of the Michipicoten River between Perkwakwia Point and Smokey Point, and within an area of approximately a 3 kilometre radius from the mouth of the Montreal River. This designated area is between unnamed headlands northeast and southwest of Montreal River Harbour, bearings from these points to the southwest corner of Montreal Island, and a line between the mouth of the Agawa River and Theano Point. A portion of this area extends into the Wawa District (see map 3, area 9, *Wawa District Land Use Guidelines*). These areas contain significant spawning streams of Lake Superior rainbow, brown and lake trout and coho, chinook and pink salmon. They are popular angling destinations. Fisheries management and waterfowl hunting also occur.

b. Land Use Intent

The area will be managed primarily to maintain and enhance fish habitat to ensure the provision of commercial and sport fish stocks. Within this area fishing activity would be restricted to recreational sport fish harvesting. Disturbance of important fish habitat through dredging, filling, etc., will not be permitted. Islands and lands under the water of this area have been withdrawn from staking.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 11 - LAKE SUPERIOR SPORT FISHERIES AREA

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction		x	
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing		x	
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging		x	
Crown Land Recreation	x		
Forestry		x	
Hunting	x		
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads		x	
Rural Residential		x	
Sport Fishing	x		This area will be managed to provide a quality sport fishing experience. Hatchery stocking will continue until such time as the rehabilitation of the lake trout population is considered successful. Specific management techniques will be addressed on the <i>Lake Superior Fisheries Tactical Plan</i> . Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Tourism	x		All new proposals or proposals for the expansion of existing tourism facilities will be supported providing they do not conflict with Ministry programs.
Trapping		x	
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting		x	
Urban Development		x	

12. AGAWA BAY RECREATIONAL FISHING AREA

a. Area Description

The area consists of the waters and lake bottom of Lake Superior in Agawa Bay bounded by the coastline of Lake Superior and a line extending from Sinclair Island and Theano Point, exclusive of the Montreal River mouth of area 11, LAKE SUPERIOR SPORT FISHERIES. A portion of this area extends into the Wawa District (see area 10, *Wawa District Land Use Guidelines*).

Intensive sport fishing occurs in parts of the bay and a sport fishery is developing in the Agawa Islands area. Commercial fishing also occurs in the bay. The adjacent land area supports intensive recreational use during the summer months.

b. Land Use Intent

The area will be managed primarily for the development and maintenance of a high quality sport fishery. Regulations and conditions will be developed and management techniques employed, as determined necessary to develop an expanded sport fishery (i.e. stocking, commercial fishing gear restrictions or prohibition of commercial fishing). Commercial fishing will be permitted unless determined to be detrimental to the existence of a high quality sport fishery.

All activities in the area will take into consideration the 1 known spawning area. The specific location can be found in a compendium at the District office.

Lands under the water of this area have been withdrawn from staking.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 12 - AGAWA BAY RECREATIONAL FISHING AREA

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction		x	
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing	x		Except within a 1,000 metre radius of the mouth of every stream entering Lake Superior, commercial fishing may be prohibited if it is determined to be detrimental to the maintenance of a high quality sport fishery.
Cottaging		x	
Crown Land Recreation	x		
Forestry		x	
Hunting	x		
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads		x	
Rural Residential		x	
Sport Fishing	x		The area will be managed to provide a high quality sport fishing experience. Hatchery stocking will continue until such time as rehabilitation of the lake trout population is

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
			considered successful. Specific management techniques will be addressed in <i>Lake Superior Fisheries Tactical Plan</i> . <u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u>
Tourism	x		All new proposals or proposals for the expansion of existing tourism facilities will be supported providing they do not conflict with Ministry programs.
Trapping		x	
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting		x	
Urban Development		x	

13. INDIAN RESERVES

a. Area Description

There are 4 areas of Indian Reserves in the District known as Garden River, Rankin Location, Goulais Bay, and Batchawana Bay Indian Reserves. All of these lands are controlled by 2 Indian Bands: Garden River and Batchawana.

Garden River Indian Reserve is generally located between the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Echo Bay. A number of lakes exist on the reserve with the Garden River bisecting it.

Rankin Location Indian Reserve is located immediately west of Garden River Reserve. The other two locations are situated on the shore of Lake Superior.

b. Land Use Intent

The Indian Reserves that compose this area are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and are administered locally by their respective Band Councils. The area land use is beyond the control of the Ministry of Natural Resources and has not been included in the Ministry's resource management objectives and production targets evaluation.

At the request of the Federal Government or Indian Band, the Ministry will provide assistance in resource management where it is feasible and appropriate.

By agreement with the Federal Government, the Ministry of Natural Resources is responsible for forest fire management on these Indian Reserves. The Ministry will encourage, wherever possible, land uses which are compatible with adjacent areas.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 13 - INDIAN RESERVES

At the request of the Federal Government or Indian Band Council, the Ministry will provide assistance in resource management where it is feasible and appropriate to do so. It is hoped that future development will be compatible with the intent for the area adjacent to the reserve.

14. DEER YARDING AREAS

a. Area Description

The yarding areas for the deer population of Sault Ste. Marie District are situated, for the most part, in the southeast portion of the District as well as throughout St. Joseph Island. One area is found within the limits of the City of Sault Ste. Marie. These yarding areas are of varying sizes. They are extremely important for deer as they provide shelter, food and open areas for travel.

b. Land Use Intent

The Ministry will manage Crown lands and attempt to influence the use of private lands in a manner that will benefit deer populations. Forest management practices will play a large part in maintaining or improving the habitat.

In core areas, land disposition may be controlled to ensure that deer management is not jeopardized. The existing land uses in the area will be maintained but new developments will be encouraged only where the impact on deer populations will be minimal or beneficial (i.e. habitat improvement involving forestry activities).

The Ministry will retain for public use, at least the present area, on Crown islands and Crown shorelines of the Great Lakes (excluding the 20-metre reserve and road allowance).

The Ministry will encourage the preservation of important fisheries habitat, including Echo River, Bar River, Thessalon River, Gawas and Milford Haven Creeks. Rock, Gordon, Ottetail and Desbarats Lakes also require special management and protection from deterioration and destruction of the fisheries (spawning) and waterfowl habitat.

There is 1 lake trout lake in this area (McCarrely). The specific guidelines found under the access roads, MMA and lake trout policies will apply to this lake.

All activities in the area will take into consideration the 10 known nesting sites, 1 sensitive wildlife habitat and 1 historical site. The specific locations can be found in a compendium at the District office. On-shore mining developments may expand underground, outward under the Great Lakes, subject to existing international agreements.

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 14 - DEER YARDING AREAS

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		Aggregate extraction will be permitted in this area providing this activity does not conflict with other Ministry programs such as preservation and protection of fisheries, waterfowl and deer habitat.
Agriculture	x		The Ministry will only encourage agricultural activities which complement deer yard management efforts. All applications for Crown land for agricultural purposes will be evaluated with this in mind.
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging		x	No Crown cottaging will be provided due to the lack of Crown land availability. The Ministry will support cottage development on private land unless it adversely affects fisheries, waterfowl and deer habitat.

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Crown Land Recreation	x		In conjunction with municipalities and local planning boards, the Ministry will encourage the development of swimming opportunities on suitable lakes found in this area.
Forestry	x		Operating and annual plans will contain specific guidelines for the protection of important fish and wildlife habitat and aesthetics. The guidelines will be most applicable for the protection of important food and cover areas essential to wintering deer populations. Regeneration of browse through forest management activities will be encouraged.
Hunting	x		Hunting will be permitted except in garbage dumps established on Crown land. The Ministry will also encourage the municipalities to prohibit hunting at municipal garbage dumps.
Mining	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of deer yarding areas.
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads	x		New roads will be evaluated for their potential impact on deer habitat.
Rural Residential	x		Development proposals will be reviewed and mitigating solutions will be proposed to ensure that no serious conflicts occur between Ministry's management efforts. Where conflicts are anticipated, the Ministry will consult with the developer to arrive at mutually acceptable solutions. In proven deer yard areas the Ministry will actively discourage non-compatible development.
Sport Fishing	x		The Ministry will promote angling opportunities on the Thessalon River, and on Rock, Gordon, Round and Desbarats Lakes to the sustained yield capabilities of these bodies of water. <u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u>
Tourism	x		New developments on private land will be considered where conflicts with deer management is minimal. Disposition of Crown land for new facilities will not be generally considered.
Trapping	x		Ongoing activity will continue, and efforts will be made to increase the harvest to the existing quotas.
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development		x	

15. WATERFOWL AREAS

a. Area Description

The significant waterfowl habitat areas exist in 4 locations in the Great Lakes and around the shoreline of a number of smaller inland lakes. In Lake Superior, the significant habitats are located at the eastern end of Batchawana Island and around the mouth of the Goulais River. In Lake Huron, 3 locations also exist; the shoreline of Lake George from Echo Bay to East Neebish Island, along the Southwest shoreline of St. Joseph Island and Portlock Marsh. Two locations in the St. Marys River are also important: Little Lake George and part of the shoreline of Squirrel Island. The designated inland lakes include Gibboney, Ottertail, Gordon, Desbarats, Grey Duck, Bocage, Walls, Madill and Round Lakes. The designated inland sites are Bar River Flats, Desbarats River Delta, St. Joseph Township and Court and Richardson Points. All of the above wetland areas are important for waterfowl as staging areas and/or as a stop-over area during migration periods.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent in the waterfowl areas is one of protection. The District will not develop such designated areas located on Crown land. On private land, the District will actively discourage development that will have a negative impact on waterfowl populations. If development is to occur, mitigating measures that will minimize the impact will be proposed.

The District will protect the waterfowl areas to minimize external disruptions. These disruptions can be physical, such as aquatic vegetation removal, or qualitative, such as high noise levels from residential subdivisions. Development will be discouraged in these areas.

All activities will take into consideration the 6 known nesting sites. The specific locations can be found in a compendium at the District office.

No disposition of Crown land will be permitted in this area.

Islands and lands under the waters of Lakes Superior, Huron and the connecting channels have been withdrawn from staking.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 15 - WATERFOWL AREAS

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction		x	
Agriculture		x	
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging		x	On private land, the guidelines for rural residential uses will apply.
Crown Land Recreation	x		
Forestry		x	
Hunting	x		

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Mining	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of the essential elements of the waterfowl habitat (i.e. aquatic vegetation, water quality).
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads		x	
Rural Residential	x		The District will discourage development in or around areas where it would have a negative impact on waterfowl populations. When development is to occur, mitigating guidelines will be proposed (i.e. buffer zone between development and shorelines, no removal of aquatic vegetation).
Sport Fishing	x		<u>Sport fishing opportunities will be promoted with some localized restrictions applied where necessary, as indicated in the approved District Fisheries Management Plan. [SSM #89-0002]</u>
Tourism		x	
Trapping	x		
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development		x	

16. AGGREGATE AREAS

a. Area Description

Significant and critical aggregate areas are found in the southern portion of the District. Deposits are located in Prince, Korah, Tarentorus, Macdonald, Tarbutt, Laird, Tarbutt Additional, and Jocelyn Townships. There is also a significant deposit located offshore of Gros Cap in Lake Superior.

b. Land Use Intent

The land use intent is to manage these areas for existing and potential aggregate production. Uses that do not permanently alienate these aggregate deposits from production are considered permissible. Other activities may occur in a sequential manner after extraction and rehabilitation have been completed (i.e. rural residential developments), or aggregate production may occur sequentially after another short-term land use (i.e. forest cropping) has been completed.

Disposition of Crown land for uses which do not conform with management intents for these areas will be discouraged. Compatible long-term activities on private lands will be encouraged.

All activities in the area will take into consideration the 1 known nesting site. The specific location can be found in a compendium at the District office.

The District will ensure that aggregate production occurs in a fashion that critical spawning and fisheries habitat are not permanently adversely affected.

Non-aggregate related industrial developments will be discouraged until aggregate removal is complete.

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 16 - AGGREGATE AREAS

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		Conditions of aggregate removal are subject to a variety of Acts and controls including the <i>Pits and Quarries Control Act</i> , the <i>Beach Protection Act</i> , the <i>Mining Act</i> and zoning by-laws. Aggregate production should occur in such a fashion so that critical spawning and habitat management areas are not adversely affected in a permanent manner. The Ministry will encourage better management practices in the rehabilitation of exhausted pits.
Agriculture	x		This use should be permitted to continue until an aggregate reserve is required for production. Topsoil should be stored so that after aggregate removal is completed, rehabilitation can occur and agriculture activities may resume.
Bait Fishing		x	
Commercial Fishing	x		
Cottaging		x	
Crown Land Recreation	x		
Forestry	x		Forest management activity will consider that aggregate may be required in the short-term. Long-term forestry commitments should not occur unless aggregate removal is completed.
Hunting	x		

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Mining	x		
Provincial Parks		x	
Roads	x		
Rural Residential		x	
Sport Fishing	x		
Tourism	x		
Trapping	x		
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting		x	
Urban Development		x	

17. PROVINCIAL PARKS

a. Area Description

There are 3 existing provincial parks in the District (i.e. Montreal River, nature reserve; Pancake Bay, recreation park; Batchawana Bay, recreation park). All parks are found along the shoreline of Lake Superior. Pancake Bay Provincial Park is managed as a recreation park, comprised of a large beach area with a campground and day-use area. Batchawana Bay Provincial Park contains an extensive beach that is managed as a day-use area. The nature reserve park at Montreal River contains a series of raised gravel beaches, representing a distinctive natural landform being preserved for educational purposes.

b. Land Use Intent

The intent is to manage these areas as provincial parks in accordance with approved policies and Ministry guidelines.

c. Land Use Activity For Area No. 17 PROVINCIAL PARKS

The uses to be permitted will be in accordance with the approved policies and Ministry guidelines.

18. ST. JOSEPH ISLAND

a. Area Description

This area is comprised roughly of the central area of St. Joseph Island, excluding the critical areas for aggregate extraction, agriculture and deer yarding areas. The primary land use presently occurring in this area is agriculture. Other land uses include recreation and resource production. The great majority of these lands are under private ownership.

b. Land Use Intent

The general land use intent in this area is agriculture and resource production. Other land use activities will be permitted with the exception of Crown cottaging. The Ministry will encourage, through the municipal and local planning boards, the maintenance of good agricultural lands. All Crown land development and uses will attempt to conform to the approved official plan and zoning by-law. The Ministry will recognize an MOE sampling station in Jocelyn Township. The Ministry will also recognize the significance of the National Park (Old Fort St. Joseph) located in this area as well as the bird sanctuary within this park. The Ministry will encourage the preservation of the important spawning habitats of Milford Haven and Gawas Creeks. Activities in the area will take into consideration the 4 known nesting sites and 1 historical site. The specific locations can be found in a compendium at the District office. The District will protect the important water fowl areas adjacent to St. Joseph Island to minimize external disruptions. These disruptions can be physical, such as aquatic vegetation removal, or qualitative, such as high noise levels from residential subdivisions. Development will be discouraged in these areas. On-shore mining developments may expand underground, outward under the Great Lakes, subject to existing international agreements.

Development proposals and dispositions, including water lots, on the Great Lakes shoreline will be reviewed for conformity with the District's Shoreline Management Plan. [SSM #91-0004]

c. Land Use Activity for Area No. 18 - ST. JOSEPH ISLAND

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Aggregate Extraction	x		Aggregate extraction will be permitted in this area providing this activity does not conflict with other Ministry programs such as preservation and protection of critical fish spawning habitat and waterfowl habitat and staging areas.
Agriculture	x		The Ministry will support and encourage the maintenance of good agricultural land.
Bait Fishing	x		
Commercial Fishing		x	
Cottaging		x	The demand for cottaging within this area will be filled through private land development.
Crown Land Recreation	x		
Forestry	x		Forest management will be encouraged. The Ministry will cooperate with private landowners in the implementation of guidelines required for the protection and maintenance of deer yarding areas, aimed mainly at protection of cover and food supply. Operating and annual plans will contain specific guidelines for the protection of tourism values, important fisheries habitat and aesthetics.
Hunting	x		
Mining	x		The Ministry will endeavour to influence exploration activities for the protection of important values. Mining operations will be permitted with consideration being given to the protection and maintenance of tourism, fish and wild life and waterfowl values.
Provincial Parks		x	

Activity	Acceptable		Guidelines
	Yes	No	
Roads	x		
Rural Residential	x		
Sport Fishing	x		
Tourism	x		All proposals for new or for expansion of existing tourism facilities will be supported providing they do not conflict with Ministry programs.
Trapping	x		Ongoing activity will continue and efforts will be made to increase the harvest to the existing quota.
Wildlife Viewing	x		
Wild Rice Harvesting	x		
Urban Development	x		

District Land Use Guideline Codes with Associated Crown Land Use Atlas ID's

District Land Use Guideline ID's

ATx = Atikoken DLUG Area 'x'
BAx = Bancroft DLUG Area 'x'
BBx = Bracebridge DLUG Area 'x'
BRx = Blind River DLUG Area 'x'
CHx = Chapleau DLUG Area 'x'
COx = Cochrane DLUG Area 'x'
CPx = Carleton Place DLUG Area 'x'
DRx = Dryden DLUG Area 'x'
ESx = Espanola DLUG Area 'x'
FFx = Fort Frances DLUG Area 'x'
GOx = Gogama DLUG Area 'x'
HEx = Hearst DLUG Area 'x'
HUx = Huronia DLUG Area 'x'
IGx = Ignace DLUG Area 'x'
KAx = Kapuskasing DLUG Area 'x'

KEx = Kenora DLUG Area 'x'
KLx = Kirkland Lake DLUG Area 'x'
MDx = Minden DLUG Area 'x'
NBx = North Bay DLUG Area 'x'
Nlx = Nipigon DLUG Area 'x'
PEx = Pembroke DLUG Area 'x'
PSx = Parry Sound DLUG Area 'x'
SMx = Sault Ste. Marie DLUG Area 'x'
SBx = Sudbury DLUG Area 'x'
TBx = Thunder Bay DLUG Area 'x'
TEx = Terrace Bay DLUG Area 'x'
TMx = Timmins DLUG Area 'x'
TWx = Tweed DLUG Area 'x'
WWx = Wawa DLUG Area 'x'

DLUG ID

Atlas ID

SM1: E39g-7, G1898
SM10: E39g-7, G1899
SM13: E39g-7
SM14: C258, G1901, W1
SM15: E39g-7, G1902
SM17: E39g-7
SM2: C286, C289, C291, E39g-7, G1905
SM3: E290N, E39g-7, G1906
SM4: E39g-7, G1907
SM5: C281, C284, C294, C298, E280n, E283N, E39g-7, F278, G1908, P278
SM6: C245, C246, C248, C262, C263, F273, G1909, P253, P273
SM7: C307, E39g-7, G1910, P242, P285
SM8: E39g-7, G1911
SM9: E39g-7, G1912

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Atlas ID:	DLUG ID:
C245:	SM6
C246:	SM6
C248:	SM6
C258:	SM14
C262:	SM6
C263:	SM6
C281:	SM5
C284:	SM5
C286:	SM2
C289:	SM2
C291:	SM2
C294:	SM5
C298:	SM5
C307:	SM7
E280n:	SM5
E283N:	SM5
E290N:	SM3
E39g-7:	BR1, BR2, BR6, BR7, BR9, SM1, SM10, SM13, SM15, SM17, SM2, SM3, SM4, SM5, SM7, SM8, SM9
F273:	SM6
F278:	SM5
G1898:	SM1
G1899:	SM10
G1901:	SM14
G1902:	SM15
G1905:	SM2
G1906:	SM3
G1907:	SM4
G1908:	SM5
G1909:	SM6
G1910:	SM7
G1911:	SM8
G1912:	SM9
P242:	ES8, SM7
P253:	SM6
P273:	SM6
P278:	SM5
P285:	SM7
W1:	SM14