

# Manitoba Clean Environment Commission: Norway House Fisherman's Cooperative Inc.

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# Norway House Fisherman's Co-op Panel

## ▶ 1. Langford Saunders

- ▶ President of the Norway House Fisherman's Cooperative Ltd.
- ▶ Commercial fisherman for more than 18 years
- ▶ Previously a Councillor for Norway House Cree Nation for 7 years
- ▶ Current member of the Lake Winnipeg Fishery Co-Management Board

## ▶ 2. Leslie Apetagon

- ▶ Member of the Six Elders of Chief and Council in the Norway House Cree Nation
- ▶ Commercial fisherman for more than 33 years and lifelong fisher in Playgreen Lake

# I. Commercial Fishing in Playgreen Lake and Lake Winnipeg

- ▶ 1. Displacement of fish spawning grounds and increased costs to meet quota
- ▶ 2. Shoreline erosion
- ▶ 3. Debris and sediment damage to fishing equipment
- ▶ 4. Decrease in the amount of sturgeon

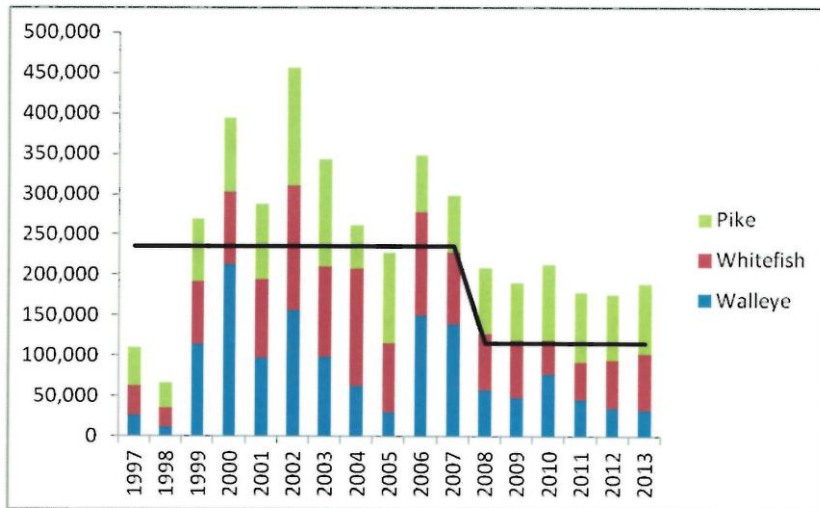
# II. The commercial fishery impact on the community

# III. Communication and Consultation

# I. Commercial Fishing in Playgreen Lake and Lake Winnipeg

## 1. Displacement of Fish

**Playgreen Lake Annual Commercial Production**  
(kilograms round weight)



Source: Fisheries Branch Management Plan:  
Playgreen Lake



Source: Google Earth

## 2. Shoreline Erosion and Shoreline Stabilization Projects



[Above] Source: NHCN Shoreline Stabilization Project (Phase 2) Report

March 15, 2012

[Below] Source: NHCN Shoreline Stabilization Project (Phase 1) Report

Feb 14, 2012



### 3. Debris and Sediment Damage to Equipment

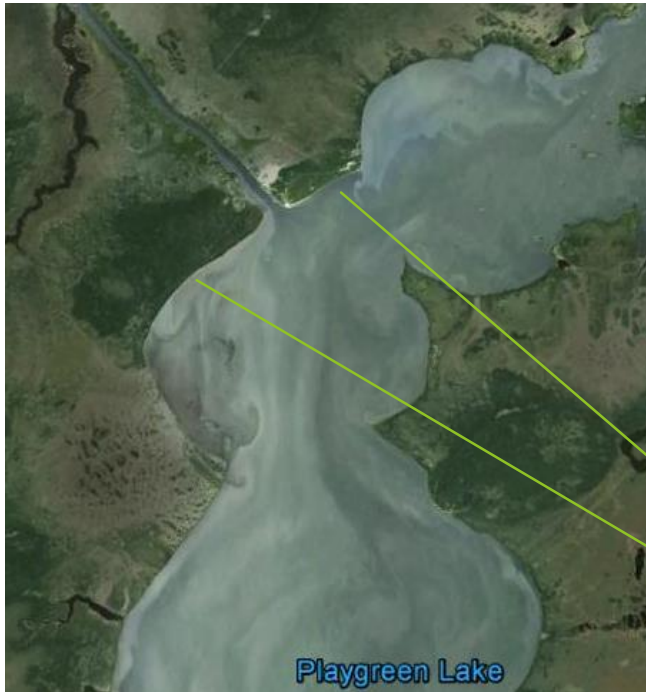
Source: NHFC

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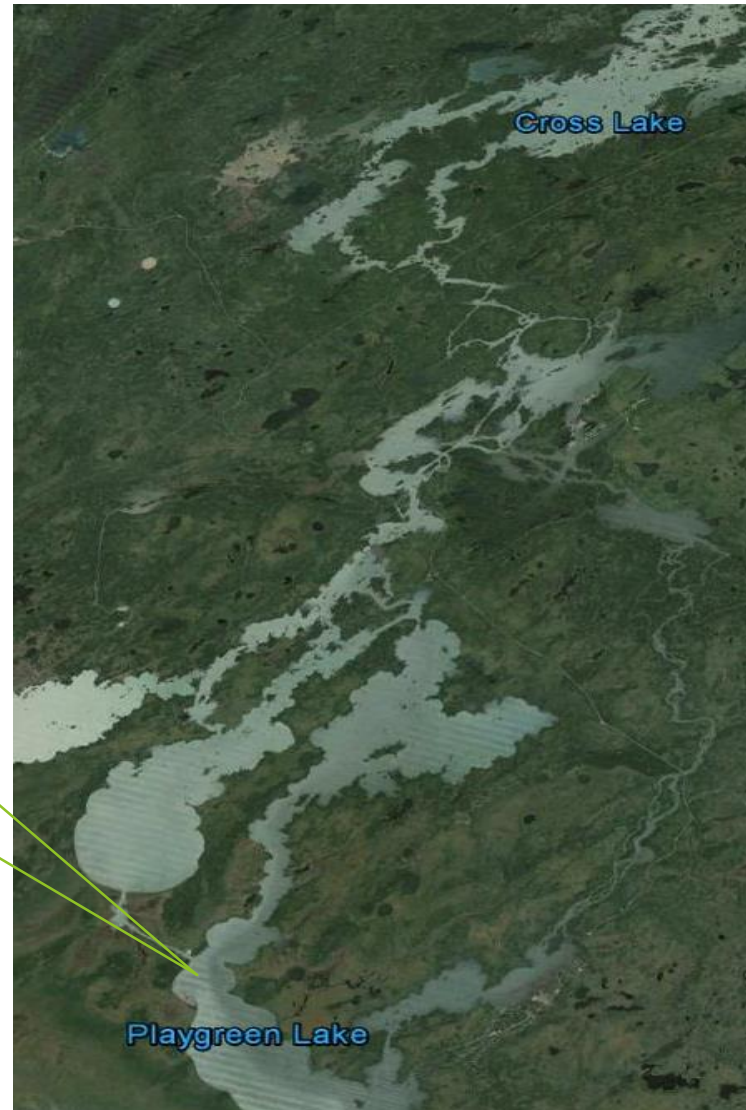
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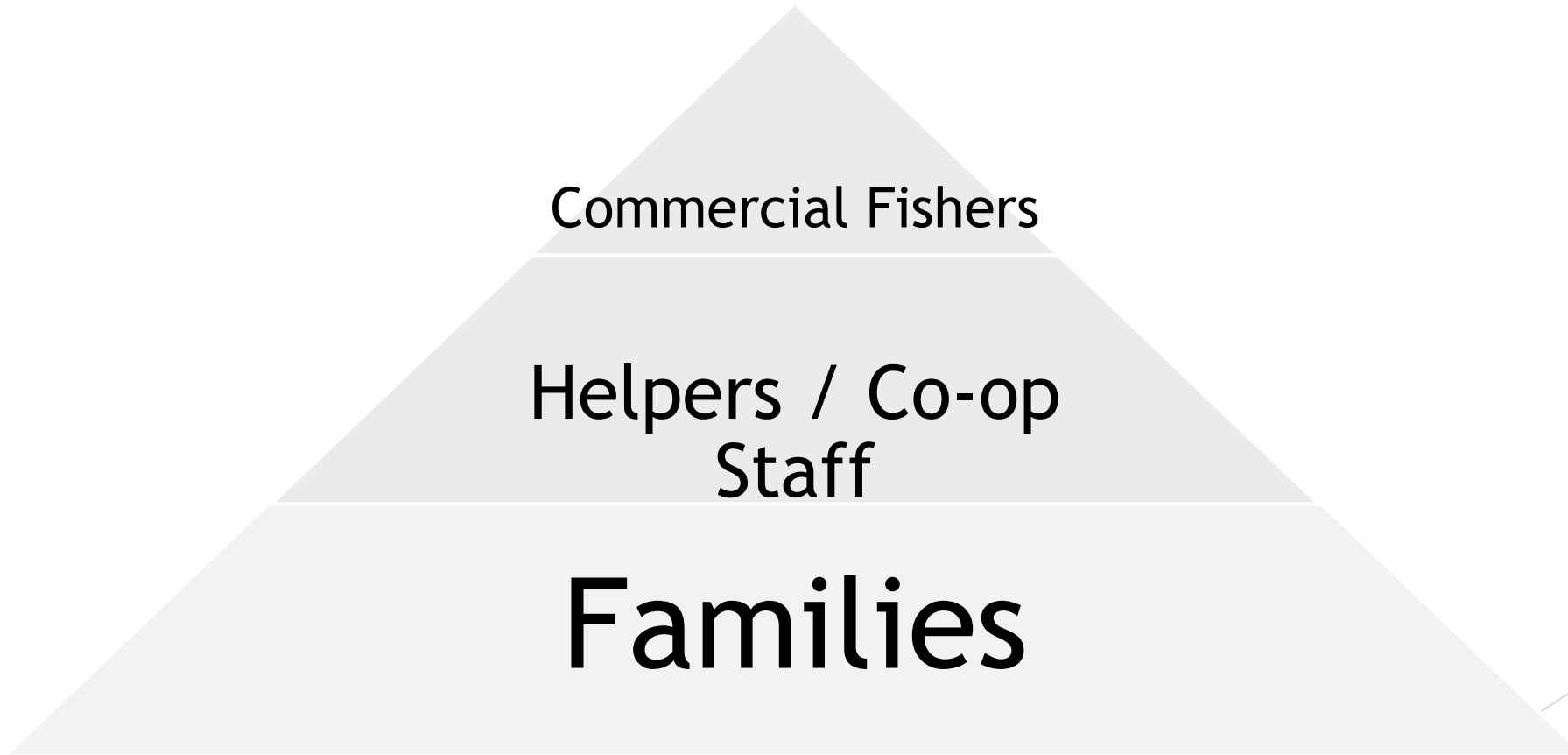
## 4. Loss of Sturgeon



Source: Google Earth



## II. The Commercial Fishery and the Impact on the Community





### III. Communication and Consultation

NHFC has been in communication with Manitoba Hydro since 2012 and has benefitted from some programming in order to address adverse impacts of LWR.

- ▶ Norway House Master Implementation Agreement, Schedule 1.3 - Trust Indenture
- ▶ (NHFC is not a party to this Agreement)
- ▶ 14.4 - Recognition of Community Organization as Commercial Fishing Association
- ▶ “Chief and Council shall recognize, from time to time as required, a Community Organization which meets the criteria to be the Commercial Fishing Association. At the Date of the Agreement, Chief and Council has recognized the Norway House Fishermen's Co-op Ltd. as the Commercial Fishing Association.”

# Lake Winnipeg Regulation and the Historical and Cultural Significance of Fishing

- ▶ Personal history of fishing in the community and commercially
- ▶ The impact of Two-Mile Channel and Eight-Mile Channel on Playgreen Lake
- ▶ Traditional fishing areas and the importance of fishing to the community
- ▶ The need to travel to new fishing areas
- ▶ Change in the quality of water and the type of fish
- ▶ Changes in the landscape
- ▶ Impact in the community resulting from changes in the commercial fishery