I have had the opportunity to read the Zone 15 plan for the fisheries and have considerable concerns.

Major plans usually are preceded with an environmental scan which includes stakeholder and needs analysis for the plan. These steps appear to be missing. Also missing are the budget implications and or availability to fund the actions.

I could not help but notice there are no measurables in the plan for monitoring program or progress. Who and what , where, when appear to be non applicable.

A major element of the M.N.R.F. is the specie at risk and or endangered, there is no action plan for these elements.

The watershed specifics are missing in the plan as are the specific lakes, rivers and streams to be actioned. The shot gun approach seems loosey goosey.

The measurables of success of the programs are not mentioned.

Volunteer contributions to the success of MNRF are legendary, yet there is no mention of any liason etc. with volunteers.

Educational programs funded by volunteers have been a remarkable success yet are not part of any planning process or action. Are these highly productive programs being cancelled? It would be a shame.

Successful walleye community hatchery programs are doomed in zone 15. Volunteer efforts of over ¼ of a century are being dropped to what end. The most popular specie, walleye, of the zone is found to be wanting and yet to flounder on its own. Better liason with community groups and efforts should be explored and utilized in the plan.

Planning biologists with the ministry should be applauded for their efforts in the evolution of this planning effort. More work needs to be done in the measurements of work versus results versus costing.