

Media Advisory

BARC REPORT RECOMMENDS CLOSING INFORMATION GAPS TO HELP MEET HARBOUR DELISTING OBJECTIVES

HAMILTON – The Bay Area Restoration Council is poised to release the final report in a four-part series which seeks to ensure Hamilton Harbour will have all of the data needed to be delisted as an Area of Concern by the year 2015.

Toward Safe Harbours: Progress Toward Delisting – Toxic Substances and Sediment Remediation will be released at BARC's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at the Canada Marine Discovery Centre. The document contains eight recommendations prepared by BARC's Monitoring Committee that, if followed, will ensure that researchers gather the necessary data and observe the correct indicators to present to the International Joint Commission in 2015.

The recommendations make note of areas in which more clarity is required, particularly those related to restrictions on dredging. The report also calls for ongoing funding to sustain research and monitoring programs essential to gathering data for delisting.

This report was prepared by a group of community volunteers and aided by technical advisors, who make up the Bay Area Restoration Council Monitoring Committee. To obtain the full report, and to interview scientists and members of the writing team, join us for the report release:

REPORT RELEASE

WHEN: Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 7:00 pm, as part of BARC's Annual General Meeting

WHERE: Canada Marine Discovery Centre (Pier 8), 57 Guise St., Hamilton

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