



Media Advisory

BARC REPORTS THAT FISH & WILDLIFE MONITORING WILL PROVE A CLEAN HARBOUR

HAMILTON – In a report to be released this month, the Bay Area Restoration Council has found that scientists will be able to fully evaluate fish and wildlife progress when it comes time to prove to the International Joint Commission that the Hamilton Harbour is restored (target date approx. 2015). However, this can only be done if current programs continue.

This conclusion in the **Toward Safe Harbours: Progress Toward Delisting – Fish & Wildlife** is important because it means that researchers have been observing the correct indicators – something that was unknown until now.

“We thought that the right parameters were being measured and tracked,” said Andrew Sebestyen, BARC Board member and one of the report authors, “This report has confirmed that we have a very good picture of how Harbour fish and wildlife are doing. There is some room for enhancements, but if this keeps up, we’re confident that we’ll have enough information to prove that a significant component of Harbour restoration has been achieved.”

This report is NOT a government report – it was prepared by a group of community volunteers and aided by technical advisors, who make up the BARC Monitoring Committee. With a community-based approach, the Committee assessed the cleanup process by compiling information from key agencies, including federal and provincial governments, the RBG and McMaster University.

To obtain the full report, and to interview scientists and members of the writing team, join us for the report release:

REPORT RELEASE

WHEN: Saturday, September 25th, 1:30 p.m., as part of BARC’s *Nature Discovery Day*

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

WHO: Andrew Sebestyen, BARC Monitoring Committee Chair
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Other scientists and members of the writing team – TBA

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