

USE OF ICE FISHING SHELTERS

INFORMATION SHEET

Ice fishing provides enjoyment for many New Brunswickers on lakes and rivers throughout the province, and the shelters used by those who fish are clearly a part of this popular winter pastime. This information sheet is a reminder of your responsibilities in protecting our environment.

Experience has shown that waste resulting from carelessness, or from failure to remove shelters before spring break-up, represents a risk to aquatic life and to those who use beaches and other recreational areas in later seasons.

Under New Brunswick's **CLEAN ENVIRONMENT ACT**, all owners of ice fishing shacks **MUST COMPLY** with the following regulations:

- All owners must post their name and address predominantly on the outside of their shelters.
- All shelters must be mounted on skids to allow for easy removal.
- For security reasons and to protect the environment, all shelters and their contents must be removed before the spring thaw period.
- All waste must be disposed of properly on land.

Inspectors will be visiting ice fishing communities throughout the province on a regular basis to ensure these requirements are met. The Minister of Environment and Local Government has the authority to recommend removal of shelters which are not in compliance with these regulations, and the inspectors are empowered to gather information for possible prosecution under the **Clean Environment Act**.

Your co-operation with these requirements will help ensure that all New Brunswickers can enjoy our waters fully and safely.