

Prince Edward County council supports OFAH's call for cormorant control

The OFAH, in partnership with the Ontario Commercial Fisheries' Association (OCFA), is gaining momentum in our pursuit of better cormorant control in Ontario. Cormorant populations remain high and continue to spread inland, stripping island ecosystems, de-valuing property and depleting natural resources. In August, the OFAH and OCFA visited Prince Edward County and presented a management proposal to council. "It's time that we address cormorant overpopulation with practical solutions, like removing the unnecessary provincial protection of cormorants," says Matt



DeMille, OFAH manager of fish and wildlife services. "Harmful cormorant populations need to be controlled using all available tools. That includes culling, egg oiling, nest removal and changes to legislation."

Soon after DeMille's presentation, Prince Edward County council adopted a motion to support the call for better control.

The motion read: **THAT Council support the request of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Ontario Commercial Fisheries' Association by petitioning the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to remove the unnecessary protection of double-crested cormorants under the Fish and**

Wildlife Conservation Act by adding cormorants to the list of species under section 5 (2)(1) that includes American crows, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird and starling, and use all possible tools to control harmful cormorant populations, including culling, egg oiling and nest removal; and THAT a copy of this motion of support be provided to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Ontario Commercial Fisheries' Association.

The OFAH and OCFA will continue presenting to other town councils and committees to gain support for active control.

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