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## NEWS RELEASE

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Thessalon First Nation

### WETLAND TURTLE AND AMPHIBIAN SURVEY

The Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC), in partnership with Thessalon First Nation, will be conducting a Wetland Turtle and Amphibian Survey on a wetland within Thessalon First Nation. The project will begin with an Amphibian Survey to take place on April 10; May 10; and June 15, 2017. The project will also include a Basking Survey from May 1 - September 30, 2017.



Basking Surveys take place during the summer months (May—September) when turtles are active. Basking areas will be identified

and monitored periodically during ideal weather conditions to count and identify turtle species. Roadside surveys will also take place by vehicle.

Amphibian Surveys take place three times per year between April and July 5th, with a minimum of 15 days between surveys. Monitoring stations will be established, and a three-minute count and identification of calls will be completed at each station for each survey period.

The objective of this project is to inventory turtle and frog species within the Thessalon First Nation area.



There is concern within the community over the amount of human activity taking place surrounding a wetland system within Thessalon First Nation's territory.

This project is the first collaborative project between the A/OFRC and Thessalon First Nation.

The A/OFRC is a not-for-profit organization that serves as an independent source of information for communities within the Anishinabek Nation. The Centre provides information and recommendations for sustainable fisheries management, reports of stock status, evaluates stresses on fish populations and habitats, and offers technical support. The A/OFRC is currently undertaking discussions of expansion of the core mandate to include wildlife, wetlands, and other natural resource projects.

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