



## **Application of Different Resource Limits to Tourism**

### **Background**

The nature and outdoor tourism industry depends on natural resource quality for its existence and supports effective, science based management strategies to maintain and improve resource quality. However, NOTO maintains that any attempt to impose special restrictions on the tourism industry while not affecting other user groups is improper and in violation of policy, especially of the Resource Based Tourism Policy.

MNR, in some areas of the province, impose a “bed capacity” on outpost camps, for reasons of fisheries management, while imposing no special restrictions on resident users. Similarly, many MNR district offices restrict holders of Bear Management Areas to a maximum harvest of 1 bear per 50 sq. km. while imposing no restriction on resident hunting pressure.

### **Policy**

- Effective management that maintains and improves natural resource quality and sustainability is strongly supported by the tourism industry
- Resource Based Tourism is a legitimate natural resource industry recognized and supported by the Government of Ontario
- Bed capacities on outpost camps, 1 in 50 sq. km. BMA limits and other such measures that specifically target the tourism industry are unfair, detrimental to tourism investment and contrary to policy
- Natural resource management decisions must not impose special or more restrictive limits on the tourism industry
- Any burden of more aggressive management will be borne by all user groups, and all user groups are expected to benefit from the resulting improvement in resource quality

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