

Aquaculture

Protecting the waters of Georgian Bay & the North Channel



GBA Aquaculture Committee Members

Claudette Young (Chair) – South Channel board member

Non-board members:

Gerry Quinn – McGregor Bay

Jim Bolton

Bob Duncanson – Madawaska Club at Go Home Bay

Paul Hamblin – Sans Souci & Copperhead/South Channel

Accomplishments in 2018/19

LAKE WOLSEY

- Priority for committee is to get this facility closed – blue green algae outbreaks every year since 2015 and on 5 previous occasions
- Reviewed the ~22,000 pages of information received from MECP and MNRF from Freedom of Information requests
- Discussed the need to close this facility with MECP Minister Rod Phillips
- Included submission on Lake Wolsey for the meeting with senators in Ottawa





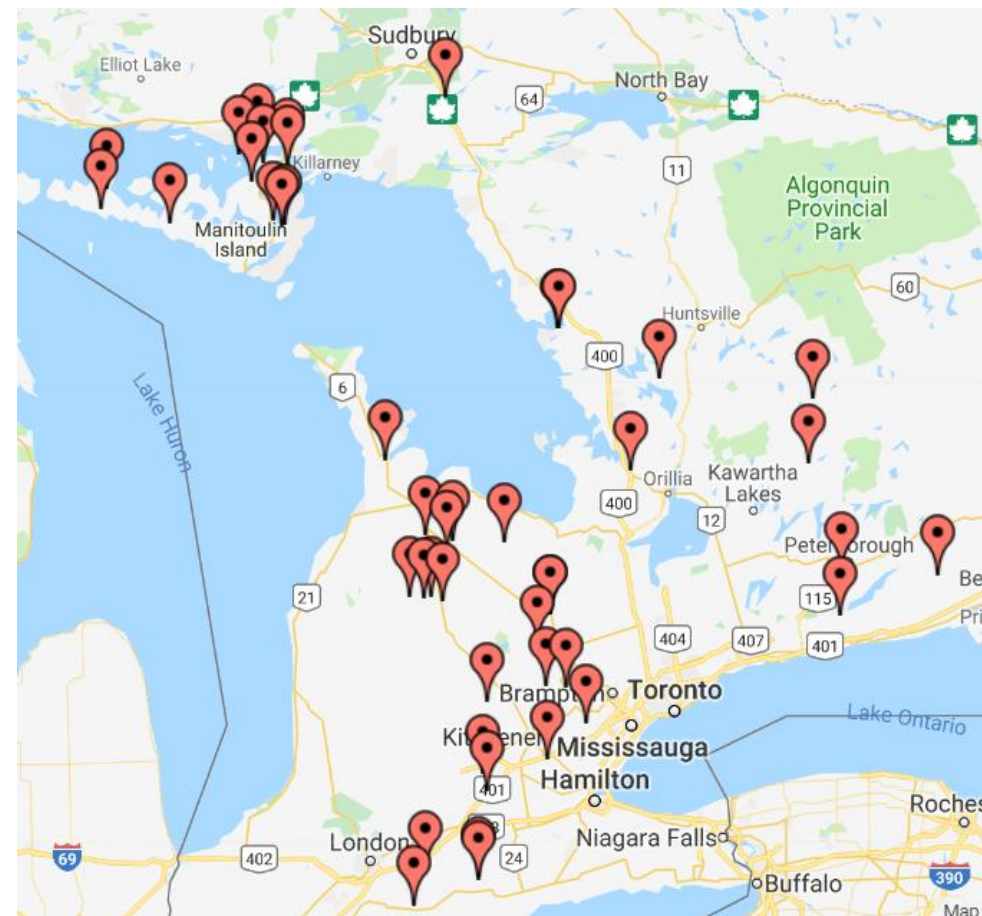
Accomplishments in 2018/19

- Aquaculture reorganized as a separate committee from Fisheries with revised mandate & updated strategy
- Priority is to persuade government to move (10) open net pen operations in to sustainable land-based facilities
- Met with Senators Griffin and Galvez and staff, including Senator Lankin staff, in Ottawa
- Made a submission to Senate Subcommittee on Bill C-68 to ask for witness status
- Sent a detailed submission to MECP Minister Phillips on the EA process for approvals and other concerns



Action Plan for 2019/20

- Continue to advocate to MECP and MNRF to get Lake Wolsey closed and get operations move on land
- Continue working with the Senate Subcommittee to provide input on Bill C-68
- Follow up with DFO, MECP & MNRF to advocate for changes to the regulation and approvals for the open net fish farms
- Provide a submission to DFO on the Aquaculture Act consultation process



Map of Ontario Aquaculture Association member operations