

**Matawin River
Provincial Nature Reserve**

**Interim Management
Statement**



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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

MATAWIN RIVER PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE

This revised Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of the above Provincial Nature Reserve until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement.



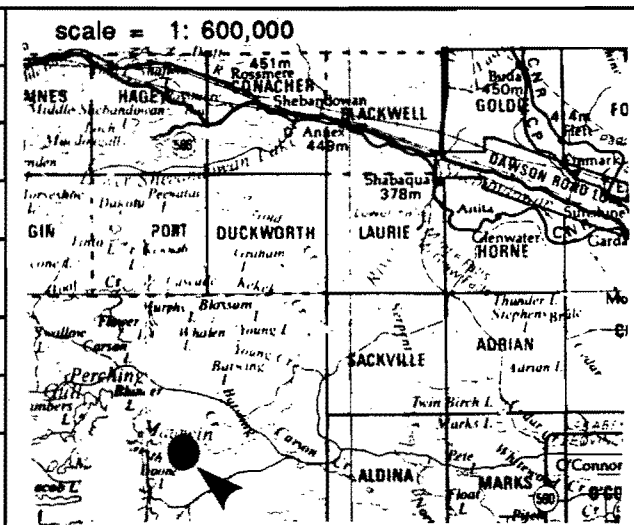
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Revised March 1991

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Date: 9.03.85

NAME:	Matawin River
CLASS:	Nature Reserve
M.N.R. DISTRICT:	Thunder Bay
M.N.R. REGION:	North Central
TOTAL AREA(ha): 2,615	LAND: WATER:
SITE REGION:	4W
SITE DISTRICT:	1
DATE IN REGULATION:	March 9, 1985



LIFE SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

TARGETS

site type/ landscape unit	species/communities
Weakly to moderately broken shallow silty sand till. Moderately broken terminal moraine. Weakly broken outwash plain.	Associated vegetation patterns - forested dunes - fluvial wetlands; deepwater marsh.

EARTH SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

geological theme	feature
Undetermined	

CULTURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATION

theme	theme segment
Unknown	

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

day use	car camping	wilderness/back country
N/A	N/A	N/A

INVENTORIES

level/type	reconnaissance/ completion date	detailed completion date	required?
life science	checksheet		detailed inventory
earth science			brief survey
cultural			
recreational			
other			

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PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

I LAND TENURE

All land within and adjacent to the Nature Reserve is Crown Land. There is no tenure granted for any land with the Nature Reserve.

Guideline:

Granting of tenure will not be considered for any land within the Nature Reserve, until a Management Plan has been completed.

II LAND ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION

There is no patented land within the Nature Reserve area.

Guideline:

No consideration will be given to acquiring additional land or disposing of land within the Nature Reserve until a Management Plan is completed.

III EXISTING/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

There is no existing or proposed development at the present time.

Guideline:

Development (excluding that related to public health and safety) will not be undertaken prior to the completion of a Management Plan.

The boundaries for this Nature Reserve will be surveyed and cut, and appropriate signage provided, if funding permits.

IV RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Matawin River is classified as a Provincial Nature Reserve. Therefore, the Nature Reserve was not established for recreational purposes.

Recreational activities that presently take place within the Nature Reserve area are canoeing, camping, hunting and sport fishing. Levels of use are low.

Guideline:

All of the above activities except hunting, will be allowed to continue. If unforeseen conflicts develop in the future between recreational uses, and resource protection, necessary restrictions will be implemented.

Hunting will not be permitted within the Nature Reserve.

Wildlife viewing will be permitted.

V COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Nature Reserve lies within the area of two traplines, and represents approximately 20% of trapline #89 and 15% of trapline #104. (The trapline data is on file in the Thunder Bay District Office.)

The Nature Reserve is situated within Canadian Pacific Forest Products' Dog River-Matawin Forest Management Agreement Area.

No other commercial activities presently exist.

Guideline:

Trapping will be phased out by January 1, 2010 or when the trapper retires or dies, whichever is sooner. At that time, those portions of the licences within the Nature Reserve will be removed. Where a trapper's licence lapses, the licence will not be renewed. No new licence will be issued.

VI NATURAL RESOURCES

The Nature Reserve has been established primarily to protect significant life science features.

Guideline:

Restrictions on recreational and commercial activities, as noted above, are expected to provide adequate protection to the earth and life science features. If any unforeseen threats to the preservation of these features arise, appropriate measures and/or restrictions will be implemented.

Normal forest fire suppression will take place within the Nature Reserve area.

Until appropriate measures are identified in a Management Plan, insects and diseases will be controlled as is deemed necessary.

VII CULTURAL RESOURCES

N/A

VIII CLIENT SERVICES

No literature is presently available.

Guideline:

Client services will not be provided until a Management Plan has been completed, except as required by legislation or M.N.R. Policy.

IX RESEARCH AND INVENTORIES

A life science checksheet has been completed for Matawin River Provincial Nature Reserve and is on file in the Thunder Bay District Office.

Guideline:

A detailed life science and a brief earth science survey will be completed prior to preparing a Management Plan.

Additional research inventories will be encouraged to further document Nature Reserve values. These may be carried out by M.N.R. or by outside interest groups/individuals. Any research must first be approved by the District Manager.

REFERENCES/SOURCES

O.M.N.R. (Unpublished Report) Life Science Inventory Checksheet.

O.M.N.R. 1983. Backgrounder Land Use Guidelines.

O.M.N.R. 1983. Thunder Bay District Land Use Guidelines.

PLAN OF
MATAWIN RIVER
PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE
IN THE
DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY



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