

Angler Fined \$1,500 For Obstructing Conservation Officers and Littering

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A Thunder Bay man pleaded guilty to charges of obstructing conservation officers and for littering.

Gary Letourneau was convicted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and fined \$1,000 for obstructing Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers. He was also convicted under the Public Lands Act and fined \$500 for littering on Crown land.

Court heard that on July 25, 2009, conservation officers contacted Letourneau at the Poshkokogan River boat launch in Nipigon District. When officers attempted to conduct a routine fisheries inspection, Letourneau made statements in an attempt to obstruct the officers and was subsequently arrested. Officers also discovered that Letourneau left his campsite in the area littered with beer cans and other garbage.

Justice of the Peace Marcel Donio heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Nipigon, on November 23, 2009.

The ministry reminds the public that it is illegal to deposit any material on Crown land or land fill sites without authority.

To report a natural resource violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).