

Fines For Attempting To Smuggle Live Bait Into Ontario

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Two Minnesota residents have been fined a total of \$1,300 after attempting to smuggle live bait into Ontario through the Canada Customs Entry Station on Sand Point Lake, Rainy River District.

Arthur Eggen, of Crane Lake, and Thomas Bergman, of North Oaks, were fined \$900 and \$400 respectively for bringing live minnows into Ontario for use as bait.

On May 17, 2009, Eggen, a fishing guide, was found to have approximately two dozen live minnows and Bergman approximately one dozen. The live bait was seized and later turned over to a Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer.

Justice of the Peace Pat Clysdale-Cornell heard the cases in the Ontario Court of Justice, Fort Frances, on January 29, 2010.

The ministry reminds anglers that it is illegal to transfer live fish or live spawn from one body of water to another without the authorization of the ministry. In addition, non-residents cannot trap minnows for bait.

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).