
Illegal Fishing on Muskoka River Nets Angler \$1,050 Fine

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A Barrie resident has been fined \$1,050 for possessing walleye illegally caught. Craig Pickering pleaded guilty to the charge under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Court heard that Pickering was fishing on the lower Muskoka River in the Town of Bracebridge on the first day of open season for walleye, June 16, 2009, when he was checked by conservation officers. Pickering was fishing without a valid licence and had caught and retained seven walleye. For a licensed angler, the limit is four walleye.

Justice of the Peace Susan Evans heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Huntsville, on November 6, 2009.

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