

Negotiations have gone on for 3 1/2 years with Ministry's conservation officers

By Dave Chmara

Negotiations have been going on for 3 1/2 years now between the Human Resources Secretariat and the provinces 235 conservation officers.

Gilles Pouliot, NDP M.P.P. for Lake Nipigon, said this, "illustrates the glaring inequities in the province's classification standards."

Classification of conservation officers, or the job title by which they are known, plays a direct role in the salary these individuals receive.

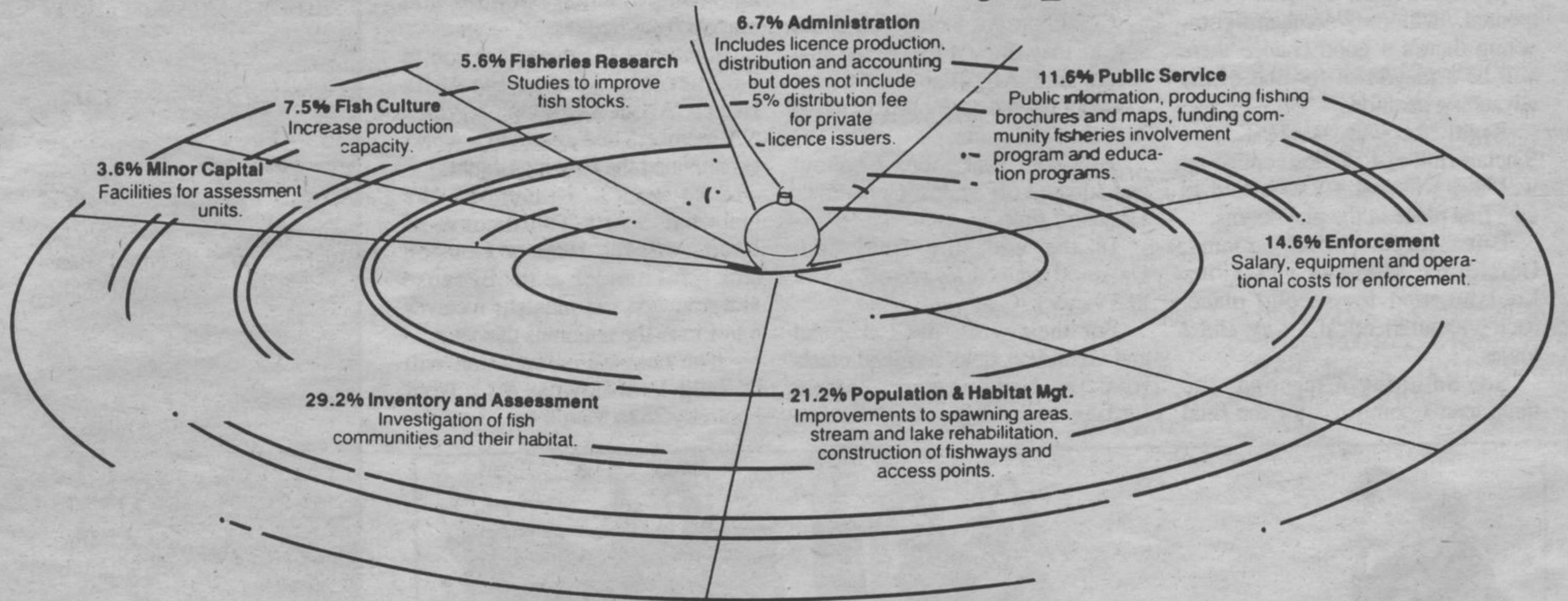
At the Terrace Bay District Ministry of Natural Resources there are three conservation officers affected by the ongoing negotiations.

Pouliot points to a gross disparity between the salaries of conservation officers and those of enforcement officers under the jurisdiction of the Minister of the Environment or of Ontario Provincial Police Officers.

"Surely, if the ministry had a genuine desire to respond to the needs of C.O.s in a fair and equitable manner, a mutually acceptable agreement could have been reached a long time ago - certainly, in less than three and a half years," says Pouliot.

He adds that the level of risk and responsibility inherent in a

Ontario sports fishing licence program injects \$9 million into the Ministry of Natural Resources fishery projects



Resident Sport Fishing Licence Projects 1987-1988

As a % of total allocated funds.

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Ontario's sports fishing licence program, which was established in 1987, has generated over \$9 million in its first year enabling the Ministry of Natural Resources to create more than 500 new fisheries management projects and 40 new full-time positions.

The \$9.3 million dollars came in during the period between November 1986, when the licences first went on sale, and March 1988.

The Ontario Fisheries Advisory Council, which advises the ministry on revenues and expenditures and on MNR's fisheries management program, released its first report in late December.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio, said, "the council has served an effective first year as an independent advisory group and I look forward to its continuing role in ensuring that our provincial fisheries management program is appropriately expanded under the new licence program."

Ron Running, district manager of the Terrace Bay District MNR, said the result of the sports fishing licence program in this area, "has been a real boom for this district."

It has meant the addition of one conservation officer and \$20,000 in funding for the Terrace Bay Waterfront Development study.

As well, Marathon will be receiving funding for its waterfront development project.

Money from the fund will also be used to improve the access to Lake Superior and for stocking programs.

fishing improving

Running said, "the fishing is getting super around here now." He said lake trout fishing has improved over the past few years since a stocking program was begun. "Salmon and rainbow trout fishing have improved," in Superior he added.

"There's really good fishing by the Slate Islands and by the Rossport Islands," said Running. He also said using one of the

two chartered fishing boats operated out of Terrace Bay, or the one in Rossport, can really improve your fishing. "The operators know the area and can take you right to where the fish are biting," said Running.

Some of the key fisheries projects resulting from the sport fishing licence include: inventory and assessment to gain more knowledge needed to increase fishing seasons and catch limits; population and habitat management to create and improve spawning sites; building fishways to gain access to new spawning areas; and expanding the operations of the enforcement staff.

"The government established the licence program to improve the overall quality of fisheries management in Ontario and to initiate much-needed programs," said Kerrio. "These efforts certainly benefit anglers and will improve the fisheries resource for present and future generations of Ontarians."

Birth Announcement

Daniel Baird would like to announce the arrival of his 6 lbs. 14 oz. baby brother.

Ryan James

Born on January 4, 1989 at the Toronto General Hospital.

Proud parents are Jim & Elda Baird (nee Holland).

Proud grandparents are Louise Holland; also Robert & Dorothy Baird.

Diploma in Nursing



Lisa Ann Fournier,

daughter of Raoul and Ingrid Fournier of Terrace Bay, graduated from Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology with a diploma in nursing at the December 16th, 1988 convocation.

Miss Fournier has accepted employment with St. Joseph's General Hospital, Thunder Bay, on 2 South.

Death

Corrigan: Mr. Gerald Corrigan of Schreiber passed away in McCausland Hospital, Terrace Bay on December 24th, 1988 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 67. He was born at Guelph and educated in Hamilton. He served with the Canadian Army Overseas in the 2nd World War. Employed by Kimberly-Clark of Terrace Bay from 1950 until early retirement in 1983. Survived by sisters Margaret (Mrs. Brock Jones) of Windsor, Anne (Mrs. Manning Monaghar) of Ottawa brothers Wilfred of Sault Ste. Marie and Ted of Burlington. Predeceased by his parents and sister Manie and a brother James. Funeral Mass was held on December 28th, 1988 from Holy Angels R.C. Church, Schreiber with Rev. Rademaker officiating and Rev. Campbell of Terrace Bay assisting. Cremation followed. Pallbearers were Bill Campbell, Martin Ryan, George Riley, Clem Bernard, Bob Fournier and Ron McBride. Numerous friends attended from Schreiber, Terrace Bay and out-of-town.

Rossport reporter knows who's where

By Anne Todesco

Shirley Vienot and Jim Van den Ende have returned from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Legault of Thunder Bay spent Christmas with their family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Bouchard had a family reunion over Christmas, the first in 12 years that all were home.

Home were son Robert from Naim and his sister Anita; Tommy from Edmonton, Shirley from Montreal, Alice and Terryanne of Terrace Bay and 10 grandchildren.

Mrs. Susan Burrows of Toronto was a guest with her sister Mrs. Maureen Tychoicak and family during the Christmas holidays.

Keven Beauegarde visited his mother in Thunder Bay over the holiday season.

Another home visitor here was Owen McCullough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dave McCullough. He was from Toronto.

The Lemeirs had their daughter, Corp. Suzanne Lemeire of the Airforce plane mechanics of

Ottawa and her friend Corp. Rachele LaChapelle of the Airforce automatics with them over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Legault, children Amy and Grant as well as uncles Daniel and John spent the New Year weekend with their parents, the Lester Legaults in Thunder Bay and daughter Beverly a resident of Thunder Bay was also present with Lester and Doris.

Brian Gerow of Thunder Bay holidayed with his parents Walter and Gwen Gerow.

Laurie Anne Mushquash of Thunder Bay and Rocki spent Christmas with the Dave Mushquashes while Mr. and Mrs. M. Coons, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon and their families of Guelph Ontario were holiday visitors their sister Mary Brunett.

Mark Cadarebte and son Derek spent the holiday season with relatives at Windsor Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Narcuis Bain and baby of Nipigon were with the Nick Bains during the festive week.