

efforts to educate people as to what is happening in the area. The TWS has a trail-building program this summer going on in Temagami — anyone interested can get an information kit by phoning them on (416) 599-0152.

ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Provincial Parks Council has reviewed the public input to the management plan and has sent its recommendations to the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources. A response is expected soon. The master plan will then be rewritten, incorporating the recommendations, which is expected to take about a year. The timber management plan for the area is moving ahead independently of the Park master plan. The CPWS has asked for an environmental assessment of the timber management plan.

MISSISSAGI RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK and BISCOTASING AREA

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources produced a paper in January of this year outlining various resource management issues and options in the Biscotasing area, northwest of Sudbury. Some of the options include expanding the Mississagi Provincial Park's no-road-zone and no-cut-reserve around Biscotasi, Indian, and Ramsey lakes, and no further disposition on land for cottaging. However, other alternative options include lake access, 113 cottage lots, and so on! If the wilderness canoeing value of this area, connecting the Mississagi River to the Spanish River, is to be

preserved, we must act immediately. Please let me know if you could write a letter or make some phone calls to help.

POLAR BEAR PROVINCIAL PARK

As noted in the previous issue of *Nastawgan*, the long-term management plan for Polar Bear Provincial Park in northern Ontario is now undergoing review. There seems to be an opportunity to propose expanding the park and including additional rivers such as the Sutton River. Due to lack of development in the area such rivers could be set up as true wilderness river parks with no compromises. An exiting opportunity for us! Give me a call if you would like to get involved.

SPANISH RIVER

The Spanish River Special Area Plan has now been approved. The Special Area includes the East Branch, the West Branch, and the main channel of the upper Spanish River, northwest of Sudbury. The length of the Special Area is 130 km via the East Branch, and 120 km via the West Branch. The area includes 6500 hectares of land and 2700 hectares of water, encompassing the bed of the river channel and a 200-m wide strip of land on each bank. Access roads, cottaging, and disposition of Crown land is not permitted. Timber management, mining, and two river crossings are allowed! Hydro dams, although not permitted in the plan, may be allowed by amending the District Land Use Guidelines! The end result of the planning process is not good for wilderness canoeing.

DEEP DOWN

To you
poetry is
a sunset,
a river,
and sometimes
the rhythm
of a canoe.

To me,
poetry is
the way I feel
deep
down
especially
when I'm with you!

Then,
when nature surrounds
us
her heartbeat
speaks;
her silence
becomes —
our
poetry.

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