



### Temagami

*Oh, Wild and Beautiful Temagami  
Where I'd love to go, and my heart is free  
Your beauteous shorelines and waters deep  
Where many lakes and rivers leap  
Through elevations, hills and vale,  
'Round rocks and pines, smooth seas and gale  
'Tis wondrous country, as far as you see  
'Tis wild and beautiful Temagami*

*For animals, both large and small  
And birds and otters, pines so tall  
Great fish remain in waters blue  
Bogs, bears, beavers and great herons, too  
And here you hear the Whippoorwill,  
the moose call, bird songs and 'white throats' trill  
'Tis wondrous country as far as you see  
'Tis wild and beautiful Temagami*

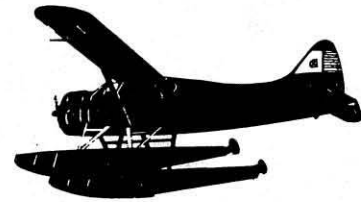
*On my paddle I long to feel  
the pull of your waters, to know it is real  
On your wild, wild waters, your winding shore  
I travel on in my little canoe  
and enjoy your beauty, and while I do  
I know all I see is made by God's hand,  
and I thank our Lord for this great land  
For this wondrous country as far as you see  
For this wild and beautiful Temagami*

-- Wilhelmina J. Wicha

## FLOAT PLANE REGULATIONS

Transport Canada has been working on new regulations as they pertain to the attaching of external loads (i.e., canoes/kayaks) to planes carrying passengers. This means that small parties may no longer be able to economically access wilderness paddling trips with Cessna 185's, Beavers, Porters, and possibly single Otters in one flight. Twin Otters will be able to carry both external loads and passengers at the same time but at a higher cost to the participants.

The reasoning behind the review is safety. There have been increasing incidents of canoes or kayaks coming off during flight and causing serious safety hazards for the passengers and anyone below. Andy Barr, an inspector for Transport Canada Airworthiness division, outlined that floatplane operators may be able to carry specific boats with specific colors, seat type, etc., on a one-of-a-kind basis after meeting certain regulations. Whether or not these regulations will be useful or not remains to be seen in terms of safety, ease of implementation and enforcement. The draft regulations, available shortly, will spell out the new requirements. Depending on the contents of these new regulations, be prepared for a nasty shock in the cost of your next paddling trip if you use a float plane.



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