

Fright & Flight Zone

Since 1963 the Little Long Generating Complex on the Lower Mattagami River in Northern Ontario has been the source of an environmental crisis of immeasurable proportions. Thousands of Lake Sturgeon have been entrained through spillway gates and left stranded waiting to be captured and relocated back to their adopted man-made habitat, leaving waters not fit for survival. Adam Creek Spillway is well known province-wide as a thorn in hydro electric energy and should not be defined or qualified as GREEN energy.

Lake Sturgeon, a species of prehistoric origin, are able to adapt to their ever-changing environment; today we can modify their movement and avoid annual entrainment by preventing sturgeon from entering this man-made habitat referred to as the Little Long Forebay. This will increase their survival rate and provide them with a safer place in the river that is rightfully theirs. How many more years will pass before this environmental crisis is totally eliminated. Perhaps annual recovery efforts will not be required if modern technologies are implemented.

I hope you will allow SMITH-ROOT, INC. a chance to perform a feasibility study on a possible Graduated Electronic Barrier. This organization has installed over 50 waterway fish barriers over the last 30+ years. With their help maybe we can resolve this long standing environmental crisis. All above dam resident lake sturgeon must be relocated upstream of this downstream migration barrier. This barrier will prevent downstream migration back into the Little Long Forebay.

I have been in contact with SMITH-ROOT, INC. since the beginning of February and they not only listen to my queries but have convinced me that this option might be the one we need to correct this untenable aquatic situation once and for all.

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