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**BAIT SHOP OWNER FINED \$1,200 FOR MISLEADING OFFICER****NEWS**

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A North Bay man has been fined \$1,200 for obstructing a conservation officer.

William Richards, owner of Billy Bob's Bait and Tackle in North Bay, was convicted for providing false and misleading information to a conservation officer investigating the movement of baitfish from southern Ontario into the North Bay region.

The case was heard by Justice of the Peace Mike Kitlar on March 27, 2008, in the Ontario Court of Justice, North Bay.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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