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### Binational Angler Survey to begin on Lake Memphremagog

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**Magog, January 11, 2019** – The MRC de Memphrémagog, the Memphrémagog Conservation inc., the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department announce a binational angler survey to be conducted from December 2018 through November 2020 on Lake Memphrémagog.

Two clerk teams – one for the Canadian portion of the Lake, the other for the American portion – will interview anglers on the lake 4 days per week, including Saturdays and Sundays during the survey period. Survey activities will include visual counts of anglers, interviews of anglers to obtain information about fishing effort, catch and harvest rates, and biological data such as the length, weight, and age of fish kept by anglers.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission funded the two-year survey. Three quarters of the lake is in Quebec, however three quarters of the watershed (the land area that drains into the lake) is in Vermont.

“The angler survey will provide important biological data about the fishery and angling pressure in different areas of Lake Memphremagog,” said Pete Emerson, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. “This information is extremely useful to our department in helping us manage the lake’s fish populations.”

Emerson emphasized to anglers that all information shared with the survey clerks will remain confidential. “Ultimately, anglers providing honest, accurate information will allow us to manage the resource moving forward and ensure that quality fishing opportunities remain in Lake Memphremagog for years to come,” he said.

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