

Clubs should stop stocking efforts

Editor:

0 The MNR has increased the
1 native fishing with gill nets to
2 year round in Colpoys Bay and
3 Georgian Bay. And now I read
4 that the government is giving the
5 Cape fisherman \$850,000 over
6 five years to fish. Meanwhile
7 sports clubs get about \$10,000
8 from the Provincial government
9 for stocking programs. So in
0 summary...

1 I pay \$28 a year for a licence to
2 fish;

3 I use one rod, one line and try
4 my best;

5 I try to catch one of the fish
6 that has been raised by a volun-

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teer in a local fishing group that I
support;

All this while I float in my
small boat beside . . .

A commercial fishing boat
That has been fishing all year
round;

That's fishermen need no
licence;

That uses huge spans of nets;

That receives \$850,000 to be
there;

That then sells the fish for
additional profit despite the
treaty being for fishing for suste-
nance;

And catch thousands of fish
that have been raised by a volun-
teer in a local fishing group.

I recommend that all of the
hatcheries either cease produc-
tion, or allow the commercial
fisherman that can now fish all
year to raise the stock them-
selves as the majority of this
boon will be caught in their gill
nets.

Hopefully when the local,
provincial and federal govern-
ments start losing the millions of
dollars that are generated by
sportsmen each year, they will
start making the correct deci-
sions instead of the convenient
ones.

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