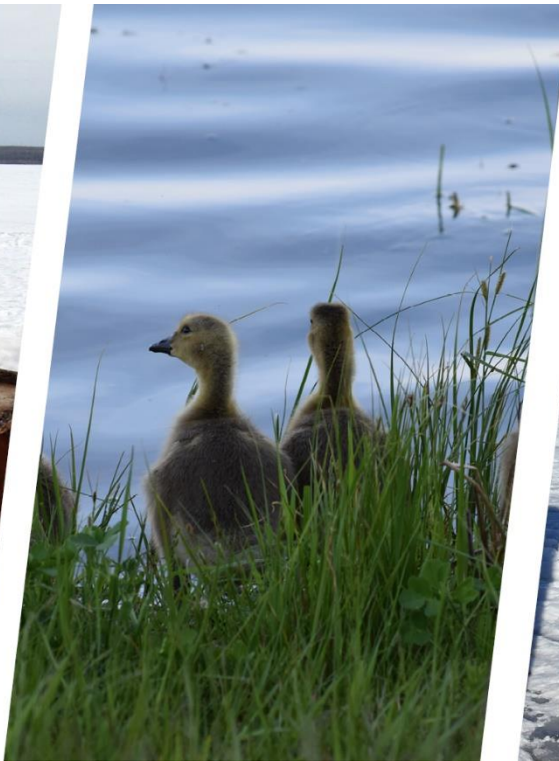


TAKE IT OFF!



Remove Ice Fishing Huts • Respect the Lake • Take your Garbage
Leave NO Trace ALL YEAR!

SLMC PARTNER MUNICIPALITIES



SLMC PURPOSE

Working together as urban and rural neighbours to maintain Sylvan Lake as a pristine lake and watershed

RECREATIONAL PRESSURES



ABANDONED ICE HUTS

April 2011
25 huts



SLMC's SOLUTION

**TAKE IT OFF
PROGRAM**



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

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EDUCATION

2

HUT REGISTRATION

3

HUT REMOVAL

4

RESOLUTION

1 EDUCATION: SIGNAGE & BROCHURE

TAKE IT OFF!

Together, we can keep the lake healthy by removing or reporting abandoned ice fishing huts. Remember to remove your debris, take your waste and **LEAVE NO TRACE** to help protect fish & wildlife habitats.

Register your ice hut at: www.sylvanlake.ca/take-it-off



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EDUCATION: BROCHURE

TAKE IT OFF!

Remove all ice fishing huts by March 31

For environmental complaints, please call
Alberta Environment & Parks Hotline:
1.800.222.6514

Abandoning an ice fishing hut during the spring melt is NOT an option! Debris, including wood, gasoline, furniture, plastic and metal, ends up settling to the bottom of the lake or floating to the surface after the ice has left. This contamination is detrimental to fish and waterfowl habitats, and is a safety hazard for other users of the lake. **No matter the season LEAVE NO TRACE!**

As part of our TAKE IT OFF program, the Sylvan Lake Management Committee is asking you to register your ice hut. Registration allows for increased protection of your property and our lake.

Access your online registration form at: www.sylvanlake.ca/take-it-off



Red Deer County



Alberta Environment and Parks



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EDUCATION: ICE HUT VISITS



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VOLUNTARY HUT REGISTRATION

Registration
is easy!



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VOLUNTARY HUT REGISTRATION

165 huts
registered
to date



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HUT REMOVAL

| ICE FISHING SEASON | HUTS REMAINING | HUTS REMOVED | REMOVED BY |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2010-2011 | 25 | | |
| 2011-2012 | 5 | 5 | ESRD |
| 2012-2013 | 4 | 4 | ESRD |
| 2013-2014 | 3 | 3 | ESRD |
| 2014-2015 | 0 | | |
| 2015-2016 | 1 | 1 | Municipalities/citizens |
| 2016-2017 | 0 | | |
| 2017-2018 | 5 | 4 | 1 hut owner and 3 Big Bear Energy |
| 2018-2019 | 0 | | |

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HUT REMOVAL



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CHALLENGES

How do we remove abandoned ice huts after the March 31st close of ice fishing season, when our 8 partner municipalities have no authority over the ice?

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SOLUTIONS

- Identification information on the huts
- Authorization for municipalities to remove the abandoned huts (“debris”)

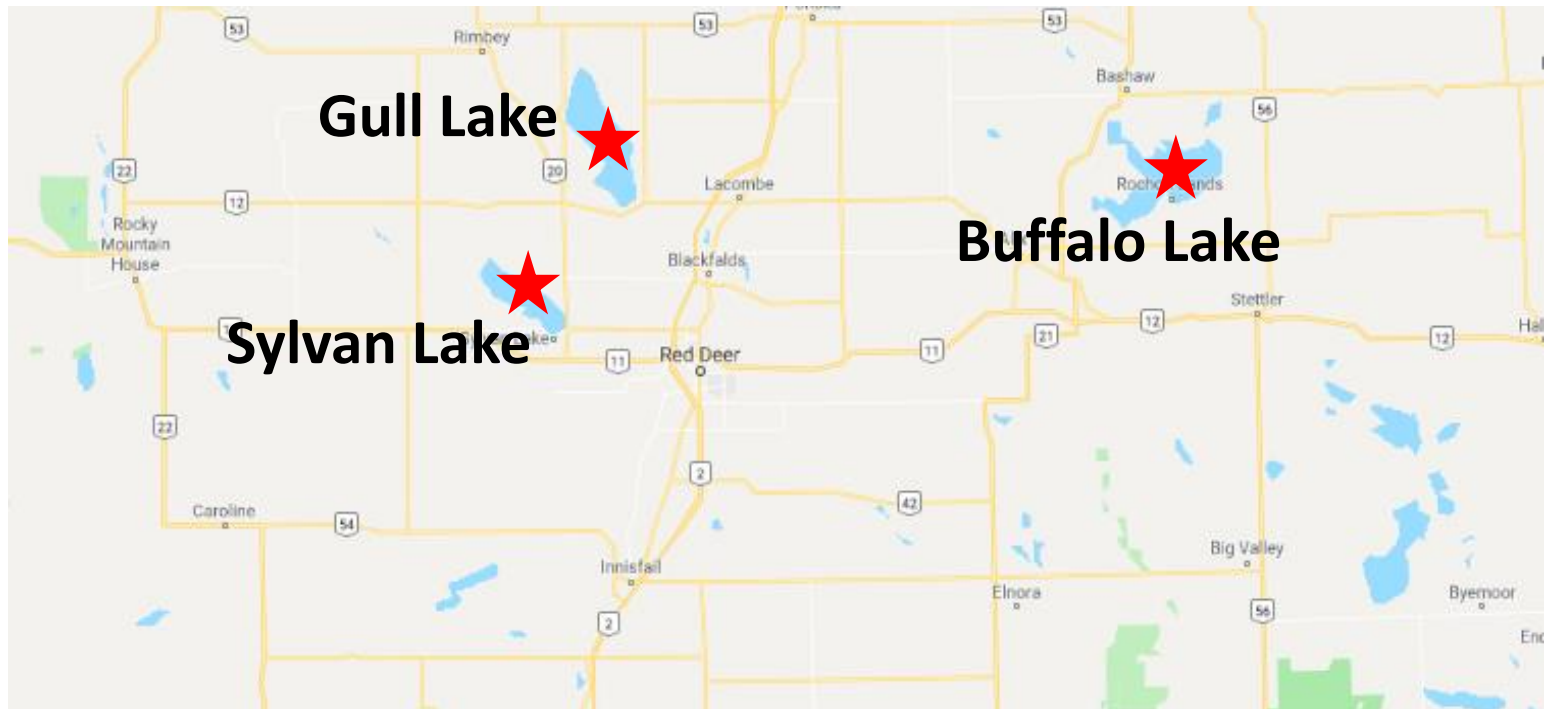
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RESOLUTION

Ask the province to put regulations in place to identify owners of ice huts and make them accountable for their participation in the sport.

Where do we go from here

- **Build Collaborative Support**
- **Program Expansion**



QUESTIONS

