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## ST. MARYS RIVER TEN YEAR MONITORING REPORT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The 125 km **St. Marys River** was nominated in 1997, accepted in 1998 and designated a **Canadian Heritage River** in 2000 based on outstanding natural, human and recreational values.

Following designation by the senior levels of government a Heritage Strategy was developed by members of a Steering Committee, a Focus Group and Technical Advisory Committee consisting of stakeholders and other river interests. The Strategy, submitted early in 2000 identified 13 objectives with actions required to protect the heritage values of the St. Marys River.

Each Canadian Heritage River must be scrutinized periodically to determine its continuing eligibility in fulfilling the Canadian Heritage River System's (CHRS) Integrity Guidelines. Now is the time for the St. Marys River!

A ten year monitoring report will be prepared and submitted by the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority (SSMRCA).

Do you have an interest in the river and protecting its NATURAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL VALUES? Has water quality improved since 1998? Has the historical heritage been celebrated and made known to citizens and visitors along the river? Has recreational use increased or decreased?

Your help is being sought in answering questions like these, deadline for submitting information to the SSMRCA is Friday, February 3, 2012. The final report must be submitted to CHRS by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012.

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