

Dartmouth fish kill caused by environmental stress

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A new report into a fish kill last summer in Lake Banook and Lake Micmac has concluded that environmental stressors were a factor.

Both HRM and provincial officials investigated the death of at least 30 perch last June in the two lakes.

Although there was a bass fishing tournament taking place at the time of the fish kill, the report concluded that environmental stressors were also a factor.

Coun. Gloria McCluskey said government officials, developers and homeowners have to be more vigilant if they want to protect the water quality of the lakes.

Run-off of lawn fertilizers during heavy rains don't just come from the homes right along the lakes, she said, but from a wider area so some restrictions may be needed

"We have development where the silt is running in the lakes and that's not good for fish, the lake or anybody else," McCluskey said.

"What's more important? A green lawn or a healthy lake? To me, it's a healthy lake."