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Man fined for illegally filling shore lands



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View of Long Point Bay

SIMCOE – A Long Point-area man has been fined \$3,000 after pleading guilty to unlawfully filling shore lands without a work permit.

Justice of the peace Kelly Visser issued that fine in Ontario Court in Simcoe after hearing in an agreed statement of facts that on March 2, 2017, staff from the Aylmer district office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry were working at Long Point in Norfolk County when a man approached them. He described how he planned to build a seawall for erosion control.

The staff explained he would need a work permit before commencing any work, court heard.

On March 27, 2017, ministry officials discovered a row of armour stone had been placed on the shore lands extending to the waters of Lake Erie. An investigation determined that between March 10 and 27, the man had placed the armour stone on the shore lands without work permit.

The defendant has since removed the stones.

The ministry reminds the public that work permits are required before conducting any work on shore lands.

To report a natural resources violation, call the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 at any time. Or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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