

angle. Even if it could be rebuilt, it would almost certainly be in vain for, exposed to the S shore, the next storm would surely wreak equal havoc. The W J-trap was nearly completely demolished. Of the E trap, there was no sign. We had hoped to be able to salvage a few items. Some hope. The stove lay submerged in the pond as did one of the oil heaters. Surprisingly, the incinerator, basically a modified oil drum was within feet of its original site. Two mist nets, wrapped in their plastic bags, were found on the N beach. Each was clearly labelled "trashed: use for parts only". The good nets had been stored at the cottage. And that was all - everything else had vanished without a trace.

"What does the future hold for the tip and our operations there? We have a unique 25 year database from the station. It must be continued if at all possible. We must also continue to provide the opportunity for visitors to experience a unique and beautiful area, whether to participate in our programmes or follow some other interest.

"Our intention is to maintain a presence at the tip next spring, necessarily in spartan accommodation, not only to continue the migration monitoring, but also to research carefully a location for the new cabin. The former cabin was never designed for residential use. We hope, if funds permit, to provide a higher standard of comfort in the new building to include inside plumbing and electricity. Please help us achieve our goal. Let us also hope and pray for a return to "sensible" lake levels, so that there will still be a Long Point to visit."

To rebuild the field station and upgrade other facilities, the LPBO's Board of Directors has established a special Building Fund, with a target of \$200,000. They hope to receive half of that amount from LPBO members and individual donors.

Response to the building fund has been good, but there is still a long way to go. If you would like to help, please send contributions to LPBO, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario, NOE 1M0. All contributions are tax deductible and larger donations may be contributed on an installment plan of your own choice.

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