

FORESTER HILDEBRANDT'S PRODUCTS

Fish Processing and Canning Facility

Lynn Lake is surrounded by unpolluted fresh water lakes. The nearby four largest lakes have the potential of a two million to three million pound annual mullet harvest. We have developed an excellent canned "Mullet in Tomato Sauce" ready to eat product and native commercial fishermen are anxiously waiting to see a processing facility built in the area.

Lynn Lake has commercial properties, water, hydro, and the communities in the area have an unemployed work force. A facility in Lynn Lake would allow fishermen to ship fish directly from their boats, unfrozen, uncleaned, on ice to the plant for processing.

On February 5, 2007, a letter was written to the Mayor and Council of Lynn Lake pointing to the potential resource and the benefit to the local community and it was suggested to apply for a grant to do a feasibility study. Mayor and Council did not apply for a grant or ask Provincial or Federal Agencies to do a study.

On May 14, 2008, a letter of proposal "Northwestern Manitoba Fish Canning Project" was written to Northwest Manitoba Community Futures Development Corporation outlining the need and cost for a study of the catching of mullet and a processing plant in Lynn Lake. The CFDC, with its office in Lynn Lake, represents thirteen northwestern communities. To this date, February 14, 2010, we know of no follow up work done by the group of the thirteen northwestern communities.

Berry Harvesting and Processing

The mossberry/Lingonberry harvesting and processing project is a success as the berries are now processed into juice and jam by the local Frontier School Division, and we hope that this project will be extended to other northern Canadian communities or schools.