

Central Alberta man fined for altering lake's shoreline to improve waterfront view

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EDMONTON - An Alberta man has been handed a \$20,000 fine for altering the shoreline of a central Alberta lake without permission so he could improve his waterfront view.

In March 2011, Dale Andrew Mather faced two charges under the Water Act for removing aquatic vegetation from Gull Lake, north of Red Deer, without permission, Alberta Environment said Tuesday in a news release. Mather had removed the plants in September 2009 to improve his view of the lake from his property.

Earlier this month, Mather was convicted in provincial court. As part of a creative sentence, \$15,000 will support a project designed to improve the lake's water quality, while the remaining \$5,000 is to be paid as a fine.

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