

MEDWAY RIVER SALMON ASSOCIATION

Queens County
Nova Scotia

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The association President keeps the membership up to date through the Medway River Blues publication, also [archived here](#) on this web site. Between times, though, things can happen quickly. This page is a good place to keep up with the very latest developments, be they with the Medway River Salmon Association activities or with other events that affect our interests. Here then is the latest.

Posted May 21, 2013

With the closure of the Mersey Biodiversity Hatchery in Milton, efforts are under way to maintain productive activity there. The following update with regards to those efforts by the Mersey Biodiversity Facility Supporters Society has just been received.

Hi Everyone

Time is flying by and there has not been much communications sent out. Here is a quick update.

- 1) *Mersey Biodiversity Society Supporters Society has been setup as a not for profit organization. (Late March/2013)*
- 2) *Sterling Belliveau sent a letter to Keith Ashfield requesting a stop to the removal of equipment etc... from the facility.*
- 3) *Carl Purcell wrote a letter to Faith Scattolon , DFO in early April/2013.*
- 4) *On April 18,2013 Alain Vezina had a conference call with Carl Purcell & Mike Fralic – it was stated on this call and confirmed on a second conference call April 24,2013 that DFO is getting out of Mersey Hatchery and that we would have to negotiate with NSPC (present business plan to them). He said that there were no plans to move assets until September/2013 when DFO will be done there.*
- 5) *April 30,2013 e-mail to Alain Vezina to request clarification on assets to be left at the MBDF. Second e-mail sent May 13,2013 – still waiting from information from him.*
- 6) *May 1,2013 Detailed letter sent to Terry Toner , NSPC requesting an opportunity to present a business plan and also requesting in writing their concerns and issues. Second e-mail sent May 13,2013 – Waiting response.*
- 7) *Bev Davison has been working on a business plan but needs a few items clarified.*
- 8) *Our group (Society membership) at this time is small but if we are to successfully negotiate with NSPC and DFO we are going to need key people to step up and assist in obtaining the funding sources we need. As well as provide the influence we will need with DFO to be able to carry out useful activities to the southern upland rivers.*
- 9) *Please send me any key contacts that you feel maybe useful in moving us to a successful conclusion to our quest to save the Mersey Bio-diversity Facility.(We will invite them to our next meeting)*
- 10) *Another meeting is going to be needed in the near future, as soon as we obtain some answers to our questions.*
- 11) *I will be in touch.*

Regards,

*Michael Fralic, Chair
Mersey Biodiversity Facility Supporters Society.*

Posted April 8, 2013

Notice: Please join MRSA as we host a viewing of the video **'Salmon Wars'**

May 6, 2013 @ 7:00pm

Queens Place Emera Center, Community Room

Posted April 4, 2013

The following was forwarded by Queens MLA Vicki Conrad and is published here for information.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
Crown Land in
Western Nova Scotia

Nova Scotians now own 1.5 million acres of Crown land in the province's western region. It's an abundance of natural resources. The province wants to hear from you on ways these lands can be used to create economic and social gain for the western region and for all Nova Scotians.

Please join us for an open house to share your ideas.

CONSULTATION SESSION – 5PM TO 8PM

April 9
Greenfield, Queens Co.
Greenfield Recreation Centre

5048 Hwy #210

To get more information, or submit
comments online: www.novascotia.ca/natr

To check consultation near you,
call toll free: 1-855-814-5832

To mail comments, write to:
Western Region Crown Land Planning,
Department of Natural Resources,
PO Box 698, Halifax, NS, B3J 2T9

Posted March 4, 2013

Shelburne Harbour in Shelburne County has become a source of aquaculture controversy having been exposed to the long term presence and growth of a number of open-pen sites. Local resident, Herschel Specter, has picked up the gauntlet, fighting the issue in the courts and the media. With others, he formed the [Friends of Shelburn Harbour](#). At the end of 2012 he began to write a series of letters outlining the specifics of his many concerns. The letters contain a wealth of statistics which he ably presents to show that things as stated by government and industry sources are not what they might seem. [Click here](#) to read his series of informative letters, also available via our [Aquaculture](#) page.

Posted March 2, 2013

The Atlantic Salmon Federation has now published its final report on the feasibility of a commercial closed containment salmon farming facility. [See it here](#), also available from our [Aquaculture](#) page.

Posted February 28, 2013

MRSA was profiled in this week's Queens County Advance for our activities in relation to trout stocking. [See here](#) on our "In The News" page.

Posted February 19, 2013

The draft minutes of the January 29, 2013, meeting are now posted on our [Membership](#) page.

Posted February 3, 2013

The following has been received from the Nova Scotia Salmon Association and is posted here for information.

To: NSSA Board; NSSA Members; NSSA Affiliates; Flies & Lies List

Hi Folks,

The Regulations Respecting the Possession of Live Fish will be effective April 1st, 2013. For Background Info, FAQ's and the new regulations please refer to the Inland Fisheries website links below.

Live Fish Possession Regulations:

Backgrounder and FAQ's:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/ais/FCRA-QandA.pdf>

Regulations Respecting the Possession of Live Fish:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/ais/OIC-2012-356-Live-fish.pdf>

There has also been changes under the Maritime Provinces Fishery Regulations <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-93-55/> in regard to what may be used as bait.

General Bait Provisions

18. No person shall use as bait, or possess for use as bait, in a province any

(a) live or dead

(i) bass, bullhead, sunfish, white perch, yellow perch or other spiny fin-rayed fish,

(ii) goldfish or other carp, or

(iii) chain pickerel; or

(b) live fish that was not taken in that province.

SOR/2001-452, s. 7.

Thanks to the good folks at Inland Fisheries for enacting these regulations.

Cheers,

Larry Shortt

Posted January 30, 2013

A general meeting took place on the evening of January 29, 2013, at the Charleston fire hall. To see President Horace MacPherson's report which he presented at that meeting, [click here](#).



MRSA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ARE ATTENTIVE AS PRESIDENT HORACE MacPHERSON PRESENTS HIS REPORT AT THE MEETING.
[CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO SEE A SHORT VIDEO CLIP OF THE MEETING.](#)

Posted January 9, 2013

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: I would like to thank all our members for the great year we had in 2012. Several members were involved in taking environment courses, culvert assessment, invertebrate training, liming the brooks to help with acid rain, and water quality training. Now, we are better prepared to start to consolidate this information, and with the help of a professional, we look to develop a program and written report that will be accepted by the scientific community.

The need to integrate multiple aspects of an ecosystem, in recovery initiatives, is becoming increasingly clear and should involve multiple species in order to address longer term species at risk.

Moving forward in 2013, the Medway River Salmon Association has a great opportunity to help our river begin recovering from acid rain and target endangered/threatened species in our watershed area. This project could successfully be used as a multi-year project.

We also have several openings that we need volunteers for:

- a. membership coordinator
- b. special projects (hatchery and endangered species projects)
- c. Adopt-a-highway coordinator – Mill Village to Greenfield

Remember, this is your river that will be passed down to your children and to their children, hopefully, for years to come.

Yours in Stewardship...
Horace Macpherson,
President MRSA

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Posted January 7, 2013

The minutes of the November 13, 2012, general meeting are now published on our membership page, or [click here to view directly](#).

Posted January 7, 2013

Past and Present:

Darrell Tingley (Rt.), Past President, was presented with a plaque by Horace MacPherson, current President, in appreciation of Darrell's 5 years as President of the Medway River Salmon Association.

Darrell was a founding member of the Assoc. and has worked tirelessly over the years, dedicating his time to the conservation, protection and enhancement of Atlantic salmon, trout and their habitat.

Some of the projects that were set in motion during Darrell's tenure were: liming; installation of incubator boxes; restocking; adipose fin clipping; and, fish friends. These continue to be ongoing projects.

Members present at the November 2012 meeting expressed appreciation for all of Darrell's work!



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