

## **FUNDY TIDINGS**

### **Quarterly Newsletter of the Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership (BoFEP)**

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#### **1. New Slate of Officers for BoFEP**

Steering Committee (Elected at AGM - September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004)

1. Hugh Akagi
2. Michael Butler (alt: Claudette LeBlanc)
3. Thierry Chopin
4. Graham Daborn
5. Dave Duggan (alts: Maria-Ines Buzeta & Maxine Westhead)
6. Al Hanson
7. Steve Hawbolt
8. Patricia Hinch
9. Marianne Janowicz
10. Barry Jones
11. Colleen Mercer Clarke (*Nominated after AGM - to be ratified by Steering Committee*)
12. Jon Percy
13. Robert Rangeley (alt: to be designated)
14. Francine Rousseau
15. David Scarratt
16. Rabindra Singh
17. Jamey Smith
18. Sean Smith
19. Mark TeKamp
20. Amanda Tree
21. Danika van Proosdij
22. Peter Wells
23. Renee Wissink
24. *Position vacant - candidate to be appointed by Steering Committee.*

Management Committee (Elected by Steering Committee - September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004)

Chair – Barry Jones

Past Chair - Graham Daborn

Vice Chair - Peter Wells

Secretary - Amanda Tree

Treasurer – Patricia Hinch

At large - Jon Percy

At large - Marianne Janowicz

At large – Mark TeKamp

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## **2. Bay of Fundy Workshop a success**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Bay of Fundy Workshop was held from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, Cornwallis Park, Nova Scotia. The Workshop attracted 165 participants from around the Bay of Fundy and the northern Gulf of Maine, including a large contingent of young researchers competing for awards for the best student papers and posters presented at the workshop. A total of 68 papers and 28 posters (a record number of submissions for BoFEP Workshops) were presented during the workshop in eleven scientific sessions. The preparation of the Proceedings of the Workshop is moving ahead expeditiously and it is anticipated that copies will be available by early spring

. The following workshop reports:

- Report on the 6<sup>th</sup> Bay of Fundy Workshop (*for the 2004 Gulf of Maine Summit*)
- Evaluation Report for the 6<sup>th</sup> Bay of Fundy Workshop

are available in PDF format on the BoFEP Website:

[http://www.bofep.org/2004\\_workshop.htm](http://www.bofep.org/2004_workshop.htm)

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## **3. Awards Presented at Bay of Fundy Workshop**

The first BoFEP "*Environmental Stewardship Award*" was presented to Pat Hinch of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour. This award recognizes an individual that has "contributed significantly to the environmental health/sustainability of the Bay of Fundy". Preferably someone best described as an "unsung hero", who has worked hard behind the scenes, out of the limelight, in advancing the Mission and within the Principles of BoFEP.

A "*Special Recognition Award*" was presented to Graham Daborn of the Acadia Centre for Estuarine Research at Acadia University. It recognizes his long-standing leadership of the Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership, both as a founding member and its first Chair, a position he has served in with exceptional dedication and ability for the first decade of the organization's existence. We extend warmest thanks to Graham for all he has done for BoFEP over the years and are pleased to note that he will still be keeping his oar in the role of Past President of the organization.

Awards were also presented for the best papers and posters presented by students during the Workshop. The winners were:

- **First place paper** - Ashley Sprague, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB. *"The extent of Semipalmated Sandpiper (Calidris pusilla) movements while foraging in the Upper Bay of Fundy, and factors affecting this movement."*
- **Second place paper** - Sam Ng'gang'a, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB. *"The proposed Musquash MPA: a case study on boundary delimitation concepts."*
- **First place poster** - Vanessa Paesani, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB. *"Intraspecific genetic variation in the centric diatom Thalassiosira nordenskioeldii Cleve."*
- **Second place poster** - Nancy Chiasson, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS. *"Controls on the distribution of vegetation characteristics in a tidally restricted macrotidal salt marsh."*

Congratulations to all the students who presented papers and posters - you certainly gave our 6 judges a good workout - they had an excellent array of presentations to consider and were hard pressed to pick winners.

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#### 4. Amanda Tree leaving BoFEP Secretariat

We are sorry to report that Amanda Tree who has very capably looked after the BoFEP Secretariat at ACER during the past year will be leaving us at the end of November. Her husband has accepted a position in Terrace Bay, Ontario (along the North Shore of Lake Superior, east of Thunder Bay). Everyone who has worked with Amanda has been impressed with her organizational skills, friendliness and dedication to BoFEP. She was particularly tireless in helping to organize the recent Bay of Fundy Workshop and her exceptional minute taking abilities awed us all. We extend our warmest thanks to her for all she has done for us during her time with BoFEP and wish her every success in her new community. We'll miss you Amanda! We hope to fill the vacant position as expeditiously as possible.

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#### 5. Fostering linkages between BoFEP and SGSLCS

BoFEP and the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability (SGSLCS) are in the early stages of exploring ways that the two organizations might work more closely together. BoFEP was pleased to invite Nadine Gauvin, Executive Director of the SGSLCS, to join us at the 6<sup>th</sup> Bay of Fundy Workshop. She gave us a brief overview of her organization at the BoFEP AGM. The Coalition's mandate is somewhat similar to BoFEP's and includes: fostering communication, networking and information sharing; organizing and facilitating meetings, workshops or forums; developing strategic plans and policies; helping communities grow and achieve their sustainability goals; and also to promote sustainability generally. The Coalition's partners also include Government agencies, Industries, Community groups, NGOs, First Nations,

and the general public. Like BoFEP, the organization has several Working Groups on selected topics. Nadine thought that some of these working groups might be able to work together on particular issues to minimize duplication of effort. The two organizations might also consider joint projects and issue-oriented workshops that would be of interest to both groups. It is hoped that arrangements can soon be made for a few members of the Steering Committees of both organizations to sit down together to further explore some of the possibilities for cooperation and collaboration. A link to the SGSLCS Website ([www.coalition-sgsl.ca](http://www.coalition-sgsl.ca)) has also been placed on the BoFEP home page and in future SGSLCS activities and events will be posted on the BoFEP Calendar page.

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## **6. BoFEP Online Calendar**

For Information about meetings of the BoFEP Steering and Management Committees, BoFEP Working Groups, BoFEP partners and other events of interest in the Fundy region check out the Calendar page on the BoFEP Website [www.bofep.org/calendar.htm](http://www.bofep.org/calendar.htm) . If you would like to post an event e-mail it to: [communications@bofep.org](mailto:communications@bofep.org) . There are also links to other regional calendars that might be of interest to BoFEP members.

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## **7. GIS mapping and printing services at MRC**

The Bay Of Fundy Marine Resource Centre (BFMRC) located in Cornwallis Park, NS announces the creation of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Printing Department. It offers GIS and large format printing services to non-profit and research type organizations at a reduced cost. Using the latest GIS technology BFMRC can collect, create, manipulate, geo-reference, and output all forms of GIS data. From data development to final output, BFMRC has the skills and equipment to meet all your GIS needs. You will have access to expert technical support without the burden of maintaining a GIS department. The BFMRC has also acquired a large format printer with capability of printing media up to 42" wide. Using several types of media, from basic bond to Photo Satin, BFMRC can print your maps, posters, and banners promptly and at an affordable price.

Other Services Offered: GIS Consulting, Project Management, GIS Programming, GIS Workshops/Training, Digital Cartographic Enhancement, GIS Data File Conversion and Graphics Design. Call for details and pricing of these services. Contact: Trevor Robar, GIS Coordinator, Bay Of Fundy Marine Resources Centre: (902)765-6002 or (902)638-3044

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## **8. Petitcodiac River environmental impact assessment - update**

An overall update on the Petitcodiac River EIA study, fish passage issues, and preliminary results of the hydrodynamic and sediment transport modelling of the Petitcodiac River and estuary were the main topics of discussion at a public workshop held on 6 November 2004 in Moncton, New Brunswick. For information on the EIA, access <http://www.petitcodiac.com>. The

presentation by the study team at the Workshop is available at:  
[http://www.petitcodiac.com/November\\_Presentation-En2.pdf](http://www.petitcodiac.com/November_Presentation-En2.pdf)

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### **9. Whites Point quarry and marine terminal EIS guidelines**

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour are seeking public comment on the draft Guidelines for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project in Digby County. Written comments must be received by 21 January 2005. For information, access <http://www.gov.ns.ca/news/details.asp?id=20041110001>.

Funding is available to assist the public to take part in the joint panel review. For information, access

[http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/010/0001/0001/0023/nr041109\\_e.htm](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/010/0001/0001/0023/nr041109_e.htm).

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### **10. Gulf of Maine Summit background report**

The Environmental Report on the Gulf of Maine and Bay of Fundy was prepared for the Gulf of Maine Summit held on 26-29 October 2004 in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. It provides in-depth chapters on several key issues facing the Gulf: land use; contaminants and pathogens; and fisheries and aquaculture. It also summarizes results from watershed forums held over the past two years and the need for a 2020 vision for the Gulf. The report is available at

<http://www.gulfofmainesummit.org/docs/Tides%20of%20Change%20Across%20the%20Gulf.pdf>

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