

Report of the BoFEP Membership Committee

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This report is directed to the BoFEP Management and Steering Committees, and if accepted, it will be sent to the wider BoFEP membership.

BoFEP has been debating the details of membership for some time. It is now critical that it be formalized as the incoming monies, previously collected at some of the biennial BoFEP Bay of Fundy workshops, are needed to maintain the core functions of the organization. Lately, we have solicited annual membership fees only at our AGM, with limited success - only a few attendees and SC members have paid it, for themselves and/or for their organization. Hence, to stay solvent, we need to formalize the membership process, as any organization would do.

BOFEP MEMBERSHIP

For 2020 onwards, BoFEP dues are \$25 for individual membership and \$100 for organizational membership. Additional donations from members are welcomed, indeed encouraged. All paying members, organizations and donors will be acknowledged and receipts provided as required.

Dues are paid for the calendar year. Hence, annual membership for 2020 will expire in December 31st, and for the next year (2021) can be renewed prior to or in January, 2021. The Membership Form (attached) and payment for 2020, if not already paid, should be sent to the Treasurer (see form below) at your earliest convenience. A receipt will be issued by the Treasurer to each member, by email.

If you have already paid for 2020, or are just now processing your membership, we thank you for your continued support and interest in BoFEP's mission.

A request by the Secretariat for annual membership payment will be made at each AGM, as well as in the November to January period. Reminders will be sent out only once, early in the new year.

Cc Attachments – 2020 Membership Form.

Annual Membership Application 2020

Joining & Supporting the Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership

BoFEP is open to all interested citizens and groups who share its vision for protecting, conserving and sustainably using the Bay of Fundy ecosystem. As a non-profit, volunteer organization, we rely upon membership dues and donations from individuals and organizations to operate our core activities and programs.

Members are the heart of our organization. Membership is open to any individual or representative of an organization that supports BOFEP's core mission.

Benefits of becoming a BoFEP Member:

- Periodic emailing of Fundy Issues Fact Sheets and other BoFEP publications, including the quarterly electronic newsletter "Fundy Tidings"
- A vote at our Annual General Meeting (organizations are entitled to ONE voting representative)
- Opportunity to join the BoFEP Steering Committee
- Opportunity to join the BoFEP Management Committee
- Knowledge that you are contributing to the efforts to sustain the Bay of Fundy as a healthy, productive ecosystem

Membership Categories *(Please check one)*

- Individual membership (\$25)
- Organizational membership (e.g. non-profit group, government agency) (\$100)
- I wish to make an additional donation to BoFEP of \$ _____

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Please mail your membership form with a cheque (in Canadian dollars) made out to
"Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership Inc." to the following address:

Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership
PO Box 3062, Tantallon, NS B3Z 4G9

Membership dues are for the current calendar year. A receipt will be issued as soon as your dues are received. Unfortunately, your contributions are currently not tax deductible.

Many thanks again for your continued support of BoFEP