**Bay of Fundy Workshop Report (Joshua McNeely, Peter Wells)**

BoFEP has had a series of biennial Bay of Fundy Science Workshops from 1996 to 2018, bringing together scientists, students, environmental and resource managers, NGO personnel, citizen scientists, and members of the interested public to hear about new work and meet and discuss the condition of the Bay and its living resources.

Two years ago (Fall 2019 -Winter 2020), BoFEP teamed up with ACCESS (Atlantic Canada Coastal and Estuarine Research Society) for a joint Workshop/Conference that would have held in May 2020. Of course, the Covid 19 pandemic crisis intervened and the conference was cancelled. It would have been an outstanding event as there were submissions of almost 90 papers, posters and numerous panels on a wide range of topics and ongoing work on the Bay. This shows the breadth of scientific and community based work being conducted in the Maritime region.

With the likely involvement and co-sponsorship with ACCESS, we are now starting to think about and plan for the Workshop in 2022. It will likely be a combination of an in-person “normal” meeting, and an on-line meeting. I (PGW) just attended such a Conference (the 37th Canadian Ecotoxicology Workshop) in Halifax, with over 200 people attending via both venues, and although a challenge for the organizers to run it in both formats, it worked out really well under rigorous Covid guidelines.

Therefore, we propose to:

1. Plan for a regular BoFEP/ACCESS Bay of Fundy Science Workshop for Spring, 2022, assuming Covid will be under control by then. If it is not, the meeting will be on-line only.
2. Seek volunteers in both organizations, and our partner organizations, to assist with the workshop organization. We need strong program and logistics committees. This is the time to recruit people, and assuming it is possible, book the space (likely at the Truro Dalhousie University, Agricultural campus), and work out the approach for the on-line part of the meeting running simultaneously with in-person talks and event. We need your collective help here.

In the meantime, be sure to submit news about ongoing research, with appropriate links to papers and reports, to the *Fundy Tidings* Newsletter, a key communications piece edited by Jon Percy. It is well circulated and an invaluable source of information about the Bay.

The Newsletter and our BoFEP website, as well as ACCESS’s website, will be the source for information on the Workshop as plans develop, committees form, and the call for contributions goes out in early 2022. Stay tuned, but above all, please become involved in this flagship event!!