**BoFEP/ACCESS Workshop 2024. From Chris Bridger, HMSC, St. Andrews, NB, Nov. 28th, 2023. Preliminary Description for the BoFEP AGM Nov. 30th.**

The Huntsman Marine Science Centre, St. Andrews, NB., is pleased to be a Presenting Host Sponsor for the joint BoFEP/ACCESS workshop as detailed below. We will soon have a group call to answer any questions about the details below and to discuss some of the logistics in operating this meeting – particularly with respect to registrations and finances.

**Proposed date**: Tuesday-Friday, June 4-7, 2024, to maximize availability of resources, i.e. space, for the workshop and student accommodations.

**Suggested theme/title**: *Tides of Change: Accelerating Conservation and Protection Efforts in Atlantic Canada’s Estuaries and Coastal Waters*

**Format**: Sessions addressing general ecology and research in the Bay of Fundy and estuaries throughout Atlantic Canada, the science-policy interface, natural and anthropogenic stressors, risks to local marine biodiversity, among others. Anticipated to be 10 sessions (not overlapping to maximize participation/discussion) and subject to program committee decisions.

**High level schedule for consideration similar to the previous joint BoFEP/ACCESS workshop in 2022** (http://www.bofep.org/wpbofep/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2022BoFEPProceedings\_Final2\_web.pdf):

Tuesday afternoon: pre-conference student/young professional short course in the Dunn Theatre (Fundy Discovery Aquarium)

Tuesday evening: opening social in Fundy Discovery Aquarium (cash bar)

Wednesday – Friday: full day conference activities (talks, nutrition breaks [morning and afternoon], lunches, poster socials (cash bar)) throughout Fundy Discovery Aquarium

Thursday evening – Town Hall option open for public attendance in Fundy Discovery Aquarium (cash bar).

Facilities noted in above bullets are highlighted on the following website with a short presentation video (https://www.huntsmanmarine.ca/symposia)

**Accommodations (more description here**: https://www.huntsmanmarine.ca/studentliving):

Dormitory style accommodations – entire building available in Needler Hall within walking distance of the venue for student registrants @ $35/night/person (double (35 students) or triple (51 students) occupancy options are available in this hall (roommates either self chosen or we assign as we do often for visiting school groups)

Hotel style accommodations – limited number of 10 rooms available in Anderson House & Nancy Hall also on Upper Campus @ $115/night. We don’t usually open these for public bookings but happy to discuss housing for guest speakers or organizing committee members, etc.

As a Presenting Host Sponsor, we will work with the core organization(s) and other sponsors to provide the best rates possible to host the workshop. More information will come as it becomes organized, including early in the new year, the Call for Papers, Posters, Panels, and a topic for a Public Session. Stay tuned.