



## Day 0 (October 23rd)

6:00pm



### ICE-BREAKER at St. James' Gate

129 Kent St., just turn left as you exit the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, and walk for 2 blocks  
Registered participants get a ticket for **one free-drink**.  
Meet other participants, have a drink and maybe dinner (meal is not included in registration).

## Day 1 (October 24th)

8:00 **REGISTRATION** – check in at the desk and get a name tag. Presenters, bring your electronic presentations for downloading.

8:45 Opening remarks

### Session 1: Wildlife Management and Conservation I

09:00 **Gary Schneider** PUTTING A PUBLIC FACE ON FOREST RESTORATION

09:40 Kirby Tulk MANAGING FOREST ECOSYSTEMS IN TERRA NOVA NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA: THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY

10:00 John Brazner VERNAL POOL MAPPING AND MONITORING PROJECT: PROMOTING STEWARDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF N. S.'S SMALLEST WETLANDS

10:20 Paul Chamberland GEESE, GULLS, GRAINS AND GOLF: PROPER PERMITS PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM PROTECTED BIRDS

10:40



### COFFEE BREAK

Sponsored by:

**Bird Studies Canada**

11:00 Alyssa Mitchell OPERATION SHREW POO: A COMMUNITY-CENTERED APPROACH TO CONSERVING RARE WETLAND SHREWS IN NOVA SCOTIA

11:20 Kate Bredin THE MARITIMES BREEDING BIRD ATLAS: CONSERVATION APPLICATIONS, CHANGES IN MARITIMES BIRDS & CONTINUING VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

11:40 Margaret Campbell USING BREEDING BIRD ATLAS DATA TO CONSERVE SPECIES AT RISK IN INDUSTRIALLY MANAGED ATLANTIC FORESTS

12:00 Becky Whittam BANK SWALLOWS IN THE MARITIMES: PRELIMINARY SURVEYS AND FUTURE NEEDS FOR A DECLINING AERIAL INSECTIVORE

12:20

### LUNCH

1:40 **ASFWB Annual General Meeting**

2:40



Ducks Unlimited Canada  
Conserving Canada's Wetlands

### COFFEE BREAK

Sponsored by:

**Ducks Unlimited**

### Session 2: Wildlife Health

3:20 **Pierre-Yves Daoust** ANIMAL WELFARE AND WILDLIFE USE

4:00 Heather Fenton UNUSUAL MORTALITY EVENT OF YOUNG GREY SEALS (*Halichoerus grypus*) ASSOCIATED WITH APICOMPLEXAN PROTOZOAL HEPATITIS IN N.S.

4:20 Ana Gradil COMPARATIVE IMMUNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESPONSES IN LOWER VERTEBRATES – SHORTNOSE (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) AND ATLANTIC (*A. oxyrinchus*) STURGEON

4:40 David Groman RESULTS OF FISH HEALTH ASSESSMENTS OF GLASS EELS, *Anguilla rostrata*, FROM CANADIAN MARITIME RIVERS, 2006-2010

5:00 Helene Van Doninck LEAD POISONING IN BALD EAGLES

6:30

**BANQUET** (Provinces Room, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel)

## Day 2 (October 25th)

8:00 **REGISTRATION/** Announcements

### Session 3: Wildlife Management and Conservation II

8:40 Brad Toms NEW FINDS IN EASTERN MOUNTAIN AVENS (*Geum peckii*) CONSERVATION ON BRIER ISLAND AND DIGBY NECK

9:00 Scott Roloson DELINEATING ANADROMOUS MOVEMENTS OF NON-NATIVE RAINBOW TROUT ON PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

9:20 Rick Hawkins AQUATIC CONNECTIVITY IN P.E.I. NATIONAL PARK: MONITORING FOR ECOSYSTEM INTEGRITY AND MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS

9:40 Daryl Guignon SILENT STREAMS: THE IMPACT OF IMPOUNDMENTS ON HEADWATER STREAMS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

10:00



Stantec

### COFFEE BREAK

Sponsored by:

**Stantec**

10:20 Kate Goodale HOW DO NOVA SCOTIA FARMERS FEEL ABOUT BIODIVERSITY ON THEIR PROPERTIES?

10:40 Megan MacIntosh THE EFFECT OF LANDUSE ON WATERFOWL HABITAT QUALITY IN AN AGRICULTURAL REGION OF ATLANTIC CANADA

11:00 Cassandra Mellish MONITORING OF GREEN CRABS FROM TWO P.E.I. ESTUARIES: EXPLORING THE BASIS FOR A POTENTIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

11:20 Garry Gregory MUSKRAT HARVEST AND THE INFLUENCE OF EXTERNAL VARIABLES

11:40

### LUNCH

### Session 4: Ecosystem Studies

1:00 **Donna Giberson** PUTTING THE RESEARCH INTO ACTION: HOW DO WE GET FROM UNIVERSITY STUDIES TO WORK ON THE GROUND?

1:40 Paula T. Flynn OCCURRENCE OF AUTOTOMY IN PEI GREEN CRAB POPULATIONS AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THIS INVASIVE SPECIES

2:00 Julia A. Whidden SKATING AROUND THE DRINK: PRELIMINARY MOVEMENT PATTERNS, POPULATION DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF LITTLE SKATE AND WINTER SKATE IN THE AVON ESTUARY

2:20 Lauren Banks TOO MUCH? TOO LITTLE? OR JUST RIGHT?: IMPACTS OF NUTRIENT AVAILABILITY ON DUCK BROOD PRESENCE IN THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY, N.S.

2:40 Lee Millett FACTORS AFFECTING PRODUCTIVITY OF DUCK BROOD REARING IN SMALL WETLANDS IN THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY, NOVA SCOTIA

3:00

### COFFEE BREAK

3:20 Rosemary Curley WERE BEAVERS NATIVE TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND?

3:40 David J. Lieske USING MODELS TO LINK SURVEY DESIGNS: A CASE STUDY INVOLVING MARITIME AMERICAN BLACK DUCKS

4:00 Paul Giroux MONITORING WETLAND ODONATA COMMUNITIES IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

4:20

### Student Awards/Closing

Names of student presenters are underlined.

### Hosting Organization and sponsors:



Canadian Cooperative  
Wildlife Health Centre



Ducks Unlimited Canada  
Conserving Canada's Wetlands



75 YEARS OF  
CONSERVATION  
EXCELLENCE



BIRD STUDIES  
ÉTUDES D'OISEAUX CANADA



Dept of Pathology &  
Microbiology



Stantec