

52ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ATLANTIC SOCIETY OF FISH & WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS

AGENDA DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

- 8:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 9:15 AM WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS
- 9:30 AM **PLENARY: THE MARITIME LINK PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PLANNING TO EXECUTION**
Rebekah Cluett-Chan, Manager Environmental Compliance and Stakeholder Engagement and Jean-Marc Nicolas, Senior Project Scientist
- 10:00 AM **THE BRAS D'OR WATERSHED: CANADA'S 16TH BIOSPHERE RESERVE**
Jim Foulds
- 10:20 AM **A HABITAT CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR CAPE BRETON**
Karel Allard, Al Hanson, Margo Morrison, Pat Nussey
- 10:40 AM **BREAK**
- 11:00 AM **WHAT'S THE GOOD OF IT? THE LANDSCAPE INDICATOR UTILITY OF THE RARE, SOUTHERN TWAYBLADE IN NOVA SCOTIA**
Nicholas Hill, Shawn Hicks, and Michael Crowell
- 11:20 AM **THE 'GULL PROBLEM' REVISITED: MINK FARMS AND OTHER SOURCES OF ANTHROPOGENIC FOOD HAVE ATTRACTED GULLS TO HUMAN POPULATED AREAS IN ATLANTIC CANADA**
Katherine R. Shlepr, Karel A. Allard, Robert A. Ronconi, Dave A. Fitfield, Greg J. Robertson, Antony W. Diamond, Mark L. Mallory
- 11:40 AM **OVERWHELMED: MANAGING GLOSSY BUCKTHORN AT PUGWASH**
Doug van Hemessen, Nature Conservancy of Canada
- 12:00 AM LUNCH
- 1:00 PM **ASFWB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- 2:00 PM **ECOLOGICAL SEGREGATION BETWEEN TWO CLOSELY RELATED SPECIES: EXPLORING ATLANTIC PUFFIN AND RAZORBILL FORAGING HOTSPOTS**
Stephanie C Symons, Atlantic Laboratory for Avian Research, University of New Brunswick

- 2:20 PM **WHITE-TAILED DEER WINTERING AREAS**
Randy Milton Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division
- 2:40 PM **MARGINAL AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN NOVA SCOTIA: EXAMINING
FARMER PERCEPTIONS AND PRACTICES ON WOODLANDS, WETLANDS
AND PONDS**
Simon Greenland-Smith
- 3:00 PM BREAK
- 3:20 PM **MIGRATION DECISIONS BY ATLANTIC SALMON SMOLTS IN A COMPLEX
ESTUARY: SHOULD THEY STAY OR SHOULD THEY GO?**
Bruce G. Hatcher, Glenn Crossin, Michael Orr and Alicia Penney
- 3:40 PM **TRACKING FISH MOVEMENT THROUGH AN AQUATIC CULVERT**
Jillian Arany, Acadia University
- 4:00 PM **MOVEMENT PATTERNS OF TADPOLES AND FROGS THROUGH AQUATIC
PASSAGEWAYS USING PASSIVE INTEGRATED TRANSPONDER TAGS**
Robin Dornan, Randy Milton and Trevor Avery
- 4:20 PM STATUS OF PHRAGMITES AUSTRALIS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
Rosemary Curley, Nature PEI
- 6:30 PM **ASFWB BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION**

AGENDA DAY 2 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015

- 8:45 AM WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9:00 AM **ACIDIFICATION OF FOREST ECOSYSTEMS IN CAPE BRETON COUNTY**
Thomas Bouman and M.A. Mazzocca
- 9:20 AM **FORESTRY INCREASES MORTALITY OF ENDANGERED BOREAL FELT
LICHEN IN NOVA SCOTIA**
Robert Cameron, Nova Scotia Environment, Protected Areas and Ecosystems
- 9:40 AM **FOREST STRUCTURE AND SITE CONDITIONS OF BOREAL FELT LICHEN
HABITAT IN CAPE BRETON**
Terry Power, R. Cameron, T. Neily, H. Clapp and B. Toms

- 10:00 AM **RESTORATION OF BIG MEADOW BOG AND RECOVERY OF THE
ENDANGERED EASTERN MOUNTAIN AVENS**
John Brazner, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division
- 10:20 AM BREAK
- 10:40 AM **“RECOVERY BY INVENTORY” FOR POORLY DOCUMENTED SPECIES AT
RISK**
*Sean Blaney, David Mazerolle and Alain Belliveau, Atlantic Canada Conservation
Data Centre*
- 11:00 AM **THE SECRET LIVES OF MARSH BIRDS - INVESTIGATING HABITAT
ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE MARITIMES**
Holly Lightfoot, Nicole MacDonald and Laura Tranquilla, Bird Studies Canada
- 11:20 AM **A SURVEY OF LANDOWNER ATTITUDES AND HABITAT CHARACTERISTICS
OF AERIAL INSECTIVORES NESTING ON HUMAN-INFLUENCED
LANDSCAPES**
Ally Manthorne, Bird Studies Canada
- 11:40 AM **GENETIC RELATIONSHIPS, MOVEMENT PATTERNS, SPATIAL DYNAMICS
AND DIET OF THE EASTERN COYOTE (*CANIS LATRANS* VAR.) IN CAPE
BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK**
Jason Power, Nova Scotia Department of Environment
- 12:00 AM STUDENT AWARDS & CLOSING REMARKS
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