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POSTPONED!!

The General Meeting which was scheduled for March 26th is now postponed to a future date. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and check for any email updates. We need to talk about Kincardine Dock rentals for the upcoming season and the 2020 Chantry Derby.

MNRF 2020 Regs Available

Just a quick reminder that the new MNRF regulations for 2020 are now available at: <https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-fishing-regulations-summary-en-2019-12-13.pdf>. Also a good idea to renew your fishing license, if you haven't already done so.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members. We've had a heck of a time with this corona virus thing. We've had our salmon hatchery minding the chinook eggs since early October. Went through a bad die off with them because of an ice storm at the first of December, but still were able to keep about 45,000 of them going and they're still in the hatchery today.

Kincardine has been humming along real good. They shipped up about 16,000 rainbows to Port Elgin in October to spend the winter there and kept about 48,000 behind in their large tanks for release later this

spring. We had a great bunch of people come out in the middle of winter and help fin clip all the bow in Kincardine and Port Elgin.

And the MNRF sent down 72,000 eyed-up brown eggs from their Chatsworth hatchery in January for us to mind and look after for release along the lake next fall.

Well, COVID changed it all. On March 12th the Ontario Education Minister announced schools would be closed for two weeks past the March Break. Our Director Richard Elliott, the LHFC School Hatchery Program Coordinator, called me right away and said we had to get all the salmon out of the schools because no one would be able to look after them for the next 3 weeks.

Brian King and I collected the fish from the Southampton, Port Elgin and Kincardine schools and over a few more days, Richard circled around to the rest of the schools.

There are 50 Bruce Power sponsored aquariums in the program but right now

there's a special "school" of about 800 chinook getting their education in one big tub in the Kincardine Hatchery!

Then Bruce Power put out a general call to all the organizations who had benefited from their 2020 Community Funding grant, to consider returning the money and it would be used instead towards the COVID response in our area.

Well that was us. To the tune of \$25,000 this year, which was earmarked for more school aquariums and for a stream rehab project that their biologists were going to talk to us

about this spring yet.

So we, as the club exec, returned the money to Bruce Power.

We all talked between ourselves, did emails, had conference calls, and we talked some more, and some more, and thought of all the different activities we are involved in as a Club.

What the heck do we keep doing or not do???

Right away, for safety sake, we had both hatcheries go down to one volunteer per day to do hatchery chores. Everybody wore rubber gloves and used Lysol like it was cheap beer... but we finally had to come to a full stop.

So if everybody will stick with us, and especially the new members who just signed on, we're not going anywhere. We just need to put the brakes on for a bit, watch our P's and Q's then kick into gear when all is clear.

As you know the Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby was slotted for this July 25th to August 9th, but as things

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developed, the Premier said just on April the 16th that "Fishing will still be open", but the fishing derbies, we're requesting, we're not putting an order in, but I think it's common sense, we don't want the fishing derbies to happen."

So your very hard working derby committee members used emails and conference calls between each other and finally had to come to the conclusion to move our 37th Chantry Classic Derby into the summer of 2021.

Thanks very much Derby Committee. That was no easy decision. From a Lake Huron Fishing Club perspective, you as a member cannot thank those members enough for their hard, hard effort.

It was a dammed hard decision to make, absolutely no doubt.

The annual Derby proceeds always go back to the Lake Huron Fishing Club for ongoing programs and operations. Without a doubt that financial contribution is the largest single source of revenue for the Club. So. See you in 2021. There'll be fish. I wonder what the hell the weights will be next summer without pressure on the lake this summer? 21 - 22lbs minimum ???

I'd urge you all to regularly visit the Lake Huron Fishing Club website and the Club's Facebook page, but specifically please watch Richard Elliott's live feed at the Kincardine Trout Hatchery from his April 8th, 2:00 PM post. Richard gives a lot of good information about what's happening in that live feed.

And for your information, I sent the email you see below to Tracy Allison, Resource Management Supervisor, MNRF Midhurst District - Owen Sound Field Office.

Tight lines folks.

**Yours in Conservation,
Kelly Mullen - LHFC President**

Hi Tracy.

We had an executive member conference call this evening and arrived at quite a few actions to bring the club to a shutdown / suspended state while we all wait to beat the virus.

We do not want to fold per se, but want to suspend club activities for the time being. Just quickly, that involves emptying both club hatcheries and placing them in a shutdown and layup state until it's safe to resume operation. Ron Kruliki will send on the required stocking report, but we moved out a lot of trout yesterday and will finish up on Good Friday. We're trying like hec to hold off stocking the Chinook for another month. They could use some growing time.

Will advise.

As well we will not harvest Steelhead Rainbow at Denny's this spring. We will definitely resume egg collection, when it is safe to do so, for our club, Bruce Peninsula and the Sydenham Clubs.

We will continue our volunteer assistance to the MNRF to maintain the Denny's Dam fishway.

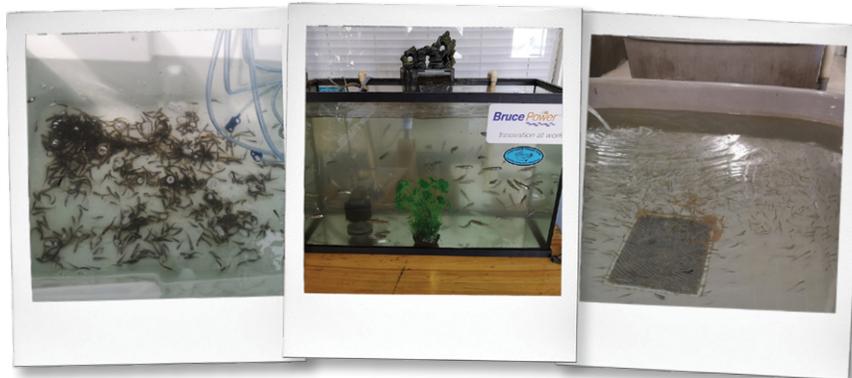
What we should do is put on paper, as a hard record, what activities the LHFC is suspending for the time being with the understanding that those activities will resume, with the MNRF's approval, when it is possible to do so.

*Thank you.
Kelly*

LHFC SCHOOL SALMON HATCHERY UPDATE

On the last day of school, before March Break, Chinook Salmon tanks were taken from 17 schools to the Kincardine Trout Hatchery and placed into one of the intermediate tanks.

Five schools of brown trout were taken back to the Kincardine Trout Hatchery and placed in one of the egg trays. Two brook trout school hatcheries, were taken to Georgian Triangle Anglers Association's Hatchery to be left there until release. The Thames River Anglers Club took the school from London's brown trout back to their hatchery until release. It's been a busy three weeks, but everything got done ASAP working our way through all the new guidelines around Social Distancing.



Thanks for all the Sister Club's help to make this all happen and the MNRF for moving so quickly after I contacted Chris Wilson, the Production Planning Biologist, Fish & Wildlife Services Branch, Fish Culture Section Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

On the Thursday of the School closure announcement, he emailed his District

heads to help make everything go as smooth as possible. The Walkerton BIA still has their chinook salmon and they will be picked up when it's time to release them or before to be taken back to the Kincardine Hatchery.

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LHFC School Hatchery
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37TH CHANTRY CHINOOK CLASSIC SALMON DERBY POSTPONED TO 2021

On April 17th, the Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby committee sadly announced the postponement of the 37th Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby slated to run July 25 to August 9, 2020. The Derby will be postponed until 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.

We have been closely monitoring the continuing developments with the guidance of the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments. While we were hoping to proceed as usual, it is now obvious, that we would not be able to ensure the health and safety of participants and volunteers. For that and many other reasons, we decided it best to put the Chantry Derby on hold for a year.

The 37th Chantry Chinook Classic Salmon Derby has now been re-scheduled

to Saturday July 24 to Sunday August 8, 2021. The Chantry Derby draws anglers to our area from across Canada and internationally, with well over a thousand attendees every year.

We are grateful for the support of our sponsors, ticket outlets, volunteers and participants. It is your commitment that makes the Derby the fantastic event that it is.

Derby proceeds go to the Lake Huron Fishing Club for their ongoing programs and operations. This financial contribution is the largest single source of revenue for the Club to continue their annual stocking of salmon, brown and rainbow trout from their two fish hatcheries. Rehabilitation of local tributaries to improve fish habitat are part of their ongoing efforts to ensure

Lake Huron remains a premiere fishing and tourist destination. Support for this Derby helps ensure a sport fishery for our sons, daughters and grandkids.

Please stay safe during these unprecedented times and we see you July 2021 for the 37th Chantry Derby!

Stay tuned to the Derby website at www.chantrychinook.com for up to date news, coming from your 2020 Derby Committee.

Follow us on Facebook. 

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Bert Kuntz

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big shoutout to the members from the Scott's Point area who dedicate much time and energy at keeping the Baie du Doré launch ramp and area open and in great shape for the fishing public. The Baie du Doré launch is there for anyone to launch their boat but it takes a lot of time, effort and some much needed dollars to keep it going.

There's a place there to drop cash into for each launch and we're looking at setting up eTransfer information on our website as an option for people to pay as they go each time and launch. Stay tuned for that info.

And a big shout out to Jeremy Bimm. Jeremy saw the condition of the Baie du Doré parking area after a hard winter of use and arranged with a buddy of his from Paisley to run a full load of A Gravel to the site and then Sheldon Parker of Parker Enterprises travelled up and graded it for EVERYONE. All gratis! Thank you gentlemen. So even though the Township has the ramp barricaded right now because of the Covid-19 threat, the parking lot is prepared.

Also, a big thanks to the Ontario Steelheaders who took time out to help lift stop logs from Denny's Dam to lighten the flow through the fishway. Water drains from miles and miles of the Saugeen Watershed and pours over the dam. Lifting stop logs helps pull heavy flow away from the fishway and gives the Steelhead a better shot of getting up stream to spawning beds.

And thanks to the Steelhead club for the loan of two of their stocking trailers. We had their trailers and the two LHFC trailers on the road stocking out trout from Kincardine. You can find video of stocking on the Club Facebook site, April 10th, 11:32 AM posting

New Members

Jacob Lamont & Family
Reiner Bunzzie
Chris Dwinell
Curtis Wright & Family
Mark Vandevyvere
Cody Irwin
Mark Zuzarte
Scott Goetz
Joel Davis
John Kunkel
Nickolas Lau & Family

Mildmay, ON
Tavistock, ON
Kincardine, ON
Tiverton, ON
Walkerton, ON
Hanover, ON
Brampton, ON
Hanover, ON
Kincardine, ON
Tiverton, ON
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Meeting Dates:

May 16, 2019

General Meetings:

Spring General Meeting - TBA
Fall General Meeting - September 17, 2020

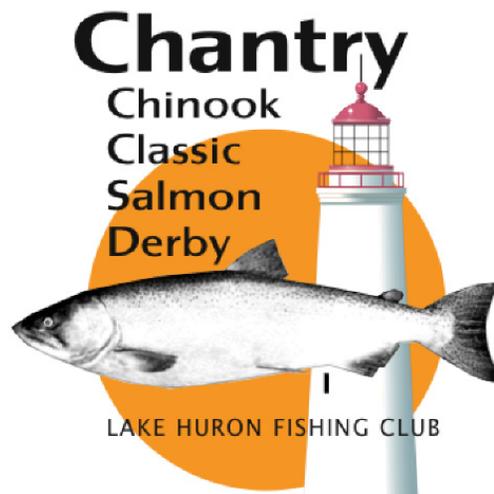
Special Events :

Adopt A Highway — TBA
Derby BBQ at Home Hardware — Postponed until 2021
Club Fish Fry — TBA
Derby BBQ at Rowland's Your Independent Grocer — Postponed until 2021
Derby Media Day/Sponsor Appreciation — Postponed until 2021
Derby BBQ Sobey's Kincardine — Postponed until 2021
Chantry Derby — Postponed until 2021
Derby Awards — Postponed until 2021
Pig Roast — TBA
Christmas Party — November 20, 2020

Special Projects:

Docks in (Kincardine) — TBA
Docks out (Kincardine) — TBA
Chinook & Rainbow egg collection — TBA
Chinook, Rainbow, Brown release — TBA
Baie Dor Docks — TBA
2019 Conservation Projects — TBA

**THE 37TH ANNUAL DERBY WILL BE HELD
FROM JULY 24 TO AUGUST 8, 2021**



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