



The Whiteshell Hatchery Interpretive Centre

An Ideal Setting

Nestled near fantastic fishing opportunities in picturesque Whiteshell Provincial Park, the Whiteshell Hatchery was deemed the ideal location for a self-guided fisheries interpretive centre.



A Shining Example

The new Visitor Centre at the Whiteshell Hatchery provides an exemplary showcase of what public and private organizations can achieve when they collaborate.



Fish Futures Inc, Manitoba Conservation Fisheries Branch, Parks Branch, the Fisheries Enhancement Initiative collaborated to produce an educational facility which will promote the conservation and enhancement of the fisheries resources in Manitoba.

The facility opened July 21st, 2001.





Inside The Whiteshell Hatchery Interpretive Centre

The Hatchery

The Whiteshell Fish Hatchery, built in the 1940's, stocks public waters around the province with a variety of fish species including:

- rainbow trout
- brown trout
- brook trout
- lake trout
- arctic char
- splake
- sparr



The New Facility

Volunteers worked with department staff to design and construct the 1200 sq. ft. facility. A team was hired to design the interpretive materials.

The displays include:

- History of the hatchery
- Information on various species of fish
- Value of Manitoba's fisheries resource





Lyons Lake Accessible Family Fishing Project

The Project

Imagine a fishing experience that is accessible to everyone, that teaches children and adults alike about species of fish and their habitat, fishing techniques and conservation philosophy, in a picturesque natural setting and you will have a good idea what the Lyons Lake Accessible Family Fishing Project is all about.



Team Work

Fish Futures Inc. and Manitoba Conservation teamed up to create an educational family fishing experience close to the Whiteshell Fish Hatchery and accessible to everyone.



A Unique Facility

The Lyons Lake facility is the first of its kind in Manitoba.

No other facility offers at one location handicap accessible fishing and interpretive materials to teach children and families about fish, their habitat, and fishing.



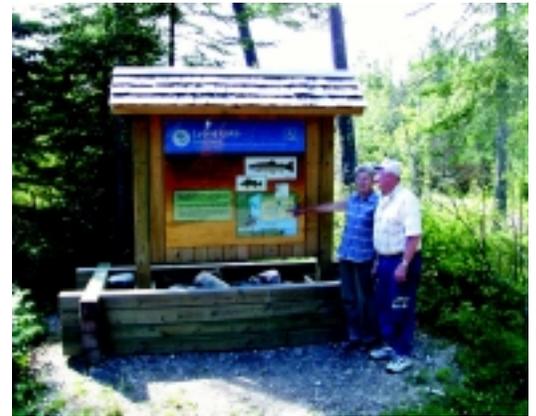


Creating the Lyons Lake Accessible Family Fishing Project

Interpretive Signage

Colourful signage is used to:

- Foster a respect for all species of fish
- Explain and promote “catch and release” philosophy and conservation philosophy
- Teach children and adults about fishing, the fish in Lyons Lake and fish habitat



Results

Lyons Lake now offers a picturesque walking trail and a peaceful, quiet angling experience in a natural setting for families and persons with disabilities.

Adults and children alike can learn and grow through the Lyons Lake fishing experience.





Fish Winnipeg

Brought to You By The Urban Angling Partnership Including Fish Futures Inc.

Media / Corporate Challenge

Members of the media join pro-fishing guides who provide boats and all the necessary equipment to enjoy a morning of angling on the red river.

Corporate challengers launch their boats in the afternoon to determine who will be the corporate champions!

Everybody Wins

- Proceeds fund the Youth Angling Program
- Challengers go home with stories to last a lifetime.
- Awareness of Winnipeg's fine fishing is increased.

It Keeps Getting Better

This year Fish Futures Inc. is giving a rod and reel combo to every child who participates in the summer program.



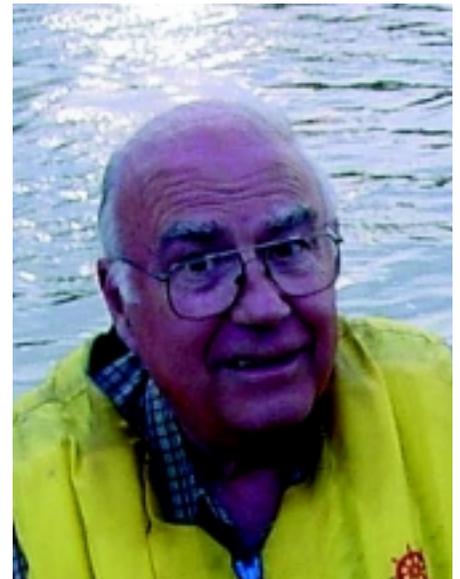


Awards

Each year Five Individuals or Organizations across Canada are Honoured by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Three of the Four of Canada's Recreational Fisheries Awards Given in Manitoba Since its Inception in 1989 are Linked to Fish Futures Inc:

Fish Futures Inc. is a Member of the **Urban Angling Partnership – Winner of the 2000 Canadian Recreational Fisheries Award!**

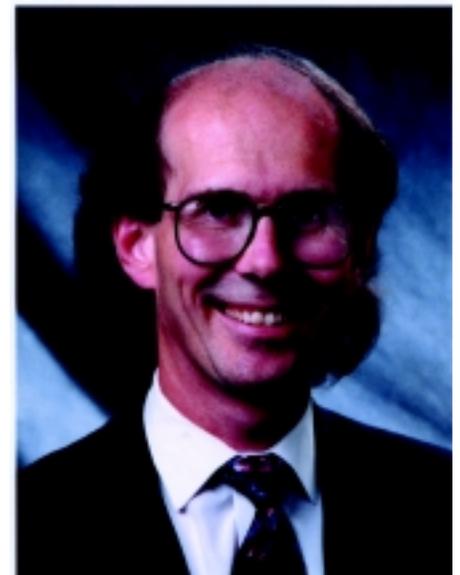
Dr. Kenneth Stewart – *Winner of the 1997 Canadian Recreational Fisheries Award* as Founder and Scientific Advisor to Fish Futures Inc.



Dr. Kenneth Stewart

David Carrick – *Winner of the 1993 Canadian Recreational Fisheries Award* as Founder and President of Fish Futures Inc.

“Through Mr. Carrick’s efforts, the fishing public, as well as the general public, has gained greater awareness of the need for reasonable harvest and renewal of the resource” Pisces, p 8, December 1994.



David Carrick



Scholarships

The Program

Each year since 1998 Fish Futures Inc. has awarded two graduate students a sum towards their research in Aquatic Biology through the *Dr. Ken Stewart Scholarship in Aquatic Biology and Conservation*. In 2001 the scholarship increased to \$2,500 per recipient.



The Recipients

Seven M.Sc. Students and one Ph.D. Student have received the Award. Their research has included:

- Wetland Ecology
- Fish Habitat Ecology
- Fish Population Structure
- The effect of Carp on Marsh Ecology
- The Systematics and Biology of Ciscoes in Lakes
- Limnology
- Fish Parasitology





Advocacy

Fish Futures Inc. has been an important advocate for Protection and Conservation through such endeavours as:

- *Letters to the Editor*
- *Submission of Articles*
- *Representation at Clean Environment Commission Hearings*





Fish Futures Projects

Since its inception in 1989, Fish Futures Inc. has generated in excess of \$750,000 through partnerships and direct fundraising. Below are some examples of projects in which Fish Futures Inc. has partnered and participated:

- *Fish Futures Annual Scholarship Program*
- *Lyons Lake Accessible Family Fishing Project*
- *Support of work by Dr. Terry Dick on Sturgeon research and release on the Assiniboine River*
- *Development of the Whiteshell Hatchery with Manitoba Fisheries Branch*
- *Partnership with the Manitoba Canada Forestry Agreement to support a three year study that resulted in the report "Evaluation of Fisheries and Aquatic Values in the Pine Falls Paper Company Forest Management Area"*
- *Lake of the Prairies Creek Census and Angler Education Project*
- *Financial support of a Walleye Spawn Taking Project at Lonely Lake Drain on Lake Manitoba*
- *Research and angling curriculum development at Fort Whyte Centre*
- *Children and family fishing seminars*
- *Purchase and installation of Four Limno Corrals in the Whiteshell*
- *Trout habitat enhancement and establishment of a trout fishery on the Whiteshell River*
- *Production of the Manitoba Sport Fishing Guide.*
- *Support of Graduate Research Work on "Interpopulation Variability in Egg Quality of Walleye"*
- *Stocking and Marking of 12,000, 3 to 7 inch Walleye Fingerlings into Betula Lake*





Fish Futures Projects *continued...*

- *Submission of briefs to the Clean Environment Commission Public Hearings on Water Quality Objectives for the Watershed Classification of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers within and Downstream of Winnipeg*
- *Fish and fish habitat inventory work on tributaries to the Red River in Winnipeg*
- *Participation in a zebra mussel educational program*
- *Involvement in the City of Winnipeg Urban Fishing Program*
- *Participation in the organization and operation of “Fish Winnipeg” derby since its inception*
- *Habitat enhancement project at Caux Falls on the Whiteshell River*
- *Funding of the Brokenhead River Watershed Management Study*
- *Funding of a study to assess the fish ladder at Lockport*
- *Funding and Operation of the Red River shoreline clean up and maintenance in the Lockport to Selkirk area*
- *Operation of a fisheries interpretive centre at Lockport for one year*
- *Fund raising events including: FISH-ARAMA; FALL CAST OFF; & THE ANNUAL BANQUET*
- *Catch and release and fish handling education through public service announcements on local radio and television stations*
- *Spawning habitat enhancement project on Falcon Creek*
- *Funding of fish ladder construction on Sturgeon Creek*
- *Reprinting of “Get Hooked on Fishing: Kids’ Fishing Book”*





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- Manitoba Conservation
 - Fisheries Branch
 - Fisheries Enhancement Initiative
 - Forestry Branch
 - Eastern Region
 - Parks Branch

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- City of Winnipeg
- Whiteshell District Cottage Owners
- Environment Canada EcoAction 2000



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- Sturgeon Creek Association



- Manitoba Fly Fishers

