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FISH FUTURES SPRING BANQUET - SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE!



This year's feature auction item is a fully loaded 2009 LUND 1900 Pro-V IFS valued at *over \$65,000.00.*

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2009 Spyder GS Phantom Black Limited Edition SM5 Roadster

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE AUCTION ITEMS!

Note: Auction items not exactly as shown.



Jayco's beautiful Jay Series 1006 fully appointed with many of the available options valued at *over \$17,000.00*



Dutchmen's amazing 29XRV-GS Toy Hauler Travel Trailer filled with fabulous options and valued at *over \$33,000.00*



See the enclosed Tip Sheet for details on these and many more fabulous auction items!



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PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS

AMENDMENTS TO THE NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT

Fish Futures is concerned with new legislation that could allow certain works (like bridges, booms, dams, and causeways) to be built over or in waters that support fish, without an environmental assessment or public consultation. These changes could effect our rights to navigate waters, to protect fish habitat, and to voice our concern over new developments. Government is now defining classes of waters and works, which is problematic if they do not undertake a thorough consultation with all concerned individuals, and organizations like Fish Futures.

The Navigable Waters Protection Act is the one of the oldest pieces of federal legislation designed to protect the public right of navigation in Canadian waters. The Act prohibits the building, placing or maintaining of all works whatsoever in, on, under, through or across any navigable water, without authorization by the Minister of Transport.

Under this Act, "navigable water" means any body of water capable, in its natural state, of being navigated by any type of floating vessel for the purpose of transportation, recreation or commerce and includes a canal and any other body of water created or altered for the benefit of the public, as result of the waterway assigned for public use.

Fish Futures was first alerted that this definition might change to include the need for a navigable water to support vessels that draw a draft of at least one metre. In Manitoba, this could have meant that hundreds of waters would not be protected from development. Although this definition was not changed, a new section was added where several classes of waters – waters too narrow, too shallow, too steep, too obstructed and too winding – are no longer considered navigable waters.

In addition, under this Act, "work" was altered by dropping reference to the four named works: bridges, booms, dams and causeways. According to Transport Canada, this creates the ability for a tiered approval system based on whether or not works will create substantial interference with navigation. Previously all bridges had to be given the same consideration, for example, a golf course pedestrian bridge over a small creek had to be considered in exactly the same manner as the Confederation Bridge to PEI.

On March 12, Bill C-10 was given Royal Assent, and within Bill C-10 were proposed amendments to the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA). Although Bill C-10 was approved and all amendments are now in effect, certain Parts were referred to other Standing Committees.

THE BANQUET THAT'S SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Fish Futures 21st Annual Banquet and Auction **Thursday, May 7th, 2009** **Canad Inns - Polo Park - 5:00PM**

The Fish Futures Banquet Committee is proud to once again invite all of its guests to the 2009 Spring Banquet. Last year's 20th Anniversary Banquet was a huge success and we would like to thank all of you that were able to attend. It's wonderful to see so many of the same faces that come out year after year to support this incredibly worthwhile cause that has such an important and critical mission.

Our goal is to make this banquet a fun and memorable event for everyone that attends and each year we try a little harder to make the prizes and auction items just a little more . . . irresistible.

The enclosed tip sheet will provide you with a few details on some of the new and exciting auction items that we have on tap for this year. Items that will take you to the outdoors in a whole new way of comfort and convenience. Items like a Jayco Jay Series 1006 Fold down camper/trailer courtesy of GNR Camping World . . . or how about a 29 foot Dutchmen Travel Trailer/Toy Hauler also courtesy of GNR Camping World . . . or maybe a set of "Sea-Legs" to make your pontoon boat stand-out with this very unique and very ingenious add-on hydraulic lift system? Only the Fish Futures Banquet can bring you fabulous opportunities like these!

Not to worry, the format of the banquet has not changed. This year's banquet will still have all of your favourite draws. The wildly popular "*Get Out of the Doghouse*" draw is back again. This year we've upped the ante with a stunning, custom-made diamond necklace graciously donated by Rick Dobel and Dobel Insurance. This amazing piece of jewellery comes with a certificate of appraisal of \$3,000.00 and sparkles like stars in the night sky. You better give her some sunglasses before giving her this one!

Nick and Bill Kolansky of Crow Duck Lake Camp have done it again with two donations for this year's "*Silver Six*" draw. The first prize is a two-day, one night stay at Crow Duck Lake Camp for six lucky anglers and includes the use of three boats. The second prize is a Day Trip to Crow Duck Lake Camp for six anglers and includes the use of two boats. Remember there are only 18 hats for this favourite draw, and they always sell out early.

Our big draw for the evening will be the "*Fab Four*" draw. This absolutely incredible trip for four to Laurie River Lodge is valued at \$14,000.00 and only 75 tickets will be available. Read more about it in the tip sheet. Tickets will be selling for just \$200.00 each. Make this draw your chance to win the trip of a lifetime.

And for those discerning taste buds, the Fish Futures "Suck and Shoot" Oyster Bar is back. Succulently fresh-shucked oysters served loosely in their shells available separately or with a shot of Vodka or Tequila. Guaranteed to stir your soul.

We have an exciting evening planned and there should be something for everyone. We're proud of what we do and we sincerely hope you have memorable evening. We'll see you there!

What is Fish Futures Inc.?



**Conservation and Enhancement
of Freshwater Fisheries**

Fish Futures Inc. is a non-profit, registered charitable organization dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of freshwater fisheries through:

- Sponsorship, development and encouragement of research projects.
- Habitat preservation, enhancement and management projects.
- Public education to increase awareness of the value of freshwater fisheries and the need for conservation and enhancement of fish stocks and habitat.

Fish Futures is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of members of the public and representatives of government, industry and the scientific community.

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PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS

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For the NWPA, The Standing Committee on the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources was tasked by the Senate to study the amendments and report back to the government by June 11, 2009. The committee will produce a report summarizing the amendments, state positions and concerns identified, make recommendations and if required seek a government response.

The opportunity to either send in a submission or request an opportunity to present still exists. If you are concerned about the environment and our rights to navigate waterways and to fish from a boat or canoe, Fish Futures encourages you to contact The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment, and Natural Resources by e-mail at eenr-eem@sen.parl.gc.ca or by post mail at Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources, The Senate of Canada, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A4.

IMPORTANT DATES 2009

Fish Futures Spring Banquet – May 7th

Fishing Season Opens - Southern Division - May 9th

Fishing Season Opens - Northern Divisions - May 16th

Winnipeg Fish Festival – July 11th

Fish Winnipeg Corporate Challenge – July 16th

Fall Fishing Derby – September 11th

Provincial Youth Angling Conference - October 17th
