



St. Croix International Waterway Commission



Message from our Canadian Co-Chair:

As we prepare to publish this Newsletter we are all being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been and there continue to be challenges as we all try to stay safe during these uncharted times. The St. Croix Waterway, being located on the international border, has its added challenges as Federal, State and Provincial jurisdictions start to relax 'Stay at Home' constraints at different rates.

When the 'Stay at home' order first happened in mid-March our first goal was to keep our staff safe. I am pleased to report that our staff are back at work and our goal now is to get the park, boat landings, campsites and picnic sites ready so that they can be safely used by our outdoor recreational users, while following COVID-19 Safety protocols. This Heritage River Recreation Program is proportionally funded by the New Brunswick Dept of Natural Resources and the Maine Dept of Lands & Parks.

All SCIWC projects are funded by and undertaken on behalf of a variety of Federal, State and Provincial government agencies and non-profit charitable conservation organizations. We are very appreciative of their continued support. Planning for the upcoming season has been another challenge as we and agency staff got accustomed to working from home.

The fish count at the NB Power Milltown Dam is one of the projects that the SCIWC undertakes on behalf of Federal and Provincial organizations. The Alewives/Gaspereau are in full run now and early numbers suggest there will be record numbers moving upriver this season. Once the fish run is complete our Lead Biologist, Rebecca, will be turning her attention to water quality and aquatic life studies on the upper lakes.

We have other projects being discussed with various agencies and they may be ready to be announced in a future Newsletter.

As SCIWC carries out these worthwhile projects it continues to struggle to obtain sufficient administrative funding to guarantee it's ongoing existence. We are hopeful that the State of Maine will look kindly upon us this summer and then the Province of New Brunswick has agreed to match the State's additional core funding.

As a Not-For-Profit and Charitable organization we welcome donations from individuals. You can choose to donate to a project of your choice and a tax receipt will be issued for either the USA or Canada.

Be Kind. Stay Calm. Be Safe on the water, as we start once again to enjoy the St. Croix River and Waterway in 2020.

David Whittingham
Canadian Co-Chair
St. Croix International Waterway Commission

Program Updates



Recreation

Our Recreation Program is now in full swing. The 'Krew' has been hard at work getting Scott Brook, Gravel Island, and Spednic Lake Provincial Parks ready in a very short amount of time.

Despite the COVID-19 we were able to open at our usual time on the weekend of May 22, 2020 and it was a great success. Campsites were full of happy campers with no incidents.

Bringing the Krew back was a challenging time as we want to keep everyone as safe as possible, but through communication and understanding, everyone is comfortable and back for the season.

We would like to continue reminding everyone to wash your hands, stay 6ft apart, and stay home if feeling ill.

Happy Camping!

For more information on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Environmental

One of our environmental programs this year is to continue the fish count at the NB Power Milltown Dam. The fish count has been completed since 1981 with SCIWC completing the count since 2015.

Due to COVID-19 there has been some challenges behind the fish count as only one employee is able to enter the dam, but with collaboration and technology we were able to surpass this small conflict.

As of our last Fish Report there currently is 330,459 alewives/gaspereau, 4 shad and one hungry otter.

If you are interested in receiving updates on the fish count, send us a message so we can add you to the distribution list.

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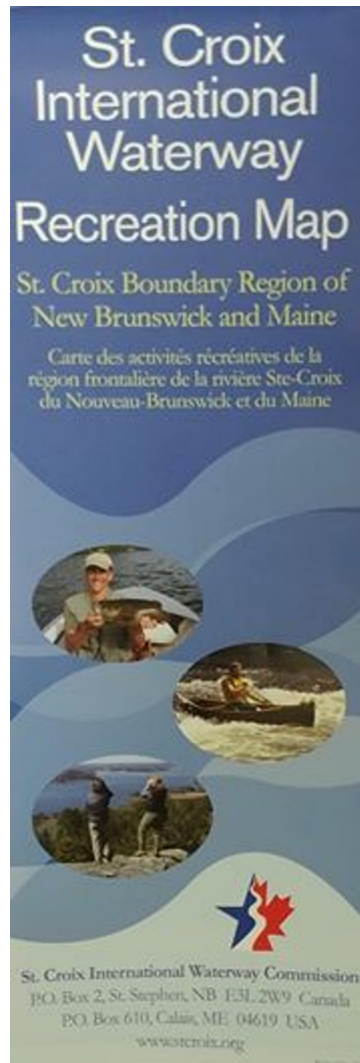
The reservation system is now open for our Scott Brook, Gravel Island, and Spednic Lake Provincial Parks. To make your reservation you can go online to www.stcroix.org (https://shoutout.wix.com/so/9fN8p9bu9/c?w=XvQOkbvVVYYOeZc6G-erZkdoAE1U_JmvqnK78qGAF-o.eYJ1IjoiaHRocHM6Ly93d3cuc3Rjcm9peC5vcmcvZW52aXJvbm1lbnRhbC1zY2llbmNlIiwiciI6ImUyZTIyMWUyLTAoMzEtNGJhNy1kMmU4LTM1NWU3MWE4Y2JkMCI5ImoiOiJscCJ9) or give us a call at (207) 952-9088 and we can assist you with it.

Remote sites through the St. Croix River do not require reservations, but are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

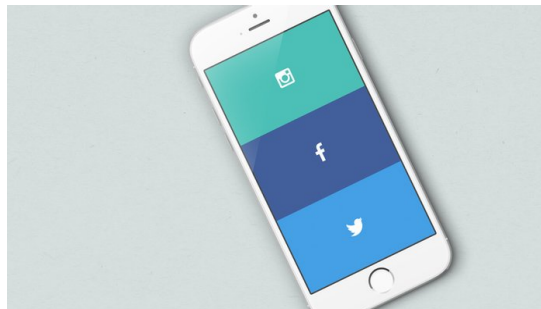
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****Attention: planning a trip doesn't mean completing your voyage. We recommend you only plan a trip and DO NOT take the trip until social isolation restrictions are lifted!****

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