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Welcome to the AANS's new monthly newsletter. Over the past several months we have been experimenting with a monthly newsletter to keep our members and friends informed about our activities in the association. We are pleased to offer our newsletter in a more professional format and we would like to distribute it to a wider audience. Many of you will be receiving our newsletter for the first time. If you are not interested in receiving future copies please follow the links for unsubscribing at the bottom of the newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions about the articles you read in the newsletter, or you have some suggestions for future content, please contact our office at aans@eastlink.ca or 902-422-6234, we would welcome your feedback.

Aquaculture Outreach Program

The Outreach program has concluded for another year. The AANS hosted a closing meeting at our office where the outreach staff summarized their activities for the summer. They attended more community events than any other year and visited pretty much every region in Nova Scotia. This year's program included a new festival tent, a new live fish tank, product sampling, and participation from local producers. From all accounts this was a very successful program this year and I would like to personally thank Emily, Megan, Gillian, and Alex for their efforts. I would also like to thank the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture for partnering with us to deliver this





Atlantic EcoExpo

Exhibition Park,
Halifax NS

Sept 17-19,
2010

Harvest Festival

Yarmouth, NS

Oct 2, 2010



program and specifically Andria Logan for her management of the program.

New Member / Director

We are pleased to announce the Association's newest producer member, Ocean Trout, of Cold Water Fisheries Inc. Sherman d'Entremont, Ocean Trout's General Manager has also agreed to fill our last remaining Board vacancy. Cold Water Fisheries is an Ontario Based company that began operations in 1988.

They are a family owned business specializing in the production and marketing of Rainbow Trout. In addition to their Ontario operations, they run three grow-out sites and one processing plant in Nova Scotia, one grow-out site in Newfoundland, and one hatchery in Prince Edward Island. We had the pleasure of touring Ocean Trout's Pubnico sites on August 13th.



Site Visit

Fernando and Bruce also had an opportunity to visit the salmon grow-out site belonging to our member Ocean Legacy in Owl's Head on the eastern shore. Thank you very much to Robert Taylor for taking the time out of his busy schedule to show us around the farm.



Environment Canada's Fish Hatchery Meeting

The AANS also hosted a meeting of fish hatchery operators and Environment Canada on August 12th to discuss Environment Canada's study into the characterization and potential impacts from fish hatcheries and land based grow out sites in the Maritimes. Benoit Lalonde (benoit.lalonde@ec.gc.ca) from environment Canada detailed their work to date and assured everyone at the meeting that Environment Canada was not singling out this sector and that same level of scrutiny would also be applied to other industries. He also mentioned that the information that they had gathered to date was very positive and that if this trend were to continue through to the conclusion of their study

than there would likely be no action required by the industry. If problems were uncovered during the study they would work with the individual operators to try and mitigate any negative affects to the environment. Everyone at the meeting agreed to assist Mr. Lalonde in his study.

Condolences

On a very sad note, we would like to offer our sincerest condolences to the Mitchell family (Rainbow Net & Rigging) for the very tragic and sudden loss of Jack Mitchell's son and owner of Bayside Marine, Johnnie Mitchell Jr. Jack and Cecil Mitchell have been long time supporters of this industry and have always been there to lend a hand when someone needed help. We are deeply sorry for your loss.

Do you operate a small-scale farm? Have your say!

The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council is researching the labour needs on farms with less than \$100,000 in gross receipts. Your responses will be used to better understand employment needs of smaller farms and will ensure that aquaculture operations across Canada are represented in the research.

Go to www.cahrc-ccrha.ca

Or call CAHRC at 1-866-430-7457 ext. 228 to complete the survey by phone

All respondents can enter for a chance to win \$100

About CAHRC: The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) was created to address human resource issues facing agricultural businesses across Canada. CAHRC works with industry leaders, governments, and education stakeholders to research, develop and communicate solutions to the challenges in agriculture employment and skills development.

Blast From The Past



Jeff Mullen at Scotian Pride 1997

This section is dedicated to uncovering the pictures buried in our cavernous photo library.

Thank you for your continued support of the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia!

Sincerely,
AANS Staff