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Reel in a Big

Don't let the 2004 Banquet be the one that got away!

With more chances to win than ever, the 2004 Fish Futures Banquet and Auction will be one you don't want to miss!

Many of your favorite trips and auction items from previous years, including the Yamaha ATV, will be back by popular demand. But the fun doesn't stop there...

- A Live Artist will be present to create an original painting for auction.

- Read about some of the great new trips

and auction items in this year's tip sheet or visit our web site at www.fishfutures.net for details.

- Plus, this year you can start the bidding early! A web auction will be held prior to the live auction. The bidding will continue at the auction. (See page 2 for web auction rules.)

2004 Fish Futures Web Auction

By being one of the top three bidders for the Lund 2150 Baron Magnum, you will be invited to conclude the auction at the 2004 Fish Futures Banquet. At the banquet you will be able to continue the auction on the 2150 Baron Magnum, plus many other fantastic items.



Above: Bid for the Lund 2150 Baron Magnum on-line

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Ask the Profes-



Dear Professor,

Does the operation of the Winnipeg Floodway have any effect on the fish in the Red River?

Dear reader,

The short answer is “we don’t know”. Here are some problems being studied about the effects of expanding the floodway.

Raising the control gates makes the river impassable to fish. Operation for spring flooding apparently doesn’t cause a problem for spawning fish. If an enlarged floodway were used later in the year to control water levels in Winnipeg, it could become serious. Also, the constricted channel at the control gates may make the water too fast for some fish to pass, even when the gates are not raised.

the gates are raised may be injured or killed if they are washed over the spillway at the north end. If they get trapped in it, they may die from lack of suitable habitat or oxygen. Nobody knows whether any fish survive over the winter in the floodway.

Finally, the floodway may have a resident aquatic community. Minnows and darters, frogs, crayfish and many other aquatic animals live in the floodway at least during open water season. We don’t know whether they survive the winter, or how important they are to larger Red River species that get in when the floodway is operating.

Fish that get into the floodway when **Curious about Fish?**

Send your Fish Biology / Habitat questions to: AskTheProfessor@shaw.ca

2004 Fish Futures Web Auction - Rules

1. You may bid on this item as many times as you like, prior to the web-auction closing date of May 5, 2004, 4:00 PM CST.
2. The auction will be concluded at the Fish Futures banquet on May 6, 2004.
3. Top three bidders on the online auction will receive a complimentary ticket to the banquet, where the auction for the boat will be completed.
4. Top three bidders from the online auction will bid against banquet guests for final sale of boat.
5. Bidders who cannot be contacted and authenticated from their supplied contact information will be removed from the bidder list.
6. Bids deemed illegitimate will be deleted by Fish Futures.
7. Payment of the auction price by the successful bidder will be completed at the Fish Futures banquet.

All bidders will receive a confirmation e-mail. If a confirmation e-mail is found to be undeliverable, the bid may be removed.

Announcing The Freshwater Fishes of Manitoba

A new book by Dr. Kenneth W. Stewart and Douglas A. Watkinson

Manitoba's freshwater fish are the stars of a new book. *The Freshwater Fishes of Manitoba*, written by Kenneth W. Stewart, Senior Scholar, Department of Zoology, University of Manitoba, and Douglas A. Watkinson, Habitat Research Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Freshwater Institute, will be available in book stores throughout Manitoba this spring.

David Carr, Director and Editor of the University of Manitoba Press, expressed his pleasure in the opportunity to publish the work. "The University of Manitoba Press are proud to be publishing *The Freshwater Fishes of Manitoba*," said Carr. "This book... will be a great resource for everyone interested in fish and fishing in Manitoba."

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"We are working... to ensure that (it) will be both attractive to the general public and an indispensable reference guide for specialists."

The book is unique. It will be the only comprehensive account of the freshwater fish in Manitoba, detailing *all* of the known species of fish in Manitoba with colour photographs, maps, and up-to-date information regarding their origins, distribution, biology, and importance to people.

The only other book on the subject, *The Fishes of Manitoba*, by David Hinks, was published in 1943. Many more species of fish have since been found in Manitoba.



The book (sample page above) will retail for under thirty dollars. The target release date is May 6.

Stewart and Watkinson's new book *The Freshwater Fishes of Manitoba* is the result of more than twenty years of data collection and study. Dr. Stewart began gathering data for the project in 1982.

"The book will be valuable to anglers, amateur naturalists, teachers, students at or above Grades 7 & 8, university students, and professional fish biologists and researchers."

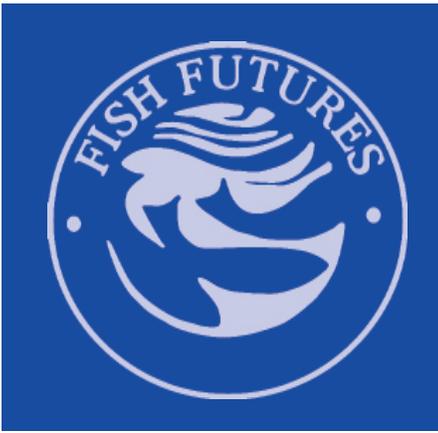
Stewart is passionate about the fish in this province. "Manitoba has the third largest freshwater fish fauna in Canada," said Stewart. "Two species of fish found

in Manitoba are not found anywhere else in Canada, and several are threatened throughout their ranges in the United States."

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the book (once it's out), and questions, information and observations on our fishes from the public," says Stewart. "My greatest hope is that this book will have a role in luring some bright young people into careers in Fish Biology."



What is Fish Futures Inc.?

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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What's New for 2004?

Changes to Angling Regulations

These regulations are in effect on April 1, 2004. Changes shown in italics are intended to simplify regulations by reducing the number and complexity of regulations.

- The spring closure for angling on Morgan Lake and Woosey Creek between Morgan Lake and Woosey Lake has been extended to July 15.
- At the request of respective tourist operators, High Quality Management (HQM) creel limits now apply to Goldsand Lake in the North Central Division and Dow Lake in the Northwest Division. All walleye over 55 cm (22 in) and all pike over 75 cm (30 in) must be released.
- *The final day for removal of*
- *Ice fishing shacks on the Red River is now the Sunday that falls between March 9th and March 15th. For 2005, ice shelters must be removed by midnight, March 13th.*
- The walleye and pike creel limits are reduced to four for each species on Burntwood Lake (Northwest Division), All walleye over 55 cm (22 in) and all pike over 75 cm (30 in) must be released.
- The use of single, barbless hooks only are allowed on select water bodies in the Northeast Division.
- The lower end of the Area A slot limit (eastern Manitoba) has been raised from 40 cm to 42 cm.
- Angling licence fees have increased \$2.00 for residents. A regular licence now costs \$17.00 and a Conservation Licence \$11.00. A resident is now defined as anyone living in Manitoba.
- Canadian residents (non-Manitobans) will now be required to purchase a Canadian Resident Licence. The fee is \$20.00 for a Conservation Licence and \$40.00 for a Regular Licence.
- Non resident fees were also increased. A Conservation Licence will now be \$30.00 and