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FISH FUTURES TAKES THE 2007 SPRING BANQUET TO THE MAX[↑] AT ITS NEW LOCATION



This year's feature auction item is a 2007 LUND 1900 Pro-V IFS powered by a Mercury 225 HP Optimax Pro XS outboard and includes a Lowrance Sonar, Minn Kota PowerDrive bow mount trolling motor all sitting on a Shorelander trailer.

Retail value over \$60,000.00. Not exactly as shown.

MAXIMUM Space
MAXIMUM Auction Items
MAXIMUM Draws
MAXIMUM Prizes
MAXIMUM Fun

*Auction Items may not
be exactly as shown.*





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MANITOBA'S NEW FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT FUND

Fish Futures is thrilled to announce that the Manitoba Government has recently established a new Fisheries Enhancement Fund ("FEF").

Fish Futures played a leadership role in establishing the Fisheries Enhancement Fund. The FEF represents a new public/private partnership that will oversee how fisheries enhancement projects will be funded in Manitoba.

1. Funding for the FEF is budgeted at \$600,000 for the 2007 fiscal year. This funding is almost double the FEI funding, which was only \$350,000 per year.

2. Stakeholders in Manitoba's recreational fisheries now have a significant role in determining which projects receive funding. A Project Review Committee has been established, with representation from each of the following organizations:

- a. Fish Futures Inc.
b. Fish and Lake Improvement Program for the Parkland Region
c. Intermountain Sport Fishing Enhancement Inc.
d. Manitoba Fly Fishers Association Inc.
e. Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association
f. Manitoba Wildlife Federation
g. Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement Inc.

The Project Review Committee reviews applications for funding received by the FEF, and recommends projects to the Minister of Water Stewardship for funding.

3. The scope of applicants is broader under FEF than it was under FEI. FEF applicants can include government agencies, universities, research institutes, conservation organizations, conservation districts, schools, other groups and individuals.

The FEF mandate is to promote and fund projects that will conserve and enhance Manitoba's recreational fisheries resources in accordance with a scientific, resource-based decision making process that is both transparent and accountable.

Projects eligible for funding under FEF are projects that are consistent with the FEF mandate and that focus on at least one of the following:

- 1. Fisheries Research
2. Fisheries Education
3. Fish Stock Assessment / Monitoring
4. Fish Habitat Rehabilitation / Enhancement
5. Fisheries Outreach / Stewardship
6. Fisheries Development
7. Fisheries Compensation

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GOOD TIMES TO THE MAX

Thursday, May 3rd, 2007

Fish Futures 19th Annual Banquet and Auction

NEW LOCATION: CANAD INNS - POLO PARK

The Fish Futures Banquet Committee is proud to invite all of its guests to the 2007 Spring Banquet at its new location - Canad Inns – Polo Park. Bigger really is better. This year's banquet will have more space, more prizes, more draws, and more Good Times!



As a special treat to this year's guests we are holding our version of a **Texas Hold'em Tournament**. Get there early as seating is limited for this special event. Put on your best poker face for a chance to win a handsome card table and chairs of your very own – courtesy of Wiens Furniture. Game time is 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.



Another exciting addition this year is the **“Get Out of The Doghouse”** draw. Purchase your ticket for a chance to win a fabulous White Gold necklace with a Diamond Pendant that's sure to melt your significant other's heart. This diamond necklace is valued at \$1,500.00 and was graciously donated by Rick Dobel and Dobel Insurance. Whether you use it to get out of the doghouse, or just to tell her that you love her, you're certain to be a hero with this one.



Silver Six to the MAX – Sounds impossible, but we've made the Silver Six Hat Draw even more exciting this year. Nick and Bill Kolansky of Crow Duck Lake Camp have generously donated a second great prize to one of our guest's favorite draws. First place prize is a two day, one night stay at Crow Duck Lake Camp for six lucky anglers and includes the use of three boats. This year the second place hat will also win a fabulous prize, which is a Day Trip to Crow Duck Lake for six lucky anglers and also includes the use of two boats. Make sure you purchase one of the limited numbers of hats, as these always sell out early.

Feasts to the MAX – This year we'll be auctioning off even more great party packages. The Keg Back Yard Barbeque is back for another year. This amazing backyard Steak Feast for 16 people will create memories for years to come. Or, how about a Lobster Feast? Bid on 30 lbs. of fresh Atlantic Lobster that will be flown in just for your special event - courtesy of Red Lobster. Or maybe an all-you-can-eat Wing Feast is what you are craving? This includes all-you-can-eat Chicken Wings for you and nine of your hungriest friends for one hour and also includes five pitchers of beer - courtesy of Hooters Restaurant. The party starts at the Fish Futures Banquet, but could go all summer long.

The Fish Futures Banquet supports the conservation and enhancement of our freshwater fisheries resource. Please see the enclosed tip-sheet for details on just some of the choice items that will be auctioned off at this year's event. Expect to find adventure trips to some of the best lodges in Canada, as well as top-quality outdoor camping, fishing, and recreational equipment, and much, much more.

Get ready to have **Fun To The MAX** at the Fish Futures Spring Banquet on Thursday, May 3, 2007. Remember it's new location – Canad Inns – Polo Park. See you there!



*"Working Today
for Tomorrow's Fisheries Resource"*

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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The FEF Project Review Committee has already reviewed a number of applications, and has recommended more than \$300,000 in funding for projects in 2007. The next deadline for applications is May 15, with a Project Review Committee meeting to follow in early June. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an application by May 15, as the Project Review Committee anticipates recommending utilization of the balance of funds available in 2007 at their June meeting.

For future years, it is hoped that Manitoba angling license fees will see a modest increase (up to \$3.00 per license), with all of these increased license fees going into the FEF. This would provide significantly more money to fund projects that will conserve and enhance Manitoba's recreational fisheries for current and future generations, and for the economic good of our province. If you would be willing to pay more for a Manitoba angling license so long as the increase goes to the FEF, please make sure that you communicate this to your MLA!

In the meantime, for further information regarding the new Fisheries Enhancement Fund, please contact Lisa Tack, the FEF Administrator, at 204-945-7787 or Lisa.Tack@gov.mb.ca.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2007

- Fish Futures Spring Banquet - Canad Inns Polo Park - May 3rd
- Fishing Season Opens – Southern Division - May 12th
- Fishing Season Opens – Northwest & North Central Divisions – May 19th
- Family Fishing Weekend – June 9th and 10th
- Fish Winnipeg Corporate & Media Challenge - June 12th
- Winnipeg Fish Festival - July 7th
- Youth Fishing Camps - July and August
- Urban Fishing Derby - September 15th (date may change)