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FISH FUTURES 20TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING BANQUET 20 YEARS OF SUCCESS - 20 YEARS OF FUN



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This year's feature auction item is a one-of-a-kind Fish Futures 20th Anniversary Edition – LUND 1950 Tye Gran Sport, complete with a 225 hp Mercury Verado, ShoreLand'r trailer, Minn Kota bow mount trolling motor, Lowrance Sonar/Plotter, and much, much more. Valued at over \$60,00.00. Not exactly as shown.



Only at the Fish Futures Anniversary Banquet can you expect to see extraordinary auction items like this Bombardier "Spyder." New to Manitoba with only five being allotted for 2008, and considering that the other four are already pre-sold, here's your chance to own one of the wildest rides on the street! Not exactly as shown. Value is priceless!



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FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT FUND

***\$600,000 TO ENHANCE, CONSERVE AND
DEVELOP MANITOBA'S FISHERIES***

The Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) is intended for projects that emphasize the enhancement, conservation and development of Manitoba's recreational fisheries resource.

In 2007, FEF was created through a partnership between the Government of Manitoba and the Manitoba Recreational Fishery Funding Initiative Steering Committee. This committee is composed of members from seven groups:

- 1) Fish Futures Inc.
- 2) Fish and Lake Improvement Program for the Parkland Region (FLIPPR)
- 3) Intermountain Sport Fishing Enhancement Inc.
- 4) Manitoba Fly Fishers Association (MFFA)
- 5) Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association (MLOA)
- 6) Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF)
- 7) Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement Inc.

In 2007/08, the FEF experienced a very successful inaugural year with \$600,000 spent on grants and administrative costs. The FEF funds projects that focus on at least one of the following areas of importance:

- 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

In 2008/09, the FEF will have \$850,000 available for grant funding and administration costs. Visit www.manitobafisheries.com and click 'habitat' to obtain a copy of the application form and guidelines. FEF applicants can include government agencies, universities, research institutes, conservation organizations, conservation districts, schools, other groups and individuals.

Application deadlines are May 15, October 15, December 15 and February 15. For more information about the Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF), email fish@gov.mb.ca or call 945-6640.

In the Fall '07 issue of *Fish News* we reported on \$214,583 in FEF projects. Additional projects approved in 2007/2008 are listed on page 4.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

Thursday, May 1st, 2008

Fish Futures 20th Annual Banquet and Auction Canad Inns - Polo Park @ 5PM

David Carrick, President and Founder of Fish Futures Inc., had a vision to create an organization dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of freshwater fisheries in Manitoba. Twenty years later and only now there is an awakening as to how valuable this resource is and how important it is to protect.

From very humble beginnings, Fish Futures has grown into a strong voice for fisheries advocacy, and an active supporter of research, education, and habitat projects. Each year we strive to make this Banquet, our key fundraising event, as much fun and memorable for our guests as possible.

In addition to the one-of-a-kind 20th Anniversary auction items, described on the enclosed tip sheet, we have many other special treats for this year's guests.

Looking for a unique taste sensation, step up to the Fish Futures "***Suck and Shoot***" Oyster Bar. Succulent fresh-shucked oysters on the half shell, complemented by a shot of vodka or tequila . . . guaranteed to stir your soul.

Feelin' lucky? Get in on the NEW Fish Futures version of the ***50/50 Draw***. This will be our first draw of the evening. Win the cash to buy one of the many auction items you were drooling over.

Back for it's second big year is the "***Get Out of the Doghouse***" draw. We have a stunning, custom-made, white and yellow gold necklace, graciously donated by Rick Dobel and Dobel Insurance, and complete with a certificate of appraisal for \$2,200.00. This necklace is sure to melt the heart of your special someone. And this year we raise the bar, save another guest from the doghouse with a second draw for a 14 karat yellow gold chain valued at \$800.00. Move straight from the Doghouse to the Penthouse with these wonderful prizes.

Nick and Bill Kolansky of Crow Duck Lake Camp have once again doubled their donation to Fish Futures, with two great prizes 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 including the use of three boats. The second prize is a day-trip to Crow Duck Lake Camp for six anglers including the use of two boats. Remember there are only 18 hats for this favourite draw that always sells out early.

The draw of the evening will be the ***20th Anniversary Fab Four Draw***. This absolutely incredible trip to Laurie River Lodge is valued at \$14,000.00 and only 75 tickets will be available. And to celebrate our 20th, tickets will be just \$200 each. Make this feature draw your chance to win the trip of a lifetime.

Your generous support of the Fish Futures Banquet contributes to the conservation and enhancement of our freshwater fisheries. The enclosed ***Tip Sheet*** provides a glimpse of the many items that will be auctioned off at this year's banquet. Get ready for one memorable evening of fun and excitement. We'll 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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Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF)

\$340,255 in Projects

Organization	Project Title	Amount
Fish Futures Inc.	Red River Creel Survey	\$37,050
Manitoba Science Academy	MSA 2008 Summer Research Program (Sturgeon Studies)	\$25,000
North West Interlake Management Association	Bear Creek: Fish Rehabilitation Project	\$25,000
Brandon University	Little Saskatchewan Northern Pike Telemetry Survey (Phase II)	\$25,000
Swan Lake Watershed Conservation District Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement Inc.	Swan River Fisheries and Aquatic Survey	\$25,000
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Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association	Winnipeg Rod and Reel Initiative	\$24,000
East Interlake Conservation District	Fisher River Aquatic and Riparian Habitat Assessment	\$23,750
Manitoba Fly Fishers Association (MFFA)	Whiteshell River - Fish and Habitat Survey	\$23,750
Manitoba Wildlife Federation	Recreational Fish Key	\$19,560
Fish Futures Inc.	Get Hooked on Fishing - Kids' Fishing Booklet	\$18,770
Manitoba Water Stewardship Fisheries Branch - Eastern Region	Falcon Creek Walleye Population Estimate & Habitat Assessment	\$16,500
Manitoba Water Stewardship Fisheries Branch - Head Office	Mark and Recapture Study: Immersion marking walleye fry using oxytetracycline (OTC)	\$14,310
Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association	Outdoor Education for Teachers	\$14,250
Fish Futures Inc.	Provincial Youth Angling Coordinator (PYAC)	\$8,000
Manitoba Water Stewardship - Fisheries Branch	UAP (Urban Angling Partnership) Trailer	\$5,000
St. Norbert Immersion School	St. Norbert Immersion School Outdoor Education Program	\$4,495
Tiger Hills Conservation District	Rock lake Ice Fishing Days	\$4,000
Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District	Birtle Fish Ladder Monitoring Project	\$1,825