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NEW MANITOBA YOUTH ANGLING CARD



Manitoba Water Stewardship Minister Christine Melnick congratulates My Doan of Sisler High School. My's artwork of a northern pike was chosen for the 2009 Youth Angling Card. With the support of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund, Fish Futures has established this new program that will allow youth to access our new website, www.youthangler.ca

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FISH FUTURES LAUNCHES WEB SITE & YOUTH ANGLING CARD

Young anglers in Manitoba have something to look forward to this year, their very own angling card. That's right kids, when you go to your local tackle store or conservation office if you are under sixteen years of age you can collect one for absolutely free. Fish Futures plans for this to be an annual program that helps to encourage youth to go fishing.

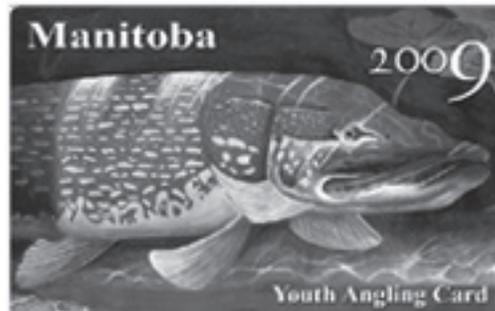
Painted in watercolour by student My Doan in a contest held this winter, this card will direct anglers to the new Manitoba youth fishing website at www.youthangler.ca. Doan's painting was chosen from sixty originals painted by art students at Sisler High School. Next year, the art contest will be expanded into schools across Manitoba and will be open to all students under sixteen years of age.

"The creation of a Youth Angling Card is a fabulous way to introduce youth who fish in Manitoba to the importance of this resource, and to the fact that they are the future stewards of this resource," stated David Carrick, the founder of Fish Futures. "Combined with Fish Futures' new Youth Angling Website, youth will now be able to learn about this resource in a focused, easily accessible and youth-friendly manner, and interact with other youth anglers in the process."

Carrick says while other jurisdictions across Canada have experienced declines in angling participation of up to twenty per cent, Manitoba, through creative and innovative initiatives, has been able to maintain angling license sales and participation.

Fish Futures received funding through the Fisheries Enhancement Fund to develop Manitoba's Provincial Youth Angling Portal or www.youthangler.ca. The site is designed to direct young anglers to the different programs offered throughout the province. Kids can check into the site regularly and see what is happening in their part of the province. Whether they are participating in the Manitoba Recreational Fishing League or looking for fisheries information on-line, the portal is there for them.

Upcoming events worth noting include the Fall Fishing Derby at The Forks on September 11th and the Provincial Youth Angling Conference on October 17th at the Canad Inns on Pembina. Have a great summer and good fishing!



BANQUET 2009 - SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE!

\$50,000 RAISED FOR FISHERIES PROJECTS IN MANITOBA

A Letter From Jerry Kruczek, Chairman - Fish Futures Banquet Committee

Our third year at the Canad Inns Polo Park has once again turned out better than we could have expected. From the record crowd bidding on a record number of auction items, the now popular Oyster Bar to the incredible Filet Mignon Dinner provided by Canad Inns. It truly turned out to be an amazing evening.

A huge thank you must go out to Richard Burton, Trish Teichrow, and all of the staff at Canad Inns Polo Park for helping put on such an incredible event.

As always we gauge our success by what our guests are saying, and once again we have been inundated with comments as to how excellent the evening was! Thank you to all those who have made their opinions known as well as everyone who attended the banquet this year and made it the success it was.

A special thank you to all our sponsors, new and old. Without these individuals and corporations the show just wouldn't go on. There are just too many to mention here, but I think you know who you are.

What would a Fish Futures Banquet be without our hostesses? These ladies work hard all evening long and help sell tickets to our various raffles and draws. A huge thank you goes out to all of the hostesses for a job extremely well done.

The tally is done, and this year's 21st Anniversary banquet raised approximately \$50,000 that will go toward worthwhile projects and continue to make Manitoba the great place it is to live and fish.

Without the guests that come to our banquet and auction, all of our sponsors and volunteers things like the Fisheries Enhancement Fund, which will spend approximately \$850,000 on promoting and funding projects that enhance and conserve Manitoba's recreational fisheries resource, might never have happened. It is with great pride that we raise the funds at the banquet knowing that they go to establishing such worthwhile projects. I encourage you to visit our website at www.fishfutures.net to see exactly what we are all about and where the money goes.

Lastly, I would like to thank my Vice Chair John Armitage and all the committee members who put in incredibly long hours to help make this years' Fish Futures Banquet the success it was.

Best wishes for an incredible summer and don't forget to plan to attend the 2010 Fish Futures Banquet on Thursday, May 6th at the Canad Inns Polo Park.

Sincerely,
Jerry Kruczek
Chairman, Fish Futures Banquet Committee

What is Fish Futures Inc.?



**Conservation and Enhancement
of Freshwater Fisheries**

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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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER - GONE FISHING!

REEL SOLUTIONS FOR YOUTH EVENT IN LAC DU BONNET



Twenty-five students from Centennial School in Lac du Bonnet were treated to a four-hour fishing event on June 12th. Provincial Youth Angling Coordinator Don Lamont was on hand to talk to the students about the sport of angling. Helping out Don was regional fisheries manager and Lac du Bonnet resident Doug Leroux. Doug handled the biological and fish habitat questions. Pro angler and tournament organizer, Bob Goodfellow, brought his boat down on the town dock to demonstrate the mechanics of boat control along with boating safety. After lunch the students were all given a rod and reel donated by the Manitoba Lodge and Outfitters through the Fisheries Enhancement Fund. Tackle boxes and terminal tackle along with baseball caps were provided by Cabela's Outfitters of Winnipeg. After learning how to tie a proper knot, the kids were baited up and allowed to fish from the dock in a mini-fishing event. Three fish were caught during the time allowed, the largest a pike that weighed in at close to five pounds. All the students then went home with a variety of prizes all made possible by Bob and his organizing committee of Brian Jack and Vic Hallows. The Lac du Bonnet Walleye classic organized the Reel Solutions for Youth event with the proceeds from their Lac du Bonnet Walleye Classic.