

Truro Junior A Bearcats

HOME GAMES

Rath Eastlink Community Centre • Community Credit Union Arena, 7:00 pm

Truro Jr.A Bearcats November Schedule

DATE	VISITORS	GF	HOME	GF	VENUE	CROWD/TIME
Fri, Nov 1	Truro	-	Campbellton	-	Campbellton Centre	7:00 pm
Sat, Nov 2	Truro	-	Miramichi	-	Miramichi Civic Centre	7:00 pm
Fri, Nov 8	Valley	-	Truro	-	RECC	7:00 pm
Sat, Nov 9	South Shore	-	Truro	-	RECC	7:00 pm
Mon, Nov 11	Truro	-	Amherst	-	Amherst Stadium	2:00 pm
Fri, Nov 15	Miramichi	-	Truro	-	RECC	7:00 pm
Sat, Nov 23	Truro	-	Edmundston	-	Centre Jean Daigle	7:30 pm
Sun, Nov 24	Truro	-	Grand Falls	-	E. & P. Sénéchal Centre	3:00 pm
Fri, Nov 29	Amherst	-	Truro	-	RECC	7:00 pm
Sat, Nov 30	South Shore	-	Truro	-	RECC	7:00 pm

Engagement Session at MacElmons Pond November 8TH

By Maurice Rees

The Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council's Five Watersheds Project next community engagement session will be held at MacElmons Pond (219 MacElmons Rd, Debert) on November 8th, 2019 from 10am to 3pm. The project is underway and addressing areas of fish habitat concern in the Chignecto, Debert, Folly, Great Village, and Portapique Watersheds. Four of the five watersheds within the project scope are identified as critical habitat for the endangered inner Bay of Fundy (iBoF) Atlantic Salmon.

The following is a brief overview of two of the projects in West Colchester. (An article and pictures on Galloping Brook appeared in the Shoreline earlier this summer)..

Galloping Brook Denil Project: This fish passage barrier on Galloping Brook was originally identified in June of 2018 while testing water quality. When the project manager

and field technicians visited the site they noticed a large school of fish below a hung culvert and it was evident that the fish were not able to continue their migration. The Five Watersheds team crew had a large beach seine and were able to sample the fish.

Using the one sweep method, field technicians and the project manager caught nearly 1000 Gaspereau and a few other species.

Galloping Brook extends from the main channel of the Chignecto River to MacElmons pond, and continues further upstream with linear habitat. The total catchment area behind this culvert is 15.5km², with approximately 23.3km of linear upstream habitat, and 0.5km² of upstream lake habitat in MacElmons pond.

Upstream of the culvert was identified as optimal spawning habitat for Gaspereau in MacElmons Pond. Additional technical survey assessments of the culvert

and flow velocities was undertaken by the NSLC Adopt-A-Stream program to prepare for any future construction work.

The Five Watersheds Project applied for and received additional funding for a Steep Pass Denil structure. This structure slows the water velocity down inside, and also creates small pools for the fish to rest while they travel through. The Denil was installed during the first week of April, 2019. The field technician and project manager monitored the denil twice a week until the arrival of the Gaspereau.

On May 27 2019, the project manager and field technician witnessed what they have been waiting for, hundreds of fish were traveling through the denil to an optimum spawning ground in MacElmons Pond.

Digger Log Installation on Cook Brook: Another area of assessment was the Portapique River. After completing habitat assessments during the summer of 2018, the data and images taken were compiled and sent to Adopt-A-Stream to be analyzed. Based on the compilation report that was provided, the project manager selected three locations that would benefit most from instream restoration work. The location chosen is a tributary off the Portapique River called Cook Brook. This brook has great canopy cover, substrate for spawning, and food availability, but lacked pools.

Digger logs are regularly used instream to increase the

quantity and quality of pools in the river for trout, and salmon. The size and location of the logs were determined by Adopt-A-Stream, as they have to be placed in the natural riffle run sequence of the river. Digger logs have many advantages, they create pool habitat, remove sand and silt from the substrate, and pools capture leaf litter which supports a larger insect population for food, provides better spawning grounds, and cover and over wintering grounds.

The project manager installed 8 digger logs this field season.

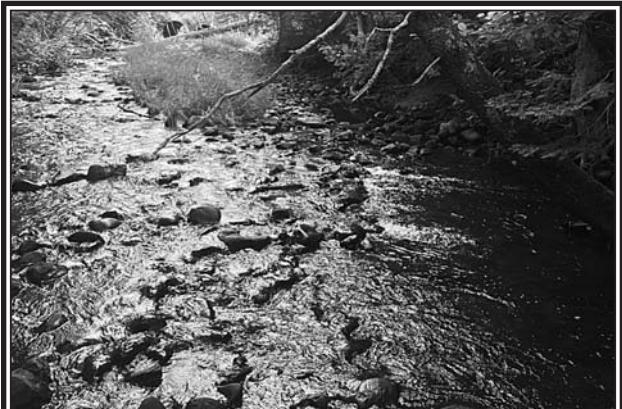
Although installing the digger log is a very labour intensive task, it is very rewarding to see how quickly the digger log begins working in stream.

The Five Watersheds Project is funded by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, through the

Oceans Protection Plan, under the Coastal Restoration Fund. In order to identify areas of habitat concern, the project manager with field technicians performed a wide range of field work including, habitat assessments, fish surveys, water quality monitoring, and culvert assessments.

These factors include areas that will become accessible to fish species, suitability of the habitat area above the potential restoration location, landowner cooperation, and of course, economic viability.

For more information how to get involved Call: (902) 895-6899 or e-mail: cwhalen@map-corg.ca



This photo shows the untouched area of Cooks Brook which would eventually have Digger Log installed. (Submitted)



The Digger Log has been installed on Cooks Brook to create small pools and increase oxygen in the water to improve fish habitat. (Submitted)

Colchester Receives \$96,464

Colchester has received two grants, totaling \$96,464 to support infrastructure and flood risk projects, under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program. Eight communities across Nova Scotia will receive more than \$922,000 for water and wastewater projects through the program, while six communities will receive

\$210,000 for flood related projects.

Colchester will receive \$39,107 to help reduce the amount of rainwater and groundwater entering the sewage collection system and a further \$57,357 for pre-design work for the Salt Marsh project, waterline removal and clean-up of Lepper Brook.

Visit the Bearcat website for the latest news regarding the schedule, team and the latest statistics and ticket information.

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