



2023 Lake Links Workshop “Hooked on Habitat: Sustainable Fisheries for the Future”

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 10am-3pm ET

Perth Civitan Club, 6787 Lanark County Rd 43, Perth, ON

\$25 (includes lunch)

About the 22nd Annual Lake Links Workshop

At this year’s workshop, we will learn about Ontario’s fisheries, the threats they face, and solutions for their recovery and protection. As well, you will meet the 6th recipient of the Gord Rodgers Memorial Award.

Agenda

- 9:30 – 10:00** Doors and Registration Open
- 10:00 – 10:10** Welcome & Opening Remarks – Melissa Dakers, Watersheds Canada
- 10:10 – 10:50** Dr. Steven J. Cooke - Carleton University – *“In Search of Sustainable and Responsible Recreational Fisheries”*
- 10:55 – 11:35** Robert McGowan – Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters – *“Aquatic Invasive Species Threatening Eastern Ontario Fisheries”*
- 11:35 – 12:35** Lunch, Networking, and Booth Displays
- 12:40 – 12:50** Gord Rodgers Memorial Award presentation
- 12:50 – 1:30** Joffre Côté – Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – *“From Science to Regs - How science is shaping fishing regulations and addressing fisheries concerns”*
- 1:35 – 2:35** Display Panel – presentations
- Michael Peterson – Rideau Lake Environmental Foundation
 - Margie Manthey – Get the Lead Out Program
 - Melissa Dakers - Watersheds Canada – Fish Habitat Restoration Program
 - Conservation Authorities – Fish Projects
- 2:35 – 2:45** Remarks from Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations and Lake Partner Program
- 2:45 – 2:55** Closing Remarks – Thank you & Evaluations
- 2:55 – 3:30** Networking available with speakers and participants

Please remember to bring a non-perishable item to support the local food bank.

Participants are invited to bring in their lead tackle, lead shot, lead decoy weights, or lead anchors to be collected by the Get the Lead Out Program.

Overview

Since 2002, Lake Links has allowed lake associations and other volunteer groups in Eastern Ontario to come together with government and non-government agencies to listen to speakers, share information, and address common lake and river issues that matter most to our communities. This one-day workshop is held every October in Perth, Ontario.

2023 Planning Committee

Cataraqui Conservation, Friends of The Tay Watershed Association, Lake Networking Group, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Watersheds Canada.

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