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Welcome to the Fall 2020 version of our *Watermark* newsletter. We should be celebrating the completion of the biggest aquaculture conference in Canadian history in beautiful Newfoundland and Labrador. However, as we're all aware, COVID-19 has presented us with changes to our daily norms and interactions. Despite this, I'm excited to announce that the Aquaculture Association of Canada is going virtual with a 2020 Student Conference; a chance for students to present and compete for various prizes. You'll also note that Aquaculture Canada-WAS North America 2020 has been rescheduled to September 26-29, 2021, granted our situation changes. We sincerely hope to see you all on "The Rock".

COVID-19 is not the only big change to happen for the AAC this year. Our long-time office manager Catriona "Cat" McLanaghan has taken on a new adventure and we wish her the best and thank her for her incredible work. We've welcomed Miranda Pryor to the AAC and have officially moved the home office to Newfoundland and Labrador. We're extremely excited to have Miranda with us – bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.

The first Virtual Aquaculture Association of Canada Student Conference will happen in November and we have set-up two categories for entries and two corresponding prize categories: 1) traditional presentations style and 2) a 3-minute elevator pitch on your research and why it's important to the future of aquaculture (recorded with video function on your phone or other portable electronic device). The top two presentations in each category will receive a cash prize. We're excited to be able to continue our support for students even during these difficult times.

Finally, our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday November 12th from 10:30 – 12:00 PST via webinar on ZOOM. This will provide an opportunity for our membership to be updated on the financial situation of the Association as it related to Federal government funding. We will also provide an opportunity for members catch up on the important work of our Board of Directors over the past year, and our plans for the future. Stay tuned for links.

For more information on our in-person conference for 2021 and to register please visit the [AAC website](#), or [WAS](#).

Continue to stay active in aquaculture, connect virtually and stay safe!

Matthew Liutkus, President, Aquaculture Association of Canada

Aquaculture Canada and WAS North America 2020

**Rescheduled to September 26-29,
2021**

The Aquaculture Canada and WAS North America 2020 conference (a partnership of the Aquaculture Association of Canada (AAC), World Aquaculture Society (WAS) and the Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association (NAIA)) will be rescheduled to September 26-29, 2021, at the St. John's Convention Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.



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Reminder, we have new email addresses!

For Awards:

awards@aquacultureassociation.ca

For Communications (Publications):

communications@aquacultureassociation.ca

Aquaculture Association of Canada 2020 AGM

Thursday, November 12th (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM EST)

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held virtually as a webinar through Zoom. This event is available to all members of the AAC. The AGM will review the activities of the 2020 AAC Board of Directors, with special attention to the finances of the AAC as we move ahead into 2021. There will also be updates on the rescheduled AC/WAS/NAIA 2021 event in St. John's, NL.

As always, the AAC encourages new (and old!) members to participate in the AGM. The AAC would also like to thank all of its dedicated membership for their support this year.

Stay tuned for more information on how to register for this important annual event.

Did you know...the Aquaculture Association of Canada has MOVED?

New mailing address: **P.O. Box 1031, Torbay, NL A1K 1K8**

New contact numbers: **Office 709-631-3207**
Fax 709-400-2456



THANK YOU!

The AAC Board of Directors would like to thank Catriona McLanaghan for her 12 years of dedication to the Aquaculture Association of Canada. It was tough to say goodbye to Cat, who managed the day-to-day items for the AAC. Cat saw much change in her time with the AAC, and will be greatly missed by the members and Board alike. While we are sad to see her go, she has taken on a role that is close to her heart – Community School Coordinator with Anglophone South School District in St. Stephen, NB.

We wish Cat all the best in her new position, and know we will see her around St. Andrew's!

Welcome Miranda Pryor!

With the departure of Catriona, the AAC put out a call to hire a new Office Manager. Recognizing the position could be staffed remotely, the AAC put out a call for applications. We are thrilled to welcome **Miranda Pryor** to the position!

As an outdoor enthusiast, and growing up with a love of the ocean, Miranda completed her undergraduate studies in Biology, and went on to complete the Advanced Diploma in Aquaculture program from the Marine Institute of Memorial University, as well as her Masters of Science Degree (Aquaculture). Miranda worked for many years on the development of the Aquaculture industry in Newfoundland and Labrador and enjoyed immensely her many roles over the years with both the public and private sectors. In recent years, she has focused on the new and exciting challenges of raising two small children in beautiful Torbay, Newfoundland and Labrador. Miranda is grateful for the opportunity to support the continued growth and development of the aquaculture industry throughout Canada, through this new role with the Aquaculture Association of Canada.

Miranda is no stranger to the Aquaculture Association of Canada. In fact, she was in a number of great pictures of past conferences dug up when cleaning up the office in St. Andrews!



Miranda has been successfully keeping the Association on track, and is working closely with Conference Organizer Joanne Burry to get things ready for 2021. We are all looking forward to welcoming Miranda in person in 2021!

Canadian Aquaculture R&D Review 2019

In June, Fisheries and Oceans Canada released the 8th Canadian Aquaculture R&D Review. This review highlights aquaculture research and development work underway from the previous two years. The 2019 edition features 150 project descriptions on a variety of topics, from coast to coast. This edition marks the 5th time the AAC has partnered with DFO on the Review, which provides a method to communicate important work being done to further develop the Canadian aquaculture industry. Members of the AAC, and all members of the public, can find the publication on the DFO and AAC webpages. Or, click the Review picture to take you to the site.

The AAC would like to thank DFO for leading the drafting of this important publication, particularly Véronique Boucher Lalonde, Emily Ryall, Tricia Gheorghe, and Jay Parsons.



Virtual Student Conference

One of the many items COVID-19 has impacted is the ability to meet in person. This has, of course, led to the postponement of our annual meeting. While we cannot meet in person, there still remains the option to have virtual information-sharing events. The mandate of the AAC is to share information pertinent to the aquaculture industry. In addition, the AAC strongly supports student research, and celebrates student achievement through scholarships and awards at our annual meetings.

This year, the AAC will be presenting an online option for students to share their research. We encourage students to sign up for this exciting new opportunity to share their findings.

Students can participate in either a 25 minute presentation OR a short, 3 minute elevator pitch of the research being done, and why it is important to the future of aquaculture. Both are pre-recorded, and will be judged for merit. Prizes will be given for the top two presentations in each category.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to practice their presentation skills, a very important component of student learning. In addition, AAC members will get to see what new and exciting developments are happening in academic institutions across Canada. Win-win!

If you are interested in learning more, please reach out by email to: aacstudentconference2020@gmail.com

*****DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 23, 2020*****



**Aquaculture Canada and World Aquaculture Society
North America 2021**

Call for Papers Deadline: May 4, 2021

<https://www.was.org/meeting/Abstract/Submit/WANA2021>

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Planning is still underway, with the Program Committee working hard on developing some outstanding, cross-border sessions. Keynotes are also being confirmed given the change in dates. There will also be a trade show, with 130 booths, with the goal to be the largest ever aquaculture trade show in Canada!

In addition to the sessions and trade show, the organizers are hard at work to make sure participants get to discover some Newfoundland and Labrador hospitality. The AAC is also planning its traditional Joe Brown BBQ/Live Auction and Gala Dinner.

Finally, and of utmost importance, student achievements will be honoured during the conference. This is a special time for many students to present and receive feedback on their research. It is also an opportunity for developing a network of new and future colleagues, research partners, and even lifelong friendships.

Check in on any of the following websites for updated details: www.aquacultureassociation.ca, www.was.org, or www.naia.ca OR go direct to the conference website: <https://www.was.org/Meeting/code/WANA2021>



Thank you to the Huntsman Marine Science Centre

For the past several years, the AAC Office was headquartered out of the Huntsman Marine Science Centre in St. Andrew's, NB. With the shift in personnel to Newfoundland and Labrador, and the increasing ability to work remotely, the AAC made the difficult decision to close out the St. Andrew's office. The AAC would like to thank the Huntsman Marine Science Centre for the space allocated to the AAC, and for accommodating staff and all the AAC materials. We greatly appreciate the collaboration, and will miss keeping in contact with Huntsman staff in NB. We will look forward to seeing you all at upcoming conferences, as always.

Employment Opportunities

The AAC has been receiving many (many!) aquaculture sector job postings from coast to coast. To see these, check out the frequently updated employment opportunities webpage at <http://aquacultureassociation.ca/jobs/#s=1>

Upcoming Events

Atlantic Canada Fish Farmer's Association Virtual Fall Forum 2020, October 28-29, 2020.

<https://www.atlanticfishfarmers.com/events-all>

Aquaculture Association of Canada Annual General Meeting, **Thursday, November 12, 2020**. Check www.aquacultureassociation.ca for further information.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada federal Aquaculture Act consultation, deadline **January 15, 2021**.

<https://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaculture/act-loi/consultations-eng.html>

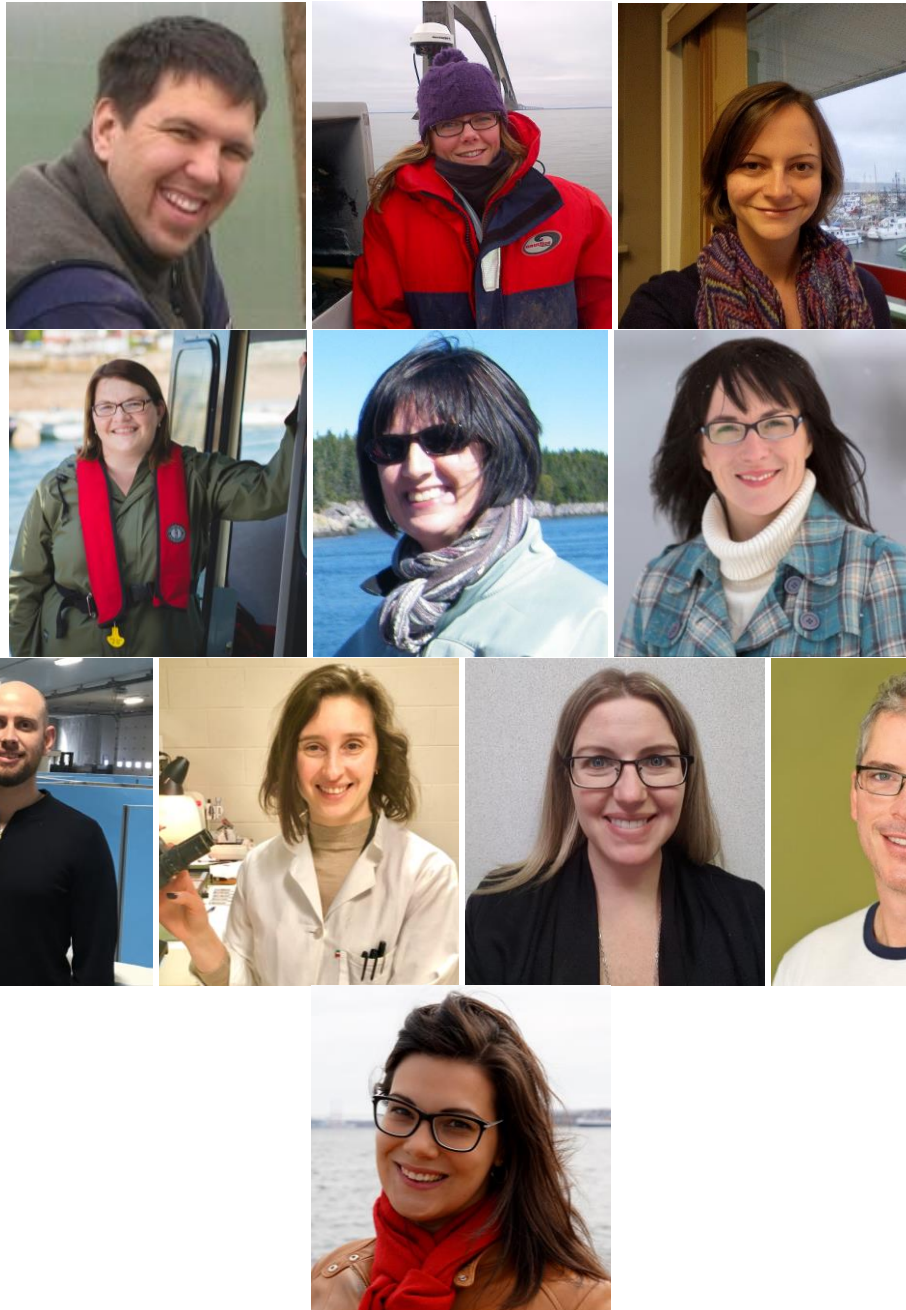
Aquaculture Canada and World Aquaculture Society North America 2021, in conjunction with Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association, September 26 -29, 2021, St. John's, NL

Check in with many upcoming conferences as dates are constantly changing AND there are innovative online learning opportunities

Don't forget to book your accommodations for 2021!



<https://www.was.org/meeting/code/WANA2020#lgx-travelinfo>



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Thank you to all who voted in the 2020 election, we will announce the new Board after the 2020 Annual General Meeting (November 12).

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