

# Manitoulin Streams Newsletter



February 2, 2010

## What's New & Exciting?

### *5000 Eyed Brook Trout Eggs Stocking at Norton's Creek*



The release of 5,000 eyed Lake Nipigon strain brook trout eggs into Norton's Creek was successfully completed on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 by Manitoulin Streams, staff from the MNR Espanola area office, the Little Current Fish and Game Club, The Lake Manitou Area Association and individual volunteers.

The process involved putting the eyed eggs in special egg incubators and then placing them in Norton's Creek which feeds into Lake Manitou. The area chosen is part of the upper half of

Norton's Creek which has been rehabilitated by Manitoulin Streams and its partner groups. It is hoped that releasing the eggs at this stage in development will imprint this creek on the trout, so they return to spawn in the future.

The fish are released at the eyed egg development stage and their survival is ensured by putting them into a scientifically designed Jordan/Scotty incubator which is manufactured by Scott Plastics Ltd. Media attention was overwhelming with CTV News, The Sudbury Star and The Manitoulin Expositor all doing stories on the egg release.



**Watch the egg stocking video! [Click here](#)**



Manitoulin Streams Chair Paul Moffatt on the left and Vice Chair Ted Williamson on the right. Displaying The OFAH Zone "D" 2009 Conservation Club of the Year Award

### *OFAH Zone "D" Conservation Club of the Year 2009*

Manitoulin Streams was awarded the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Zone "D" Conservation Club of the Year 2009 plaque. In addition to this the OFAH Zone "D" presented Manitoulin Streams with a \$2000.00 cheque. The award was handed out at an OFAH Zone "D" annual general meeting in Lively, ON on Saturday January 16, 2010 in front of a large group of OFAH members from Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Parry Sound and everywhere in between. Streams vice chairman Ted Williamson accepted the award on behalf of the association. To

the right is a photograph of Chair Paul Moffatt (left) and Vice Chair Ted Williamson (right) with the award. **Want to read the full newspaper article? [Click here](#)**

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## A Brand New Website



Marcus Mohr our Marketing and Website Coordinator has been working hard on our new website [www.manitoulinstreams.com](http://www.manitoulinstreams.com). The new site is exploding with exciting features such as before and after photos, project descriptions, rehab techniques, interactive 3D Google Earth maps, videos and an ever growing photo archive. In addition to our new site we also have a [Twitter page](#) and a [Facebook page](#) with almost 300 fans signing up in the first two weeks. This large online presence helps to raise Manitoulin Streams profile, recruit new members and volunteers and provide an open line of information.

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## News Stories, Tours, Exhibits and Presentations

### News Stories

Click the links to see the full stories on our new website or visit [www.manitoulinstreams.com](http://www.manitoulinstreams.com) > Media > In The News.

1. [Jan. 2010 Manitoulin Expositor OFAH Zone D Award Conservation Club of the Year](#)
2. [Dec. 2009 Manitoulin Expositor Front Page Photo - Norton's Cr. Egg Release](#)
3. [Dec. 2009 Manitoulin Expositor -Norton's Cr. Eyed Egg Release Full Story](#)
4. [Dec. 2009 Manitoulin Expositor \\$2500 Donation From Little Current Fish and Game Club](#)
5. [Dec. 2009 The Sudbury Star 5000 Eyed Eggs Released at Norton's Creek](#)
6. [Nov. 2009 Manitoulin Expositor Aviva Community Fund Pitch](#)
7. [Oct. 2009 Manitoulin Expositor Manitoulin Streams at the International Plowing Match in Earleton](#)
8. [Sept. 16, 2009 Manitoulin Expositor - Front Page Photos "Full Stream Ahead"](#)
9. [Sept. 16, 2009 Manitoulin Expositor - Manitoulin Streams Completes Four River Rehab Projects in '09](#)
10. [Sept. 2009 Manitoulin Expositor - Making a Splash](#)
11. Sudbury's CTV News reported on the December 16th, 2009 stocking of 5000 eyed brook trout eggs into Norton's Creek. The story was played that night on the 6:00pm news.

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### **Exhibits**

Our program coordinator Seija Deschenes, board member Algis Tribinevicius and Manitoulin Area Stewardship Coordinator Bob Florean attended the October 2009 International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo in Earlton, ON. They setup and manned a booth for Manitoulin Streams to inform the farming community about the work we are doing on Manitoulin Island to protect waterways and what they can do in their communities. This is an example of how the Manitoulin Streams Project participates in the community and extends its core values beyond Manitoulin Island. The Manitoulin Streams project could and should be used as a model across Canada. This was the first time the IPM was held in Northern Ontario and an estimated 80,000 people attended the event.



***Want to see more pictures from the IPM? [Click here](#)***

## **Meetings, Results, Funding and Future Plans**

### ***The Manitoulin Streams Annual General Meeting***

Our AGM was a wonderful time, a barbeque, slide show presentation of the past year and the appointment of Delmer Fields as our newest board member in the position of Treasurer. Delmer is a well known and involved member of the Assiginack community. He was heavily involved in all on the ground aspects of the upper Norton's Creek rehabilitation and is a valuable addition to the Manitoulin Streams Board. Delmer will be replacing Paul Methner who has been with the project since it started over ten years ago. Paul's commitment to Manitoulin Streams is one of the reasons the project is so successful today. Manitoulin Streams would like to acknowledge him for his dedicated service. All the other board members stayed on in their positions.

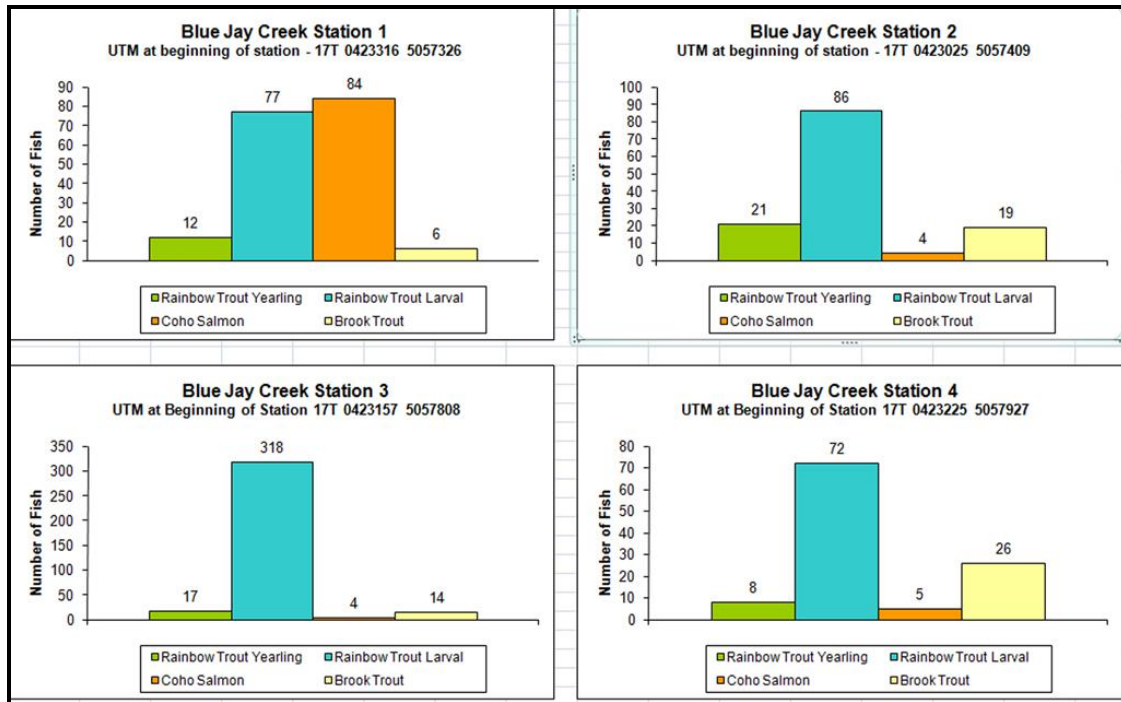
### ***Presentation About Bio-Security by OMAFRA's Brian Bell***

Our local agricultural representative for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Brian Bell gave a presentation to our board and staff. The presentation was regarding bio-security fundamentals for visiting or working on farms. His message was that proper management practices prevent disease causing agents from getting onto and off a farm. He outlined the practices that Manitoulin Streams should be following when working with farmers on their land.

### ***GLES Electro-fishing Survey Results***

On July 29th 2009 an electro-fishing survey was carried out on four areas at the top end of Blue Jay Creek. Two of those sites are above the dam that was decommissioned in 2008 and is known as site B52. B52 was a stagnant pond held back by the dam. Keep in mind when viewing the *below graphs* that it was conducted in the summer after trout had spawned and before salmon spawned and that fish were unable to reach the areas of survey stations 3 and 4 for over 80 years.

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### **College Boreal Electro-fishing Survey**

In late October 2009 Manitoulin Streams had an electro-fishing survey conducted on several sites by College Boreal teachers and students. Sites B52 on the Blue Jay Creek, M35, M64 and M70 were all surveyed. The surveys allow Manitoulin Streams to illustrate what impact the stream rehabilitation is having. The data is currently being compiled and should be available in the coming months.

### **Meldrum Bay - Mill (South) Creek**

Marcus and Seija met with the Dawson Citizen Improvement Association (DCIA) to look at and document the creek. The DCIA has already enlisted many volunteers, equipment and materials for the project which is expected to be completed in 2010. The Gore Bay Fish and Game Club contacted us regarding interest in contributing to this rehabilitation project. Our program coordinator, Seija will be submitting a CFWIP application for the project.

### **Mindemoya River Rehabilitation**



Streams staff Marcus and Seija along with board member Ted Williamson viewed and documented several sites owned by the same landowner on the Mindemoya River. Funding is currently being sought along with Environmental Farm Plan funding to rehabilitate an approximately 300 m section of the river that has been negatively impacted by livestock. The project which is planned to begin in 2010 involves several hundred metres of cedar split rail fencing, cattle watering ramps and a designated cattle crossing area for rotational grazing.

### **Manitou River Sites M64 and M65**

Site design tenders for both sites have been accepted and closed. The contract was awarded to Great Lakes Environmental Services (GLES). The next step will be accepting tenders to complete the projects in the summer of 2010.

### **Bass Lake Creek**

A limestone bedrock shelf is to be chiselled out to make more room at a popular spawning pool. The Little Current Fish and Game Club presented Manitoulin Streams with a check of \$2,500 to go toward the 2010 Bass Lake Creek project.

### **Funding**

Manitoulin Transport has contributed its 3rd of 5 instalments of \$5000.00. Manitoulin Streams is very gracious for this local companies support. We are currently seeking funds from The Canada-Ontario Agreement, Community Fisheries & Wildlife Involvement Program Fund, FedNor and we are receiving NOHFC funds which will be announced in the near future.

### **Manitoulin Streams/OFAH Memberships**

Manitoulin Streams will be notifying members shortly for membership renewals for 2010.

*Thank you to all our members and volunteers, we appreciate all the hard work everyone puts in to support this amazing project.*

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