

Fur, Fins and Feathers



December 2017

The Clubhouse is off Old Oliphant Road on Northacres road and off County Road 13 in Wiarton.
Next meeting, January 25th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Your participation is welcome and anticipated. For inquiries 519-534-2502 or e-mail bpsportsmen@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 548, Wiarton, Ontario N0H 2T0

Santa Came to Town

The Santa Parade theme this year in Wiarton was “Kris Kringle and the Parade of Lights” and there WERE Kris Kringles and lots of lights and music. With great excitement among the kids, the main Santa showed up at the end nearly an hour after 30 floats representing more than 30 groups and individuals began passing the reviewing stand. There was even an Elvis. MC Dave Nixon did a stupendous job recognizing those who had designed and put together each float.

Our (BPSA) float designed by Kevin Harders, Dianne McCartney, Gerry Beaver, Jim Martell, Ian McGregor, Murray Garniss, Austin Harders, and Wayne Mussleman, was a huge hit. It featured 400-feet of bright lights, and jaunty Christmas music. Special thanks go to MPM Limited and Gulliver Electric for their support.

Representing the youth wing of BPSA on board the float were JJ McCartney, playing “the young Ray” in honour of hatchery manager Ray Marklevitz, Lachlan Harders, Landen McCartney, Mylee and Case Barnard and Spencer Sherman.



BPSA won First place for best lights in the parade.

Nixon congratulated the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association (BPSA) for all the work its members do for the sports fishery in our region. The crowd estimated at 25-hundred, lined streets down-town and cheered each float and those riding them in this event sponsored by the Wiarton District Chamber of Commerce and Wiarton BDO. The BPSA float got warm applause and cheers as it was driven by with club Vice-President Kevin Harders at the wheel.



The decorations sent a clear message about BPSA and what our 250-member club represents. The brightly-lit float featured fishing, hunting and trapping, three heritage pursuits BPSA members are familiar with. On board was a fishing boat with a listing of the number of fish, for the sports fishery, BPSA volunteers have stocked this year. It boasted a deer, more fish and a wild turkey. The float featured hundreds of lights and beautifully nostalgic, yet lively Christmas music.

BPSA is celebrating 55 years of conservation having stocked more than 4-million fish for the sports fishery since its inception in 1962. If you think you might want to join our club check out our site and see our club membership application.



Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association reps meet with MPP Lisa Thompspon



BPSA President Jim Martell, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompspon, Stu Paterson OFAH rep for BPSA

This discussion began last summer on Lake Huron during the Sponsor's Day event for the annual Chantry Fishing Derby. Three BPSA members took part and were fishing on the same boat as Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompspon. BPSA President Jim Martell and our club's Ontario Federation of Anglers (OFAH) rep Stu Paterson continued that discussion recently with Thompspon at her Kincardine office. Thompspon was first elected to Provincial Parliament in 2011 and was re-elected in 2014. Lisa serves as the Conservative critic for International Trade and as critic for Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

The meeting focused on the challenges facing our 250-member club which has stocked more than 4-million fish since the sixties. We discussed maximizing the survival rate of our stocked fish as well as other issues facing volunteer conservation groups like ours.

Our club had held similar meetings with Bill Walker MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound. These meetings give us a chance to explain the positive conservation work we do in our community.

The fish stocking our club does is part of a "put-and-take" sports fishery controlled by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and is operated by the Ontario Community Hatchery Program through the OFAH.

Warton based BPSA boasts the longest running community fish stocking program in Ontario. We are celebrating our 55th birthday this year. We hope to continue doing effective community conservation work for at least another 55 years.

Submitted by Stu Paterson



August 2017 - MPP Lisa Thompspon and crew member Derek Griffiths with a trout caught during the Sponsor's Day Chantry Fishing Derby event.

New Fisheries Management Zone 16

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry wants your feedback on its plan to create a new Fisheries Management Zone (FMZ) 16. The new FMZ will stretch from Tobermory in the North, South to Lake Erie including the cities of Toronto, Mississauga, Hamilton, Kitchener, Waterloo and Windsor. The aim is to "ensure fisheries management in the area reflects the many different interests across this large area". The ministry says it "wants to sustainably manage inland fisheries in this zone as well as strictly enforce Ontario Fishery Regulations in this zone".

This will be the largest of the 20 fisheries management zones in Ontario covering over 13-million acres with a population of 6.5-million.

Its estimated anglers spend 11.2 million hours a year fishing in this zone. Sports fishing pumps 176-million dollars a year into the economy in the area of FMZ 16. The treaty rights of over twenty different indigenous communities are recognized in FMZ 16.



MNR official and anglers exchanging views at ministry "listening session" re FMZ 16

Replies to this survey should be sent to Emily Gryck, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at FMZ16@Ontario.ca

Please include your name, address, and contact information along with your answers to the following questions. The deadline is December 21, 2017. In 2018 a discussion paper and more public meetings will be held as part of this process.

Here are the questions:

Towards a Fisheries Management Plan for Zone 16 (Southwestern Ontario) –MNRF

Part 1: Use and Importance of the Fishery

- How do you use the fishery in Zone 16 (southwestern Ontario)?
- What aspects of the fishery are most important to you?

Part 2: State of the Fishery Today

- Thinking about how the fishery is managed now in Zone 16...What is working well? What could be improved?

Part 3: Towards a Fish Management Plan for Zone 16

- What are the most important issues the plan needs to address?



left to right - Emily Gryck MNRF "listening session" co-ordinator, Susan Hall session facilitator, Stu Paterson BPSA exchange views on sports fishing issues in FMZ 16

- What opportunities do you see for better fisheries management in Zone 16?

To ensure your opinions count, this survey should be sent to Emily Gryck, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at FMZ16@Ontario.ca

Freelance reporter Don Crosby covered one of the public meetings re FMZ 16 <https://www.southwesternontario.ca/news-story/7975516-mnrf-seeks-input-on-fishing-strategy/> I attended the Walkerton meeting on behalf of BPSA. Now it is your turn to have your say.

Stu Paterson BPSA member, BPSA rep with OFAH

