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NEWS

Larry's Gulch Trip Raffle Winner

Thank you to everyone who purchased Raffle tickets for our Larry's Gulch Trip! This was a very successful fundraiser, with the winning ticket holder being Derek Dobson! I hope you had a great time on your trip Derek!!



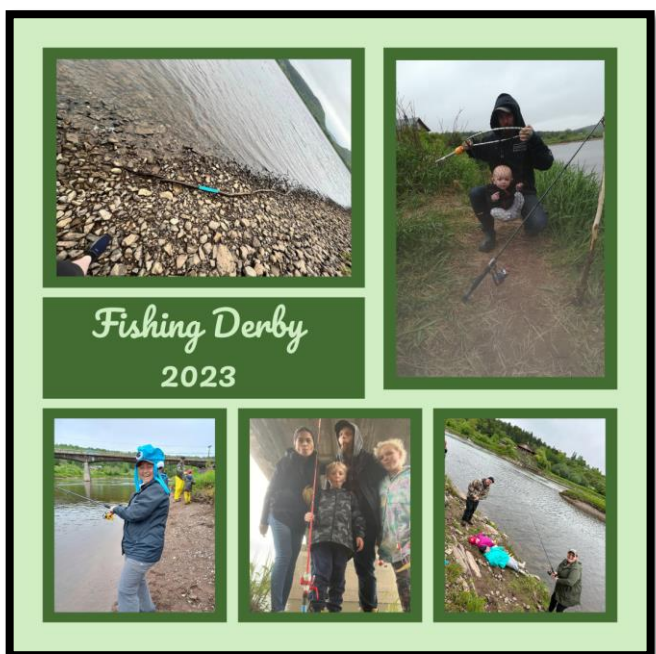
HRAA is now a Registered Charity!!

As of January 2023, we now have Registered Charitable Status designation. This means that any donations made to the HRAA from now on will qualify for a tax receipt. This will also open up many new opportunities for potential funding partners! Thanks to our Treasurer, Paul Daigle, for all of the many, many hours you put into this!!

2023 Family Fishing Derby

HRAA's 3rd Annual Family Fishing Derby was a huge success despite the weather! We had over 250 participants for the derby even with all of the rain that we had!! We had some awesome new categories this year including Best Family Fun Photo, Best Fish on the Fly, Smallest Fish, etc.

Huge Thanks to Sarah and all the HRAA Staff and Volunteers for making this such a great event that families look forward to each year!





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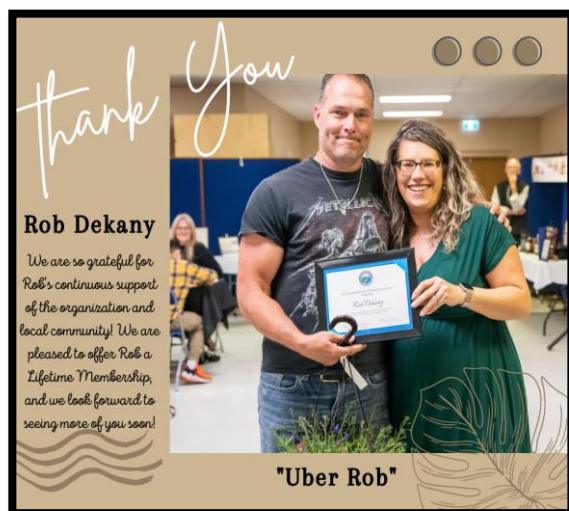
Our Annual Dinner & Auction was a huge success thanks to you!! We celebrated our 25th Anniversary Dinner this past May 13th! We were back at our original location of St. Mark's Church Hall. We had a very successful event raising over \$15,000 for our conservation initiatives here at the HRAA!!

A special thank you to our conservation groups: Hammond River Holdings, Dickinson & Baird Veterinary Clinic and The Dobson Group!

Congrats to Rob Dekany and Jack Cole on their Lifetime Membership Awards!

Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who made this event happen! We couldn't have done it without all of you!!

THANK YOU!!!!





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1. Fish Friends (NB Wildlife Trust Fund)

We had our Fish Friends Classes out for Splash Days (salmon release) these past few weeks! We are almost done updating the original curriculum and creating a 10-part video series, that will be ready for all of the participating classes next year!

2. Building Stronger Communities (NB Wildlife Trust Fund)

We have partnered with the Elizabeth Fry Society and Chris Saunders Memorial Elementary School to build pollinator and vegetable gardens. We are also partnering with Kennebecasis Valley High School and assisting them with their greenhouse project.

3. Hammond River Kids Fishing Club (NB Wildlife Trust Fund)

We hold monthly meetings with 30 youth registrants to learn about fish identification, proper fish handling, fishing techniques, water quality, conservation etc. We currently have 30 kids registered, with a wait list of 15 other youth. We have partnered with Hampton High School's Fishing Club to teach fly-tying lessons and are partnering with our local 4H Club to offer a fishing outing.

4. Avifauna of the Hammond River (Baillie Fund)

We have been examining and recording bird species in the Hammond River during field work; and will be encouraging youth to participate in bird watching during Nature Camp. We will be purchasing binoculars and bird identification books with this grant!

5. Getting Redd-y in the Hammond River (Foundation for Conservation of Atlantic Salmon)

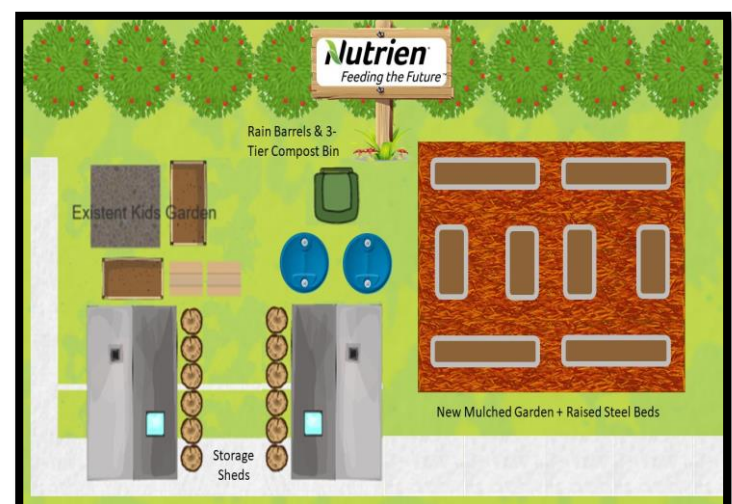
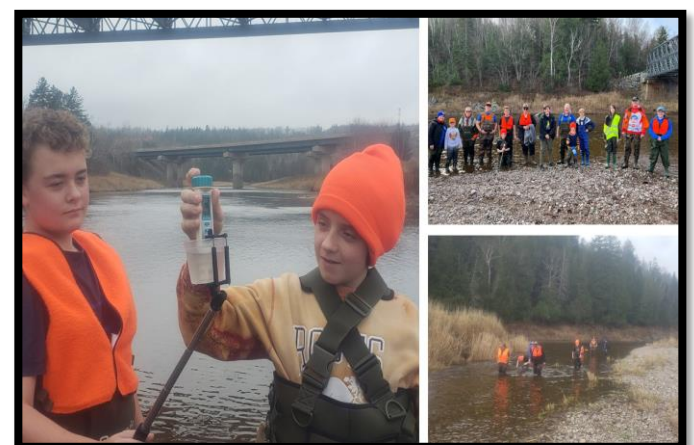
We will be assisting the Nashwaak, Oromocto, Belleisle, Kennebecasis, and Petitcodiac Watersheds perform redd count surveys this upcoming fall. Salmon identification signs will be installed in the watershed, an update will occur to HRAA's Fisheries Management Strategy, we will be incorporating redds education into the Fish Friends curriculum and will be installing "flybrary bins" (take one, leave one fishing flies)

6. Nutrien Garden (Nutrien)

We are in the process of upgrading the area around the sheds to include a large vegetable garden, featuring raised garden beds, heavy-duty landscape fabric & mulch paths between raised beds. The garden will be constructed and complete in advance of Nature Camp. The project will also incorporate soil health educational unit for Nature Camp youth.

7. Smallmouth Bass Tagging Year 2 (NB Wildlife Trust Fund)

This project is a continuation from 2022, with an increased goal of tagging 500 smallmouth bass instead of 100 smallies.





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8. Carbon Capture Collaborative Year 2 (World Wildlife Fund-Canada)

This is a continuation from 2022, partnering with BWC & KWRC to increase riparian restoration efforts while sampling soil carbon sequestration. The focus of Year 2 will be on eroded banks of Salt Springs Brook- site assessments are underway, landowner permission granted. A second site in Hammondvale has also been planted this spring.

9. Planting in the Hammond(Wolastoq) (World Wildlife Fund-Canada)

Thanks to our on-going partnership with WWF-Canada, when a new opportunity emerged to fund some restoration planting along the Wolastoq, we were one of the groups they reached out to. This resulted in more riparian restoration work being funded this Spring.

10. Implementing the Watershed Management Plan (NB Environmental Trust Fund)

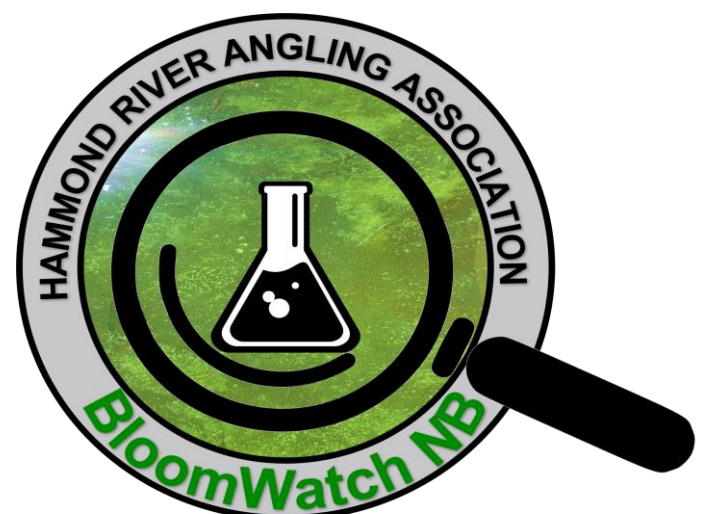
We will be editing and printing the WMP from 2020; engaging stakeholders/Board of Directors/general public for input. We will also be updating HRAA's management strategies. Water quality monitoring, electrofishing, invasive species monitoring, education & outreach etc. are just a few of the things included in this project!

11. Darlings Island Cyanobacteria Monitoring (NB Environmental Trust Fund)

This is a continuation from cyanobacteria monitoring in 2022- rigorous water quality testing and deployment of AlgaeTrackers; partnering with other groups to assist with deployment of additional algae trackers. Out of all projects funding through NBETF on cyanobacteria research across the province, HRAA received the highest funds!

12. Upham Gypsum Monitoring

We will be continuing with our sampling program, as well as an additional site visit with new staff and a facility tour.





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