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Of necessity voluntary organizations such as the Bras d'Or Stewardship Society (the Society), tend to have pyramidal structures. At the peak, the chair then the executive, board and members. If the Chair is effective and a long in office, inevitably he or she tends to become more and more central to the organization's affairs.

Though the strength of this arrangement is stability and continuity, the weakness becomes apparent when that Chair chooses to withdraw from the scene.

This is the position in which the directors of the Society now find themselves. Pat Bates the Society's long term, exemplary, hard working Chair, has announced his intention to withdraw from the scene at the next AGM (April 13th 2013).

On the one hand are those who believe the Society should wind up its affairs and on the other, those who

believe the opposite.

Those in favour, mostly older, long standing directors, believe Pat has been so central to the Society's activities, without him the Society is unlikely to continue to function in a significant way. In addition the Society has a declining membership and difficulty in recruiting new Board members. They suggest the best interest of the members would be served by winding up the Society's affairs and dispersing the funds to some other worthy entity or entities.

On the other hand are those who believe this is a prematurely defeatist attitude. The Society has a good financial base (due largely to the careful stewardship of treasurer, Henry Fuller) and has earned community credibility. It is not as if the Lakes and watershed were now 'safe' and the Society's work done. There are now and will be into the foreseeable future threats to the integrity of the Lakes, largely from human agencies and a financially independent group like the Society is needed as much as ever and will be into the foreseeable future. The near impossibility of finding new board member was questioned given the presence at the table of three relatively new directors.

It is hard not to see these as almost irreconcilable but eminently defensible positions for which compromise will be difficult to reach.

However, it is clear that even if those who believe in winding up the Society's affairs, merits their withdrawal from the board in near future, there will still be enough extant directors in place (the minimum

requirement is 5) to form a board even without these members.

That is with substantial funds and a board in place, though going through, as the Chinese saying goes, interesting times the Board (and therefore the Society) can survive the present crisis even without the addition of new board members and even if it requires change of a drastic variety, can have an active and productive future. There is, in my view, as much as ever, a need for an unencumbered, financially independent body like the Bras d'Or Steward Society to be there to 'keep 'em honest'.

A final note. The Society is a legally registered non-charitable, non-profit corporation under the aegis of NS Societies Act (R.S.N.S. 1989 chapter 435) and among other things if dissolved, must follow the protocols laid down in this Act.

James O'Brien

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NOTICE

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL
SUMMER MEETING OF THE
SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013**

AT 10:00 A.M.

**MASONIC HALL, BADDECK
ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND AS WELL AS
INTERESTED CITIZENS WHO
ARE CONCERNED WITH THE
FUTURE STEWARDSHIP OF
THE BRAS D'OR LAKES.**

NEWS ITEMS:

THE NOVA SCOTIA COMMISSION ON THE ECONOMY:

For those who have not already noticed, Society member Dr. Susanna Fuller PhD, daughter of the Society's Treasurer Henry Fuller, and a prominent member of the Ecology Action have recently been chosen to join Don Bragg, Dan Christmas, Irene d'Entroment and Ray Ivany on a commission to examine the state of Nova Scotia's economy from a variety of angles.

BEN EOIN MARINA:

Summer 2012 provided a full head of steam for the construction of the 5 million dollar marina as part of the four season resort plan for the Ben Eoin complex in East Bay. This growing resort consists of an 18 hole golf course, a ski hill and now a full fledged 75 berth marina. This is a federal tax dollar Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation (ECBC) funded project that will provide the province of Nova Scotia with its fanciest marina facility to date.

LAND DONATION:

A 300 acre property bordering Mackenzie Cove on the Bras d'Or Lakes near Marble Mountain was donated to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust in July 2012 by Daniel Livingston. This is a significant property to add to other protected ecologically significant properties in the Bras d'Or Lake's watershed. The property will remain wild and undeveloped. A total of about 2,000 acres of land has been protected in the Bras d'Or Lakes watershed. There is a growing focus on working with land owners to protect significant shoreline property.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:

The semi-annual meeting of the Society was held on August 13, 2012 in Baddeck. About 25 people attended this gathering in which a summary of the Society's activities was presented as well as a power point program detailing the gutting of Federal environmental assessment policy within the contents of Omnibus Bill C-38. A review of the Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere activities was also provided. August 2012 celebrated the Society's 15th year of its life. See article on this issue below.

CRUISING CLUB OF AMERICA:

Summer 2012 witnessed the congregation of 45 boats celebrating the 90th anniversary of the CCA. Over 200 participated in this event, hosted by CCA members who have properties on the Bras d'Or Lakes. The grand and final event was held in Bouleceet (Maskill's) Harbor where CCA member boat owners and crew were piped ashore to join in a fine dinner on the property owned by club members Henry Anderson, Lawrence Glenn and Devereux Barker. The event was organized by Gretchen McCurdy and her excellent committee. The execution was flawless, highlighted by a sun flower raft up engineered in perfect weather in Little Harbor.

THE RETIREMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY:

Hydrologist Lynn Baechler has recently retired from the Board of Directors. Lynn has been a board member and secretary for over a decade. She has not only been an able and willing secretary, she has also made many other valuable contributions to the Society's debates and work over the years. We shall miss her and wish her well.

MIDDLE RIVER

by Chuck Thompson

It was a typical early November day: overcast, cool, and a tired sun trying to shine in the West. After the madness of October, Middle River was flowing quietly, no footsteps disturbing the creatures lying silently in the now neglected pools. Beavers worked tirelessly in the river hurrying before winter overtook them. Eagles sat motionless on the now naked branches of trees hanging over the river.

For weeks, anglers had pounded up and down the river looking for and hoping to catch that most marvelous of creatures, the Atlantic salmon. Little rivers like Middle River usually don't see salmon until October; just weeks before they are due to spawn in the clear, cool waters. This late arrival is probably nature's way of ensuring the species survival. Minimal time in the vulnerable river and late fall rain means the fish get to finish their ancient ritual of spawning and keeping the species alive for future generations.

While crew members of the Department of Transportation scurried back and forth, lowering new culverts into Morrison Brook, a marvelous scene took place. While there was much tooting and froing and "Lower here, and "Higher here!", white Hats bobbing, arms waving, machines growling and groaning, three large, adult salmon leaped up into the culvert and swam upstream to spawn in the tiny tributary of Middle River. Everyone stopped to watch and wonder at nature renewing itself. It was a scene becoming all too scarce in Nova Scotia.

It has not been easy for the salmon over the past forty years or so. Rivers that flow into what is called the "Inner bay of Fundy (Think St. John to Truro) have been reduced

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from numbers around 40,000 in 1985 to just a few hundred now. There have been accusing fingers pointed everywhere but the truly definitive reason is still unknown.

The Atlantic Coast rivers have fared almost as poorly. Most rivers have been partly or wholly closed and there is still no sign of recovery. The wild enthusiasm of 2011 has been replaced by dire results in 2012. Almost across the Atlantic range of salmon, the bottom dropped out in 2012.

Almost is the operative word because despite the many challenges facing them, both Baddeck and Middle Rivers showed modest increases over the previous year. While encouraging there is still much to be done. Wagmatcook First Nation has had its food fishery almost eliminated. Anglers are not allowed to keep their catch and their time on the river has been greatly reduced in the name of conservation. The "Spawning targets" for both rivers have not been met in years.

The river, like the community itself continues to survive, if not thrive. Maybe the community and the river feed off of each other. The non-native community was founded in 1806 and the tough, resiliency of those early, mostly Scottish settlers, endures. Despite massive clear cutting in the 1970's, channelization of the stream bed, siltation caused by poor husbandry, poor culvert installations, and a host of other negative practices, the river and it's salmon survive.

The NS Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture considers Middle River the finest sea trout river (Brook trout that run to the salt water and return) in Nova Scotia. This is proof positive that Middle River and its inhabitants respect each other and this respect ensures excellent water quality for its creatures.

This respect for the environment is

encouraged in the local elementary school as Fish Friends is undertaken every year. This most successful program consists of a large fish tank being filled with salmon eggs, hatched out over time and the fingerlings put in Middle River.

The Middle River Watershed Society is a community based organization dedicated to the preservation and growth of the community. The MRWS is vigilant when it comes to any activity that might impact the life of the river, and by extension, the community itself. As its names implies the society does not oppose development but does oppose development at any cost. Any activity that takes place in the woods, fields or waters surrounding Middle River will bear close scrutiny.

Middle River is but one small tributary of the Bras d'Or Lakes watershed but it is an important one. The best trout river, a vibrant salmon stream, a beautiful community gives it some importance as a member of the Bras d'Or community. The MRWSociety recognizes and supports the work being done by the Stewardship Society and hopes to be able to assist the work of the Bras d'Or Stewardship Society where possible. Only by working together can we save and protect the waters that we love.

GRAND NARROWS WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY UPDATE – SUMMER 2012 –

by Randy Pointkoski

The Grand Narrows Waterfront Development Society had a busy and successful summer in 2012. The season kicked off in the spring with a couple of well attended gardening seminars.

We had experts talking about the science and biology of soils for growing, plant science and what plants can tell you about their needs, berry and potato production. The event roster included weekly walking club, a farmer's market, dockside ceilidh, Feis concert and our Second Annual Motor Sport Show. These were well attended events with good food and entertainment with the attendees who marveled at the setting. In 2012, the Wheelhouse Cafe was a welcome addition to the services we offered the public. Our menu dramatically increased from the limited Ice Cream and Coffee offering of 2011. We received great reviews on the food and the setting. Marine and tourist services were busy with a steady stream of boat traffic, launches, a number of short and term moorings. Our season's highlight was a 70 foot Yacht needing 10 foot of draft at the wharf. Our boat pump out system got a steady work out as did the RV pump out, laundry facilities and showers. With the fall weather here, the GNWDS is active with planning for cafe upgrades, additional wharf upgrades and repairs as well as logging in dates for next summer events including the exciting "Race the Cape" event for July.

In general, it was a great summer. The committee would like to thank the dedicated employees and volunteers who worked very hard keeping the facilities clean and up to date, and providing great customer service to deliver a positive visitor experience to the Grand Narrows Waterfront visitor.

We would like to thank all the visitors as well for making the effort worthwhile.

Randy Pointkoski
Vice-President - Grand Narrows
Water Development Society

BRAS D'OR BIOSPHERE UPDATE.

By Jim Foulds, Chair.



EELS ON HOLIDAY

by Jared Tomie (January 2012)

The Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve is now in its second full year, post-designation and there is lots of activity going on. There are a variety of projects underway and the association has just gone through a strategic planning exercise to direct our activities over the next few years.

Projects include:

- An inventory of groups around the lake and watershed and their general field of activity. This is a significant database which will be made available to all – in a web-based format. There are plans for this to become much more – an Atlas of the Bras d'Or filled with a variety of information (many GIS layers) about the area.
- A science curriculum on “habitat” is being developed with volunteers, teachers and administrators in the provincial school system. It will teach habitat through examples from the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere!
- A team of students in the “Management without Borders” course in the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University is looking into our messaging and awareness building as shown by our website and possible signage around the area.
- We have just filed with the Canada Revenue Agency for charitable status so that our sponsors can get a tax receipt. This has been a pro bono task by the McInnes Cooper legal firm in Halifax – all set up by hardworking Board member – Grov. Blair!
- The formation and defining of a strong governance structure is ongoing with the refinement of by-laws and the start of policy formation being critical first steps.

Strategic Planning:

ECBC is supporting our strategic planning process. We hired Yvonne Thyssen-Post of Thyagrissen Consulting to facilitate two, day-long sessions this Fall. Approximately 20 invitees went through the process of looking at strengths, limitations, opportunities and threats to the work we do. The Bras d'Or Stewardship Society was well represented by Tim Lambert, Jared Tomie and Jim Foulds. There were two, full-day sessions: October 27th and November 17th, 2012. (See picture) This has led to a prioritization of activities and a soon to be released report that will inform our activities over the next couple of years.

Networking:

The Biosphere Reserve has networking and awareness building as one of its top priorities. Please join the conversation – check out the web site www.blbra.ca to find out more about what we do. Come to a Board meeting – they are open to the public. Join our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/blbra>) to hear about current activities; what is happening in the area and beyond that, relate to sustainable life styles!

In a previous edition of the Blue Heron, we learned about the great journey of the American eel – a round trip from the Sargasso Sea to our northern temperate waters and back again (see *An eel odyssey*, Blue Heron, June 2012). As interesting as this journey may be, the majority of time I've spent studying eels was investigating a very different part of their lifecycle – the time they spend hidden in the substrate of estuaries, bays, and freshwater environments. Eels have an excellent body plan for evading capture, and for burrowing. Their long slender form, coupled with a layer of mucus, allows them to slip away from unfavourable circumstances and also easily enter tight spaces.

So what are eels doing during the 5 to 25 years they spend in our waters? To simplify this, let's split the year into two seasons instead of four – summer and winter. We'll say summer is roughly May to October, and winter is roughly November to April (emphasis on roughly!).

During the summer, American eels prowl through the water at night looking for their next meal. Then, for the majority of the daytime hours, they spend their time hidden on the bottom, either in debris, vegetation, or in a burrow. American eels are excellent burrowers, especially in muddy environments. Eels are head-first burrowers that start by plunging the head into the surface of the substrate, followed by rapid flailing of the body for propulsion. In mud, burrowing only takes a matter of seconds. The finished product is a U-shaped burrow, where the eel's body (viewed from the side) is reminiscent of a banana, with the

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head and the tail being close to the surface of the mud.

This summertime activity cycle of feeding at night and resting during the day continues until temperatures begin to drop. It is at this time that some eels move into freshwater brooks and rivers to spend the winter while others remain in estuaries and bays. This is the onset of the over-wintering period for American eels. During the onset of over-wintering, eels enter winter burrows and remain primarily inactive. Winter burrows are somewhat different than summer burrows in that they display a characteristic fist-shaped depression, or pock mark, on the surface of the sediment. Winter burrows can also appear in concentrated pockets on the bottom of streams and estuaries, with dozens of pock marks strewn across the bottom reflecting residence by many eels. Some of these areas are well known, since winter spear fishing takes place at eel over-wintering grounds. An eel may spend the entire winter in its burrow, only to emerge when temperatures begin to rise and conditions are favourable to be on the prowl once again.

This summer-winter activity cycle continues year after year until our eel friends become fully mature and head back to the Sargasso Sea for their retirement!

CAPE BRETON WEATHER SUPERSTORM "SANDY"

by Bill Danielson

During the wee hours of Sunday, October 28th, winds across Victoria County switched from

southwest to northeast. The breeze was light, so the change went unnoticed, except by weathervanes. But the change was significant: it marked the moment when we entered the domain of Superstorm Sandy. Slowly, gently, air that had been blowing out to sea from Sugarloaf, Ingonish, and Englishtown halted its eastward creep. Harking to Sandy's distant drum, it turned and headed back to shore. Like an airy army, it glided over the Highlands, slid down the slopes of Inverness County and began a slow march southwestward. Soon our air corps was joined by similar recruits from Newfoundland, who also responded to Sandy's faraway call. These air columns, which had been moving towards a storm to the east, changed loyalties and began trekking across Cabot Strait to join their Cape Breton comrades heading southwest. Of course, this sort of thing happens all the time; our fickle winds constantly change allegiances as one weather system moves away, and another, more attractive one takes its place. What makes this case noteworthy, however, is Sandy's reach. When our winds began to respond to its tug, Sandy was churning the waters off South Carolina, nearly 2,000 kilometers away! From that moment on Sunday morning, our weather fate was sealed for the next week. Like a fly snared in the outer strands of a spider web (switching metaphors), we were destined to spend major time within the storm's orb, an orb that stretched from Newfoundland to Cuba, and from Lake Superior to Bermuda. Luckily, we avoided getting devoured by the monster at the center of the web. Instead, we remained on the fringe while the storm battered and exhausted itself, sparing Victoria County any real damage. We didn't see storm surges of 13 feet, like New York; we didn't get 20-foot waves, like

Lake Michigan, or 39-foot ones like offshore New York; we didn't have a foot of rain like Maryland, or 3 feet of snow like Tennessee. We didn't get winds of 151 kph like New York or 225 kph like Mt. Washington, New Hampshire. And happily, we escaped the destruction and human misery Sandy delivered elsewhere. But we shouldn't assume we'll be so lucky next time. Imagine for a moment the impact of a storm like Sandy on Victoria County's long coastline, which faces the open Atlantic. The picture is not pretty. Low-lying parts of Englishtown, Ingonish, South Harbour and Dingwall would be inundated, scoured, and changed forever.

Buildings would disappear, harbours would cease to be navigable. Even along the Bras d'Or, water would rise significantly above its normal range. Add to this, the damage from heavy rains, flooding, and winds, and the picture is a sobering one indeed. So, what can we do? Well, we can't fortify the Victoria County coastline from such huge storm surges, or prevent hurricane winds from leveling buildings and trees. But we can accept the bountiful evidence that global warming exists, that hydrocarbon emissions by humans are at least partly responsible, and that global warming likely played some role in making Sandy the monster it became. Further, we can be proactive, each of us reducing our carbon footprint and demanding that our governments and industries do the same. A friend in the U.S. believes that Sandy has provided the much needed wake-up call for action on climate change. He points out that since Sandy, the debate has begun to shift from "is climate change real?" to "how do we deal with it?" and "we demand leadership and action." I hope he is right. Nature's lessons, like this past summer's heat wave or Superstorm.

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Sandys are expensive. Let's not ask them to be repeated over and over before we absorb their meaning and get to work on behalf of our climate.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION CHANGES CONTAINED IN BILL C-38

By Sean MacArthur

Sean is a 4th year student in Environmental engineering program at Dalhousie. He is from Reserve and did his first two years of engineering studies at Cape Breton University.

During the past summer I spent a portion of my work term with the Society, reviewing the then new legislation, *Bill C-38*. This Omnibus Bill passed through the House of Commons on June 29th. It received a great deal of opposition from environmentalists and concerned citizens. A number of organizations petitioned against the Bill including Greenpeace, David Suzuki Foundation, World Wildlife Fund, Sierra Club Canada, and many, many others. In total over 45,000 signatures were collected in favour of stopping the Bill. Unfortunately their efforts were of no avail.

It is obvious the Federal Government is greatly reducing its obligation to protect the environment. The word habitat is virtually deleted from *the Fisheries Act*. The Bill officially repeals *the Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act* and decommissions *the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy*. The NRTEE has provided well thought out in depth recommendations to the Federal Government for over 20 years on issues such as sustainability, natural resource management,

and numerous other reports related to climate change. It has brought together hundreds of experts in a wide range of fields including forestry, energy, water, air, greenhouse gases, wetlands, infrastructure and more. The loss of the NTREE means government will no longer be provided with such in-depth unbiased, well researched, necessary environmental information

The final report of the Round Table was an emissions profile of the entire country broken down to individual provinces. It also produced multiple reports on climate change induced rising sea levels that indicate in the first decade of the 21st century (2001-2010) 9 out of 10 of the warmest years on record were recorded with 2005 being the warmest. At a local level, the Environmental Design and Management report on the Bras d'Or Lakes Development Standards, estimates that sea level rise could rise 1.3 feet by 2100. A study by the NTREE estimates that much of Lower Water Street in Halifax could be submerged by 2100.

Some of the changes that follow from in *Bill C-38* likely to have an impact on the Lakes are as follows. It is not an exhaustive list.

Fish Habitat Protection

Fish habitat as such will not be protected. Federal government agencies are now mandated to protect the habitat of fish only of commercial, recreational, or aboriginal interest and those that support these species and no more.

Public Participation

Unlike under the previous Act, under *Bill C-38* the public will get limited opportunity to provide input during environmental assessments. In some cases public involvement is reduced or removed entirely except to those judged to have the relevant expertise or information. Projects

that require a review by the National Energy Board require no public input at all. Even if the National Energy Board (NEB) deems a project will cause so much adverse environmental effects it should not continue, the Cabinet now has the authority to push ahead such a project regardless of the NEB's recommendations.

Renewable Resources

Under the new *Environmental Assessment Act*, any consideration of the possibility of developing renewable resources in an assessment has been omitted.

Species at Risk

Formerly when a project might affect a species at risk, the permit granted to proponent provided a time limit during which the work had to be carried out. Under *Bill C-38* 'perpetual' permits can exist. Despite a drastic decline in population of the effected species, a project could proceed.

Federal Authority's Reduced Involvement

There are numerous examples in this legislation that show Federal Authority will play a reduced role during environmental assessments. Formerly during such assessments, government was obliged to make and act on the information provided by its own independent specialists, irrespective of a proponent's wishes. Now, it will do an assessment only if requested by that proponent. The types of projects requiring an environmental assessment have also changed, such that fewer federal assessments will be performed.

These changes raise the question of Provincial responsibilities in future. To what degree can or will provincial governments pick up the slack left by the Federal Government? Only the future can tell.

BOATS ON THE BRAS D'OR.

In the late nineteenth century, lake boats were integral to the lives of Cape Bretoners as shown by this article from Thar MacTalla written June 30, 1894 submitted by Walter McNeil.

The next day there was to be a picnic at Irish Cove, a short distance from Red Islands. The people of the parish were having this gathering to help pay for the church they were building. We thought since this would only put us a little out of our way, that we should go there.

Although the steamboat "May Queen" was leaving very early in the morning, we were on board in time, along with many other people. The morning was calm and bright and it was pleasant indeed to be on board the boat moving down the strait. The sun was shining and dancing lightly, on the water which was very blue and smooth as a mirror. There were bag pipes and a fiddler on board; the dancing started and continued triumphantly until we reached Grand Narrows at about 8.00 o'clock.

We stayed there about two hours, waiting for the train coming from Sydney. We observed the big bridge which crosses the narrows and the fine boarding house beside it. It is a real resort for rich travelers in the summer. There are glens, valleys and mountains and excellent roads and it is easy for people to enjoy traveling around the country. There are boats, big and small, always ready if anyone wishes to go sailing around the lake and they can go around every point of the pretty islands which are so plentiful in the waters of Bras d'Or – but I have strayed from my story.

Anyway, the train came and the

crowd rushed off and went down towards the water where there were two boats, "May Queen" and the "Blue Hill" waiting to carry them to the spot where the picnic was taking place. About 700 people went on board the boat and in a few minutes they were moving side by side down towards Irish Cove. There were two bands on each boat and between the music and festivity and everything else that was going on, we didn't give much thought to anything until we reached our destination, although the distance was about 12 miles.

We landed and climbed a small hill up to the spot where the crowd was gathered. There was every kind of entertainment usually found at a gathering of this sort, and everything was orderly and well-arranged as would be expected from the clever leader and excellent shepherd of the parish, Rev. Roderick MacInnis. There were 10 or 12 other priests from around the island and a good number of their congregations with them. Money was not scarce and the day passed pleasantly.

About 6 o'clock, most of the people returned to the "Blue Hill", about 500 went on board and indeed we were crowded. Everything went well until we drew near Grand Narrows, when the cry, "man overboard!" filled all who heard it with fear. It was then that there was confusion and panic. Women and children started crying and the men started rushing about. If there had not been a few smart men and sensible women among us to keep order and control the crowd, I am sure the boat would have tipped over, with the degree of confusion board at the time.

The unfortunate lad that fell over nearly drowned, as he was in the water about 20 minutes before he was rescued. We reached the strait around nightfall and we immediately

went on board the traily which would carry us to North Sydney.

***The Bras d'Or
Stewardship Society
is interested in
contributions from our
members. If you have
something to contribute
to the Newsletter or
would like to work with
the society's board,
please let us know.
The society is an all
volunteer organization
that welcomes input
from individuals
interested in promoting
the conservation,
protection and
restoration of the
Bras d'Or Lakes and its
watershed.***

"Our goal
is to
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