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June 21st Meeting Program

Pre-meeting presentation: From scales to microchips: understanding fish migrations

**Presenter: Gérald Chaput
Fisheries and Oceans Coordinator,
Centre for Science Advice, Gulf Region**

Anadromous fish, including Atlantic salmon, gaspereau, striped bass, rainbow smelt are abundant and prized fish found in most rivers and estuaries of the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence. Much has been learned of their biology and life history based on looking at their scales. Each species has its own signature inscribed on the scale which tells its age, when it first spawned, how often it spawns, the local or distant migrations which the animal has undertaken. Increasingly, electronic technologies provide new insights into daily and seasonal migrations, behaviours, and environmental conditions encountered by fish. The information from these technologies provide an increasingly complex picture of fish behaviour and responses to a constantly changing environment, aspects which were not apparent from looking at fish scales alone.

As always all are welcome.

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MINUTES of the May 17th, 2016 General Meeting of Nature Moncton

HELD at the Rotary Pavillion, Rotary Park, Moncton, New Brunswick. Beginning attendance: 42. Susan Atkinson **called** the meeting **to order** at about 7:05 p.m. ADST and welcomed those present. Mrs. Atkinson then introduced the **Guest Speaker**, Kerry Lee Morris-Cormier, Manager of the Johnson's Mills Interpretive Centre of the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Kerry Lee reported that the NCC was founded in 1962, has become the leading national land conservation organization and is ranked as one of the best environmental ones; it is a private, non-profit organization and has offices throughout the country. The head office for Atlantic Canada is in Fredericton. NCC has some paid staff but volunteers are a vital part of its work, conducting bird surveys, planting trees, pulling invasive species, etc. Fund-raising is an important function; the NCC held over 250 such events last year. NCC has assisted over 200 species at risk: its vision is to protect areas of natural diversity for future generations. It acquires land through purchases, donations and management agreements such as the conservation easement with the Atlantic Wildlife Institute. It sets priorities with a large blueprint for regions, conducts conservation planning, carries out its programs and measures their results. We are in the Northern Appalachian/Acadian Eco-region, which includes 82,000,000 acres in the Miramichi Watershed, Upper Bay of Fundy, Lower Bay of Fundy, Northumberland Strait and Acadian Peninsula. Kerry Lee described many features and projects in, and the access points to, NCC sites in these Eco-regions and stated that the public is welcome to hike and pick berries on NCC lands, though no camping or fires are permitted. Hunting may be prohibited, depending on attached conditions of donated lands. Kerry Lee provided some handouts and encouraged members to visit the NCC website at www.natureconservancy.ca or call 1-877-231-4411. She also recommended www.exploreconb.ca. She and her assistant Denise Walsh then answered questions from the audience.

Mrs. Atkinson thanked Ms. Morris-Cormier for her speech and presented her with a gift basket as a token of our appreciation. Roger Leblanc mentioned that during the break he would be selling *New Brunswick Birds: An Annotated List* for \$5.00 a copy and the break began at 8:15 p.m.

After the break, the meeting resumed at about 8:35 p.m.

Susan Atkinson reported for **Activities Committee** Chair Louise Nichols that the *Pond Life* Workshop conducted the previous weekend had been very successful and that at the June monthly meeting, Gerald Chaput of D.F.O. will be speaking on *Fish Conservation*. Also, Roger Leblanc plans to conduct a short workshop on *Spotting Sparrows* and then lead a field trip on the subject on June 11th.

Roger Leblanc reported that Nature New Brunswick will be holding its **Festival of Nature** at Dalhousie from May 27th to 29th. He encouraged any members who wished **to donate** merchandise **to the NNB Silent Auction** to be held at the Festival to contact Nelson Poirier, who will arrange for David Cannon to pick items up and transport them to Dalhousie.

The **50-50 Draw** was then conducted, with Donna Moore winning \$15.50 and Carmen Constable and Jean Renton winning other door prizes, including an eagle lamp.

David Christie reported that the second *Breeding Bird Atlas of the Maritime Provinces* had been launched in Sackville last week and that copies are available from Bird Study Canada for \$72.00.

Slideshow for Members' Photographs: Brian Stone conducted a slideshow on the Tidal Bore on the Petitcodiac River.

The contact person for citizens interested in participating in the **Fundy National Park Bioblitz** from June 10th to 20th is Denis Doucette.

Mac Dunfield has ordered 100 **free nesting boxes** from Ducks Unlimited and anybody interested in obtaining some should contact Nelson Poirier.

This summer Nature New Brunswick is hoping to hold more workshops like the Mason Bee one.

Bird and Other Sightings

Anne Marsh reported the following recent bird sightings at the Waterfowl Park in Sackville: behind the high school Yellow-rumped Warblers, Northern Shovellers, Green-winged Ducks, Pintails; On the Lagoon Trail: a mother Mallard and 5 ducklings and a female Ring-Necked Pheasant. She also reported the following sightings at the Amherst Bird Sanctuary: Red-breasted Nuthatches, Blue Jays, Chickadees, Tree Swallows and Muskrats.

Two eaglets have been spotted at the Bald Eagle nest on the Crowley Farm Road.

In Hillsborough Yellow-rumped Warblers and Baltimore Orioles have been spotted, as well as Canada Geese leaving their nests without any goslings in sight.

David Christie reported that he has seen some successful Canada Geese nests – including one that produced 8 goslings. He also spotted Yellow-rumped Warblers on the Larsen Marsh.

An Indigo Bunting has been seen on the Old Fredericton Road.

Roger Leblanc’s partner saw an Eastern Bluebird in Moncton today.

One member recommended the **Miner’s Marsh Bird Sanctuary** in downtown Kentville, where she recently observed turtles, Northern Cardinals and Belted Kingfishers.

New Business:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Verified and approved by:
by:
Susan Atkinson, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted
John Filliter, Secretary

Nature Moncton’s Nominating Committee is seeking to fill the vacant positions in the Executive Committee, if you are interested in volunteering please contact Dale Gaskin at 506-734-2197. The time required is light but the rewards of working with great fellow members is priceless.

From the Editor's Desk:



Courtesy of Brian Stone

- Well, I hope everyone has had the opportunity to observe both the migrating birds as they fly through our area as well as observing our summer birds busily building their nests. Soon we will be watching anxiously for the arrival of the young ones. Even with the rain, getting out and observing all the change in the landscape as the trees and shrubs once again show signs of life always is so uplifting.
- On June 11th our very own Roger Leblanc's workshop and outing focused on helping us to turn those LBJ's or "little brown jobs" into ETC's or "easy to call". After the short workshop we enjoyed the walk along the river path in Riverview. An ideal spot with two distinct landscapes and the potential for us to observe the 8 most likely to see sparrows in their natural habitat as well as many others birds. The light breeze and sunshine added to the perfection of the day. While in NB there is a potential to see 26 different types of sparrows the focus was on the 8 which would be present in the Moncton area at this time of year. The combined short workshop and outing format seems to be a winning combination.
- The last meeting presentation of this season has promised to be an interactive one as Dr. Gerald Chaput from DFO updates us on anadromous fish. So come and enjoy an informative evening on what lives in our rivers and streams. Also remember to bring along your items of interest to share.
- **An important reminder:** The NM Executive has the responsibility to manage the club. While a major re-write of the Constitution was approved in 2014 a new review was requested. As required, this new Constitution and Bylaw #1 was emailed several weeks ago to each member as an attachment along with the call for the Special Meeting. Please bring all comments and questions to the June Special meeting.
- This Special Meeting will be your opportunity to discuss and consider for approval a new Nature Moncton Constitution and Bylaw #1. Please be sure to read and be ready to offer comments and feed-back. This is your club and the Bylaws impact on how your Executive governs the Club.

Remember: the purpose of the Newsletter is keep our members informed of the monthly meeting minutes, announcements, reports of our club's field trips, workshops and other matters of interest. Please feel free to let me know of items of interest or comments.

Nature Moncton's New Website: www.naturemoncton.com. is live. Please provide feed-back.

Membership: It is hard to believe but our scheduled activities for this fiscal year are coming to an end. Maintaining your membership is vital to the success of the Club. Membership renewals for 2016-17 can be done at any time. A copy of the 2016-2017 form is on the last page of this issue.

FYI: Nature Moncton maintains a membership with Nature NB. As an activities driven club an important benefit of membership with NNB is the insurance policy which provides coverage during outings to each of our paid-up members.

Calendar of Nature Moncton Field Trips, Workshops and Presentations

Everyone is welcome to participate in our activities

All meeting presentations, workshops and field trips are posted to the NM Info-Line (384-6397) or sent to your email during the week leading up to the event. They are also published in the current issue of the Newsletter, posted to the Website and published in What's Happening in Moncton. Keep checking the as they are subject to change.

Louise Nichols is our Activities Committee Co-ordinator and she and the members of the Committee are always seeing input and suggestions from members. All ideas are welcome. Contact Louise Nichols at nicholsl@eastlink.ca

Workshops:

Pre-registration is requested as some events have a maximum or minimum number of participants. It also assures effective planning and to allow for contact to be made in the event of changes. Pre-register with Judi Berry-Steeves at 506-387-4778 or at jbsteeve@nbnet.nb.ca. A modest \$8 fee is charged for workshops which are held at the Tankville School, 1665 Elmwood Drive, Moncton.

Field Trips/Outings:

Generally, no fee is charged. For outings car-pooling is organized to allow seats be available for those who need rides. If car-pooling, please remember to share the gas costs.

Date 2016	Event	Presenter/ Outing Leader
Ongoing	<u>“Impromptu Outings”</u> – These outings visit sites in the Greater Moncton area and are designed for everyone and are usually accessible to those who have limited time or mobility. They can take place at any time and will last 2-3 hours at the most. Timing will be dependent on nature’s schedule. Listen to the Info Line 384-6397 and be ready to go.	Various

Deadline for submission(s) for the September Newsletter is: Thursday September 1, 2016

Submissions can be sent by:

- 1) Email: susanatkinson29@gmail.com
- 2) Telephone: 506-384-2332 to make arrangements to deliver article(s) or photo(s) which you cannot email.
- 3) Leave the material with Susan at any monthly meeting.

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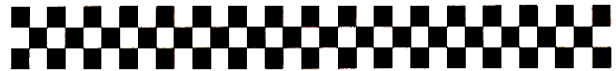
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WORKSHOPS				
FIELD TRIPS				
PUBLICITY				
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MONTHLY MEETINGS /PRESENTORS				
WAYS & MEANS FUNDRAISING				
PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION				
NEED TRANSPORTATION				
TRANSCRIBING DAILY INFO LINE				
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, example: website, archiving documents				
EXECUTIVE ROLES: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, or Executive Committee Chair				Nomination suggestions:

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At any monthly meeting see Shirley Hunt (Membership committee) or mail completed form & cheque to mailing address:

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