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FOCA 2010 Annual General Meeting - March 6

The FOCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on March 6th, 2010 from 9:00- 3:30pm at the York Reception Centre. To learn more about this event and to register [click here](#).

We are offering members who cannot attend in person the opportunity to participate in the meeting on-line on the day of the event. We are requesting that you also participate in a "dry-run" on Thursday, March 4th at 1pm to ensure that you have all software required on your home computer. If you are interested in being part of the FOCA AGM live and on-line please email info@foca.on.ca.

2010 Spring Cottage Life Show - March 26 to 28

Don't forget to mark the Spring Cottage Life Show on your calendar! The show will run from March 26 - 28 at the Toronto International Centre. For more information [click here](#).

2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity

The United Nations has declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). Throughout the year, there will be events and celebrations recognizing the value of biodiversity for humans, and for all life. Visit the official [IYB website](#) to learn more. FOCA is a proud member of the [Ontario Biodiversity Council](#), and will continue to encourage the protection of our Province's biodiversity through our information and program

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initiatives throughout the year - get involved!

Asian carp: What are they? What is the threat?

As the Asian carp advance closer to Lake Michigan, FOCA, and other groups are pressing the US and Canadian governments to take appropriate measures to stop the carp from entering the Great Lakes, and potentially destroying existing aquatic ecosystems. To learn more about Asian carp [click here](#).

What can you do?

Urge the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Minister of the Environment to take firm action to stop this invasive fish. Call on Prime Minister Harper to request a summit with the Obama administration to ensure that the short term efforts to prevent an invasion do not fail, and to stress that the U.S. must commit and quickly establish permanent ecological separation between the Mississippi, and Great Lakes basins.

Mining and Exploration News

The Supreme Court of Canada recently made a [ruling](#) that improves public accountability for mining operations that are subject to the Federal Environmental Assessment Act.

Meanwhile, FOCA continues to push forward on the development of regulations under the new Ontario Mining Act, as members of the Minister's Mining Act Advisory Committee. FOCA encourages anybody interested in commenting to do so by way of the [posting](#) that is on the Environmental Bill of Rights - until April 30, 2010.