

FOCA Elert - February 2015

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FOCA Annual General Meeting

Register now for the AGM!

Members: join us for the FOCA Annual General Meeting and Spring Seminar on Saturday, March 7th in Toronto.

This is an important opportunity to network with fellow associations from across Ontario, and to interact with our expert presenters on hot cottage country topics, including legal tools and tips, organizing for success, and safety and crime prevention. And don't miss the presentations from our featured member associations!



Here's your very own video invitation from FOCA:



All member Associations in good standing are encouraged to attend and to participate in the Annual business meeting.

[Click here for AGM event info, and the REGISTRATION link...](#)

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FOCA Webinars

Recap of Webinar: The Environmental Bill of Rights and You

January 28, 2015 - webinar presentation by FOCA and the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this informative webinar about how to participate in environmental law-making that impacts your waterfront experience and community, through Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR).



Click the image at right to be taken to the event posting on the FOCA Website - from there, you can access the full recording of the webinar event, slides, and a link to the EBR online registry.



ALSO: Please take part in our latest survey: Have you ever used the EBR? Did you participate in the webinar event? What other topics would you like us to cover? Click here to access the short survey now:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EBRandYouFOCA2015>

Next FOCA Webinar:

Due to popular demand, we will be hosting another webcast of FOCA's Cottage Succession event, "Keeping the Family in the Family Cottage," on April 17, 2015. Sign-up details will come in next month's Elert - stay tuned for details!



Did you receive this message forwarded by someone else? Sign up today to receive the FOCA Elert in your Inbox each month, and stay in-the-know on cottage country issues such as FOCA webinar notices. [Get on the Elert list now!](#)



Interested in helping FOCA host a local **in-person event near you this summer**, with FOCA and estate lawyer Peter Lilloco, about Cottage Succession? Apply now by [contacting the FOCA office.](#)

Political Affairs

Great Lakes Water Level updates

The International Lake Superior Board of Control says water levels in the lake are at a 17-year high, and that Lakes Huron, and Michigan are similarly at multi-year highs for the month of January. See more about the Great Lakes and this recent news here: <http://foca.on.ca/great-lakes-strategy-and-action/>



Other IJC News - Lake of the Woods Plan Issued!

After years of preparation, and lengthy public consultations, the International Joint Commission (IJC) recently published the Plan of Study for the Lake of the Woods Basin, and are now urging the Governments of Canada, and the United States to fund the identified priority projects. The overarching message is that it is time to move from studies to solutions. Learn more here: <http://foca.on.ca/new-call-for-action-lake-of-the-woods/>

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Waterfront Living

Recap of the Toronto International Boat Show

The 2015 Toronto International Boat Show was a great opportunity to gear up for the coming boating season, in the midst of a dark January!

More than 70,000 boat enthusiasts took in the show. FOCA was pleased that so many of our members took advantage of our free passes. We saw familiar faces and met lots of new and enthusiastic boaters.



Lake Environments

Great Lakes - Fish stocking in Lake Ontario

Recently posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) for public comment (until April 2, 2015), is the very first fish stocking plan for Lake Ontario (and its headwaters). This plan will guide future stocking practices from 2015 - 2024 to help achieve lake-wide and local fisheries management objectives that are aligned to bi-national and provincial objectives. The plan for Lake Ontario has implications not only for the lake itself but also for Ontario's Fisheries



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Management Zones 16 (SW Ontario), and 17 (the Kawartha Lakes, and Trent River). [Learn more, and comment, here...](#)

Asian Carps information session

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is hosting an Asian Carp information session in Peterborough on February 11th, 2015, to inform the public about the latest federal and provincial responses to this invasive species. [Click here for more info...](#)

Regional News & Events

Muskoka Stewardship Conference 2015

"Living in Cottage Country - What you need to know"

Save the date: May 2nd, 2015 in Bracebridge. [Get details here...](#)

Ontario Biodiversity Summit 2015

"Protecting What Sustains Us"

Save the dates: May 19-22, 2015 in Niagara Falls. [Get details here...](#)



Parry Sound - Energy Plans

Members on the shores of Georgian Bay between Parry Sound and Britt are advised there are two routes for a new 500kV electrical transmission line being proposed in the area, which are the subject of upcoming public meetings (March 3 in Britt, and March 4 in Parry Sound). [Click here for the notice and meeting details.](#) A public meeting about the electrical generation portion of the project, the "Henvey Inlet Wind Energy Centre" is being held in Britt February 25th. [Click here for that notice.](#)

This project is subject to a Category B Environmental Review. Get more information here: www.henveyinletwind.com or contact Ken Noble: info@henveyinletwind.com 705-857-5265.

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