



Coalition for Innovative Fish Conservation

We sent out an Elert to our members (in December 2024) looking for volunteers (anglers and boaters) to join this coalition in helping to identify areas on the lakes that would be suited to become bass sanctuaries. The work was initiated by Dr. Dave Philipp who has a cottage on Lake Opinicon and has done extensive research on bass spawning. The hope is that the OMNR will agree to extend the time for the sanctuaries that already exist (Opinicon and Charleston) and expand them to other lakes that have been identified by the group.

Protect Opinicon Inc.

We continued to support this non profit group in their work to stop the expansion of the Skycroft Campground from 88 sites to a total of 231. In January some of our members attended (virtually) the Land Tribunal hearings in an effort to show solidarity with the opponents of the expansion. The final decision is expected some time in May or June.

Love Your Lake

The LYL assessment program of Benson, Indian and Clear lakes was completed in the early summer and residents have received access to their assessments through individual portals. This year we plan on enlisting Watersheds Canada to assess 400 properties on Sand Lake.

Scheduled Events

Meet and Greet - May 31 at the Newboro Hall (9:00 am - 12:00)

Speakers:

Dr. David Philipp - Updates on the Coalition for Innovative Fish Conservation

John Criswick - Dark Skies Project

Canada Day - July 1 at Chaffey's Lock

Rubber Duck Race fundraiser

AGM - August 23 at the Chaffey's Community Hall (9:00 am - 12:00)

Pancake breakfast

Speaker: Lesley Lavender CEO of FOCA