

Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards Fall 2020 Newsletter

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COVID-19 Update

Due to the increase of COVID-19 positive cases in our province and in our region, the MJRWS have decided to temporarily close the office to the public. If an in-person meeting is necessary, we ask that you call ahead to book an appointment at 306-691-3399. We will be wearing a mask to protect ourselves and others, and we ask that you do the same. We are also available over the phone, via email, and for virtual meetings.

Thank you for your compliance with these new rules. Stay safe everyone!



Baildon Update

Throughout the summer and fall, the MJRWS has been working on the Baildon Agricultural Water Management Project. Both the Little and Big Baildon Networks are a high priority for addressing agricultural drainage. Between the two networks, there are over 250 quarter sections and 100 landowners. Through a series of open houses, we have been finalizing mapping for the Big Baildon Network. Little Baildon's mapping has been finalized, signatures collected, and the application was submitted to the Water Security Agency. Additionally, we have received funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada to implement a water quality testing plan for the Network. Currently, the MJRWS have completed two rounds of testing and will start again in the spring. We want to thank all the landowners that have attended our open houses, answered our phone calls, and engaged with us. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will ensure the success of this project.



Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species Spread During Ice Fishing Season

With the summer season over, unfortunately the risk of spreading invasives is not. Zebra and Quagga mussels do not go away with the summer weather.

If the cold weather doesn't impact your fishing habit, there are some practices that you can include while ice fishing to help prevent the spread of invasives.

- *Inspect your fishing equipment such as rods, nets, augers, hooks and scoops after moving between water bodies.*
- *Drain all water from equipment prior to leaving the waterbody.*
- *If using live bait; buy locally or buy from a licensed bait dealer.*
- *Dispose of your waste properly in waste containers.*
- *Dry your equipment for 5 or more days or disinfect when moving between water bodies. Disinfect with hot water (60°C), by freezing your equipment for 8 hours, or using a mixture of water and bleach.*

Thank you for your help in preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species



Scavenger Hunt

During October, we held a three-week-long Watershed Scavenger Hunt extravaganza. Congratulations to our winners Sadie Rogers and Abby Owens. They each walked away with a gift basket filled with toys from A Little Prairie Charm- Gift Boutique & Tea Room, a pass to the Little Chicago Entertainment escape rooms, cookies, and board games. Thank you to all our participants and stay tuned for more contest opportunities.



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Moose Jaw River Watershed Word Search

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**Do you have
annual cropland with low production
due to poor soil quality?**

Why not consider converting your
cropland to Tame or Native Forage?

There is funding available to producers
that meet the eligibility criteria. The
MJRWS can help you apply for **FREE**.

You can find more information at:
saskatchewan.ca/CAP

For application assistance, contact us via
phone or email. Contact information is
below.

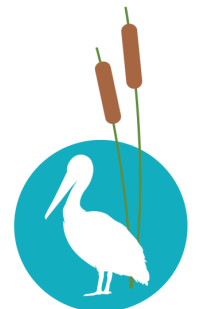


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