



What happened in 2003?

Public response to this program remains strong, with twenty-three applications received. Twenty-one community groups and associations throughout Manitoba received funding for a variety of projects. The following is a sample of funded projects:

- replace a rock crossing barrier on Archie Creek with two culverts to allow fish passage
- support habitat inventory projects on the Seine River, tributaries on the west side of Lake Manitoba's north basin and Sandy Lake
- implement land management practices along Stony Creek and Brookdale Drain to reduce nutrient and sediment loading
- assist with equipment needed to deliver aquatic education programs at Fort Whyte, the North American Wildlife Enforcement Memorial Museum at the Peace Gardens and Sandilands Forest Centre
- assist with the layout and printing of "The Freshwater Fishes of Manitoba" publication.

For more information, an annual report summarizing the 2003 Fisheries Enhancement Initiative projects and expenditures is available.

Where do I find out more?

For more information or to get your project application form, contact the nearest Manitoba fisheries office:

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Dauphin	(204) 622-2205
Gimli	(204) 642-6072
Lac du Bonnet	(204)345-1450
Roblin	(204) 937-2510
Swan River	(204) 734-3429
The Pas	(204) 627-8296
Thompson	(204) 677-6650
Winnipeg	(204) 945-7797

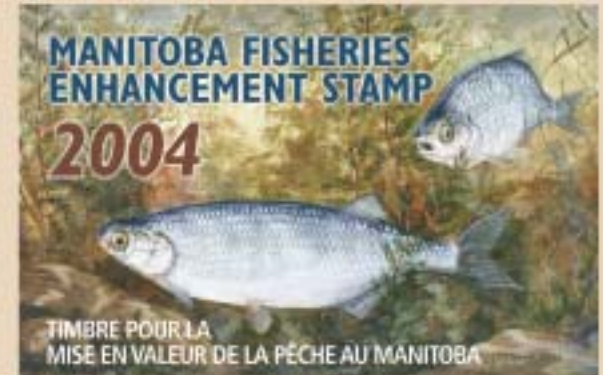
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The Manitoba Fisheries Enhancement Initiative

*Working together for
Manitoba's fisheries*



Why a Fisheries Enhancement Initiative?

The Manitoba Fisheries Enhancement Initiative was established in 1993 when Manitoba sport fishing groups and commercial fishermen indicated a willingness to pay more for their fishing licence if a portion went to build fish stocks. Using this revenue the Fisheries Enhancement Initiative has funded over 250 projects throughout Manitoba. These projects have aimed at strengthening fish populations, improving fish habitat or fisheries education.

This year Winnipeg artist Judy McInnes' acrylic painting titled "Goldeye" (featured on the front) was selected through the annual stamp painting competition. The annual competition promotes Manitoba artists and their work.

The winning artwork is reproduced into the Fisheries Enhancement stamp and print. The stamp is a reminder to fishing persons that a portion of their licence fee helps fund projects that ensure adequate fish stocks exist for future generations.



The Fisheries Enhancement Initiative assists fishing and educational opportunities directed at youth and the general public.



What kinds of projects will get funding?

The Fisheries Enhancement Initiative funds projects that protect or improve fish stocks or enhance the areas where fish live. The projects must be environmentally and technically sound and result in fisheries that are sustainable over the long term, both biologically and economically.

Projects should also promote local involvement in fisheries and raise public understanding of fish and their environment.

Project examples:

- improve spawning habitat by gravel placement
- create pools and riffles for spawning and rearing young
- remove obstructions or build fishways to ease passage
- maintain lake levels and prevent winter fish kills by building outlet controls
- improve lake habitat and reduce winter fish kills through aeration
- restore damaged streambanks using vegetation, rock or fencing
- address problems caused by mines, diversions, dams, etc.
- watershed management projects.

Don't feel limited by these examples. If you submit a project that suits the guidelines mentioned above, it will be considered.

Who may apply for funding?

Organizations such as:

- fish and game associations
- community groups and associations
- local government agencies
- school and youth groups
- service clubs
- conservation and environmental groups
- business organizations

If your group or organization has a project in mind, fisheries staff can offer advice and technical expertise to help you develop a proposal.



Over the last 10 years site specific activities were directed at enhancing:
Riparian areas (top) through fencing and off stream watering sources;
Instream fish habitat (middle) through riffle construction and;
Fish passage (bottom) by constructing fish ladders.



What are the funding limits?

In general, each project may receive a maximum of \$25,000, although consideration will be given to special cases requiring more than this amount.