



# Saskatchewan's Fisheries Management Plan

## CONSULTATION and FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Saskatchewan  
Environment

### Consultation

#### THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29TH, 2006

All times are 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, October 30 - **La Loche** Community Hall  
 Wednesday, November 1 - **Buffalo Narrows** Lakeview Complex  
 Thursday, November 2 - **Ile a la Crosse** Town Hall  
 Friday, November 3 - **Beauval** Charles Gauthier Memorial Arena

#### THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5TH, 2006

All times are 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7 - **Black Lake** Band Hall  
 Wednesday, November 8 - **Wollaston Lake** LAC Hall

#### THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12TH, 2006

All times are 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, November 13 - **Prince Albert** Wildlife Federation  
 Tuesday, November 14 - **La Ronge** Hotel and Suites  
 Wednesday, November 15 - **Pelican Narrows** LAC Hall  
 Thursday, November 16 - **Creighton** RJ's Motel  
 Friday, November 17 - **Deschambault** Kimosom Pwatinahk Collegiate

#### THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19TH, 2006

All times are 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, November 20 - **Kindersley** Inn  
 Tuesday, November 21 - **Saskatoon** Park Town Hotel  
 Wednesday, November 22 - **Battleford** Wildlife Federation Building  
 Thursday, November 23 - **Lloydminster** Tropical Inn  
 Friday, November 24 - **Meadow Lake** Elks Hall

#### THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26TH, 2006

All times are 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28 - **Hudson Bay** Recreation Complex  
 Wednesday, November 29 - **Nipawin** Evergreen Centre  
 Friday, December 1 - **Cumberland House** Town Hall

#### THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2006

All times are 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4 - **Swift Current** Days Inn  
 Tuesday, December 5 - **Moose Jaw** R.L. Neal Lodge (MJ WF Hall)  
 Wednesday, December 6 - **Regina** Inn Diefenbaker Room  
 Thursday, December 7 - **Estevan** Days Inn Taylorton Room  
 Friday, December 8 - **Yorkton** Best Western



# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Saskatchewan Environment is hosting 24 come-and-go open houses across the province to talk to people about what they would like our fishery to be. Why now?**

**A:** Saskatchewan's people are proud of the fact that we have some of the best fishing in the world. Our challenge is keeping it that way. Saskatchewan Environment is asking the public to help develop a new, environmentally sound and sustainable long-term fisheries management plan. It will build on partnerships and ensure fisheries are used in a way that promotes economic and social growth to benefit the people of Saskatchewan.

**Q: What will you be talking to people about?**

**A:** Throughout this process we will be talking to people about the types of fishing experiences they value and the actions they think are needed to ensure those experiences are available in the future. Their cooperation, ideas and commitment to our fishery will help to ensure the effective conservation and management of our high quality fishery for today and into the future.

**Q: How important is it to develop a new way of managing our fishery?**

**A:** Although Saskatchewan's fish stocks are strong, we are harvesting our limit and we do not want to risk over-fishing our industry as others in Canada have done. The diverse nature of our fisheries resource and its many users mean there is not one simple solution to ensure our fishery is able to cope with whatever pressures the future brings. However, we are confident that by working together we can meet this challenge.

**Q: What kind of pressure is our fishery under?**

**A:** In Saskatchewan, our fisheries are under increasing pressure, due, in part, to increasing access into remote areas, a desire for increased commercial and recreational use, and changing climatic conditions. For a fishery to be a renewable resource there must be enough fish left to reproduce. The natural renewal process is not as high as people assume. For example, it takes six years for a female walleye to reach maturity and reproduce for the first time. Ninety-nine per cent of the 600,000 eggs she lays will not survive. Although nature cannot be changed the fishery can be managed in a way that allows it to renew itself.

**Q: Why use the approach of open houses to gather public comments?**

**A:** It is important that everyone gets an opportunity to let us know what he or she thinks the fishery should be. Everyone is encouraged to participate at the open houses to be held across the province from October 30 to December 8, 2006 and tell us what you want the provincial fishery to be. If you are unable to do so there are other methods of letting us know what you think. Those alternatives can be found on this website.

**Q: How important is it to look at our fishery and make decisions about its future?**

**A:** Because fish reproduce, they are considered a renewable resource. However, if fish are harvested faster than they can reproduce, populations decline. No one wants that to happen. In order to enjoy fishing for years to come, we have to take action now. A well-managed fishery will be part of a thriving Saskatchewan in which present and future generations can enjoy a sustainable, vibrant economy and a clean, healthy environment.

**Q: What kind of challenges do we face when it comes to developing a new Provincial Fisheries Management Plan?**

**A:** Saskatchewan Environment is taking a pro-active approach to deal with the pressures on our fishery by working with the public and stakeholders to develop a provincial fisheries management plan that will help guide sustainable use of the resource today and into the future. Our fishery must be able to cope with whatever pressures the future brings. Because of the diverse nature of our fisheries resource and its many users we know there is not one simple solution. However, we are confident that by working together we can meet this challenge.

**Q: What can we expect the new Provincial Fisheries Management Plan to do?**

**A:** The provincial fisheries management plan will seek to maintain the traditional and cultural activities we enjoy while ensuring sustainable economic benefits for everyone in the province. By working together we, and future generations, will continue to enjoy our fishery.

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