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## FOCA Elert - June 2010

**Come and see FOCA at The Muskoka In-Water Boat Show, July 23rd - 25th at the Muskoka Wharf in Gravenhurst. This event also features the Muskoka Rib Fest, live entertainment and over 100 boat and cottage exhibitors. Free general admission - click the link for details.**

### **Keeping your Cottage in the Family**

FOCA is pleased to host a pilot series of Cottage Succession Workshops in the Kawartha and Haliburton regions. [Click here for more details](#). To express interest in workshops in other regions, please email [programs@foca.on.ca](mailto:programs@foca.on.ca).

### **Recent events sponsored by and/or attended by FOCA:**

- Freshwater Summit in Bracebridge, June 1st and 2nd (see below for summary)
- [Stewardship Network of Ontario \(SNO\)](#) Forum in Toronto, June 8th: SNO collaborates with organizations in the province to enhance stewardship programs to benefit landowners in Ontario.
- Ontario Waterpower Association Workshop on Class Environmental Assessments for Waterpower Projects
- Minister's Mining Act Advisory Committee

## Freshwater Summit

FOCA was a proud sponsor and participant in the 2010 Freshwater Summit held at the beginning of June in Bracebridge. This was a tremendous opportunity to discuss and share perspectives on the state of our freshwater resources in Canada, and provided the basis for a draft charter of freshwater rights and responsibilities. A communiqué developed by the organizers, has been developed to present to the G8 leaders assembling in Muskoka this week. To view the document, click [here](#). If you would like to support the online petition or view the presentations, visit the Freshwater Summit [website](#).



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### Tune in June 24th and 25th!

Paul Kennedy, host of CBC's radio program "Ideas" attended the Freshwater Summit and will broadcast moderated proceedings on Thursday June 24th and Friday June 25th in the show titled: "Speaking Truth to Power." Click below for details.

#### SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

In the weeks before the G8 Summit in Muskoka, leading environmentalists and concerned citizens gather nearby to prepare a public statement about the crucial importance of fresh water to the future of our planet.

### Ontario Family Fishing Week: July 3 - 11

Canadian residents will be able to sample Ontario's fishing opportunities, licence-free from July 3-11, 2010. This is to highlight the recreational and economic value of Ontario's recreational fishery, and the importance of sustaining and enhancing it for future generations. Conservation License limits apply. For details, click [here](#).

Gone Fishing? Before heading out on the water this summer "catch" up on the latest changes to the fishing regulations by reviewing the [Fishing Regulations Summary 2010](#).

Is the fish you caught safe to eat? Find out by viewing the [Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish](#).

### Protect your forests - don't move firewood!

Ontario forests are being threatened by the presence of the [Asian Long-horned Beetle](#) and the [Emerald Ash Borer](#). These insects which are native to Asia have no natural predators in Canada and therefore have the potential to spread and kill millions of trees in our urban and rural forests. Do your part by not moving any wood products such as trees, nursery stock, pruned branches, logs and forest products with bark attached to or from your cottage. What else can you do? Buy local firewood for your campfires. For more information visit the Canadian Food Inspection Agency [website](#).

### Is your lake or river being considered for a small hydro installation?

FOCA recently attended a session run by the Ontario Waterpower Association on the development of small hydro installations in Ontario. While we have all heard a great deal about wind and solar power incentives, funding is also attractive for hydro installations,



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particularly where there is an existing dam. If this potential exists in your waterfront area, your association should ensure key concerns of waterfront owners are dealt with effectively including; water levels, environmental impact, aesthetics, liability, safety, recreational uses, regular communication and program transparency.

## 2010 - International Year of Biodiversity

FOCA is pleased to announce the release of the [State of Ontario's Biodiversity Report 2010](#). This report was prepared by the [Ontario Biodiversity Council](#) (OBC), which is composed of representatives of 23 groups from academia, industry, First Nations, provincial government and NGOs, including FOCA. The report provides an update on the impact that humans are having on Ontario's biological diversity -in other words- our affect on the relationship between plants and animals and the habitats that they depend on to survive. The OBC also developed a summary report available here, [State of Ontario's Biodiversity Report 2010 Highlights](#).

## 2010 Municipal Election

Making an informed decision on which candidate to support in the upcoming election is easier when you ask the right questions. Do your municipal candidates know the priority issues for cottagers and waterfront property owners? How will they represent your concerns if elected?

In order to support FOCA members, we will be sharing a list of Key Questions for Municipal Candidates in our August Elert. Please [send us your suggestions!](#)

## Wind Turbines Report

A report prepared by the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario was released at the end of May in response to public health concerns related to wind turbines, mainly related to noise. The report states that, "the scientific evidence available to date does not demonstrate a direct casual link between wind turbine noise and adverse health effects". Click [here](#) to view the full report.

## Great Summer Reading: Take the Plunge

FOCA members benefit from a discounted rate when ordering 10+ copies of the Take the Plunge Stewardship Guide. For details and to place an order, please contact us at [info@foca.on.ca](mailto:info@foca.on.ca).

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