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President's Message

**Spring has arrived and with it
comes birth and beauty**

By *K.D. Caldwell*



Nova Scotia Federation of
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It won't be long before we will see the does out with their newly born fawns.

Please remember, that if you should come upon a fawn while you are out and about to please "leave it alone" and move on your merry way.

Every year this time people decide they need to "rescue orphaned fawns". The fact is that their mothers are not far away. They know exactly where their babies are. These fawns are by no means orphaned or abandoned. The problem is not with the doe not being with her fawn. This is completely natural. The problems lies with humans interfering with nature. These same people take it upon themselves to remove these fawns from their own natural habitat. Problem solved, right? They have done their good deed for the day. Wrong!

The deer are placed in a facility to be fenced in and cared for and raised by humans. Unfortunately it does not stop there. What do you do with these deer that have been so called rescued? Release them? No! What about human imprinting, disease and the spread of disease? Also, what about the young bucks that have become aggressive to humans? What then? Many questions, not near enough answers.

One disease that we need to be concerned of is Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). We don't have it here yet. I truly believe that unfortunately, it's just a matter of time. (Who knows, it may be here already, undetected)

The Canadian Wildlife Federation has taken upon themselves the huge task of trying to put an end to the spread of CWD. They are doing an outstanding

job. We do not hear of CWD here as no one seems to be overly concerned — out of sight, out of mind. I believe that there is a lot in the old saying "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

Please do not be a part of the problem but be a part of the solution. Enjoy wildlife and nature. Educate yourself and others and remember to look but don't touch or remove.

I was listening to a biologist speak not too long ago. He said that not only are we living in an age of loneliness, but that we are also separated from our natural world. He went on to state that living in a city causes us to shut down most of our senses, and I agree. That saying "You can't see the forest for the trees" rings true for a number of people.

With summer just around the corner and our children out on summer vacation, provides us with the perfect opportunity to get involved. Go fishing, camping, hiking and exploring! Just go, get outside. We don't need big fancy RVs and expensive, fancy equipment to leave a lasting impression on a young mind.

My tent and camping gear is probably close to 20 years old. When my family and I go camping, we tend to look like the Flintstones setting up camp next to the Jetsons! Yes, our tent takes a little longer to set up (a lot longer) but it's all part of the camping experience and if nothing else, it's good for a laugh. (later !)

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Executive Director's Voice



By Tony Rodgers

I love the colours of spring. When the green grass starts to carpet our lawns and the maple and birch push their red tipped leaves forward it's enough to lift spirits of any poor mortal. But I believe the most exciting colour of spring is "black". Yes the black shades of the mayfly — now that colour is all that's needed to soothe the soul of this angler.

I had a great fishing trip for trout again this year. As usual it had as much to do with my fishing companions as the millions of mayflies that hatched that week. Good company at camp, good food and some good spirited joking completes a trip regardless of the fish, but yea' got to love those trout.

I'm sitting at the computer writing this with an ear to the television in the middle of the day, not something I normally do. But like a kid waiting for Santa Clause I'm waiting for the Auditor General of Canada, Sheila Fraser. Reports prematurely released over the past few days are that the information she'll give parliament on the spending errors of the Liberal government with respect to the Canadian Firearms Center will be enough to get rid of the long gun registry.

And it was enough. The cost overruns and the hiding of them by the Liberals was all the ammunition that the Minister of Public Safety, Honorable Stockwell Day needed. In his press release he said the Government's plan was to eliminate the long-gun registry and to better meet law enforcement needs while reducing burdens on law-abiding long-gun owners.

"Eliminating the long-gun registry is a promise this government made to Canadians and is a promise we are going to keep. Promise made, promise kept," said Minister Day. "Canada's new Government is putting its emphasis on getting tough on crime and developing a truly effective firearms control program, not punishing responsible long-gun owners."

The Government is moving ahead today with the implementation of the following measures:

- Transferring responsibility for the Firearms Act and regulations to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), taking over

- from the former Canada Firearms Center;
- reducing the annual operating budget for the program by \$10 million;
- implementing license renewal fee waivers and refunds;
- eliminating physical verification of non-restricted firearms; and
- introducing a one-year amnesty to protect previously-licensed owners of non-restricted firearms from prosecution and to encourage them to comply with the law as it currently stands.

As well, the government will table legislation to repeal the requirement to register non-restricted firearms.

Any legislative and regulatory changes will continue to require the safe storage of firearms, safety training, a licensing program including police background checks, a handgun registry (as has been the case since 1934) and a ban on those classes of firearms currently identified as prohibited.

"This new Government will not continue to fund ineffective programs. Instead, we will invest our resources to better protect Canadian families and their communities by putting more police on our streets, funding crime prevention initiatives and supporting the victims of crime," Minister Day concluded.

It takes the patience of a hunter some times when you're dealing with movement within or from government. For my part I'm glad we have reached this time. A time of real change, change that will work for wildlife because hopefully now we can focus our energies back to where they belong.

All indications are that by the time you read this a provincial election has already been decided and the colors on your lawn will be signs of blue, orange and red along with the flowers of spring.

Elections in Nova Scotia have often been described as a bloodsport because there is not much catch and release when it comes to live bait on the campaign trail. It also marks an important time for us anglers and hunters to address our concerns to the politicians who want our votes.

The men and women who have the jobs in government now, the people that most

strongly influence our outdoor activities may not have them after the election. They may not be elected or if the government is returned they may be in a different portfolio. So that means everyone you spoke to during the election campaign, if successful, may be appointed Minister of Natural Resources or Fisheries or Environment or Health, etc.

One issue that needs addressing and not much has been said about it, are the rules for the construction industry when it come to set backs from watercourses.

Many comments have been made about clear cutting and the damage its does to the environment. Many people argue that it not only looks like hell it is hurting our forests and damaging our streams and rivers by allowing run off. The forestry industry, however, does have a set of rules to work by and the Watercourse Protection Law albeit not the be all to end all, is at least something.

On the other hand the construction industry must first become the distraction industry in order to make a platform from which to build. This often means the destruction of forest wildlife habitat and a negative influence on watercourses in those areas.

Why is it OK to expect the forest industry not to cut to the river's edge, but OK for building construction to be on the river's edge. Clearly the province of Nova Scotia needs to spend some time examining the possibility of legislation to control activities surrounding home and industrial building.

Farming is another industry that escapes some sort of guidelines to help support nature when the farmer wants to introduce new fields and pasture to his operation. Having said that most farmers have a grasp of what land stewardship is all about and are willing, when given the correct information, to work with fish and wildlife people to create habitat on their land, whereas when it comes to the construction industry it's a bulldozer mentality.

It's time for this to change. I hope you spoke to your candidates. I don't care about your politics but I do hope you got out to vote. If you didn't vote, don't gripe when you get a government you didn't want.

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Leave Deer Fawns In The Woods

By Tony Rodgers

The woods of Nova Scotia are once again welcoming back outdoor hikers and campers with the promise of warmer weather and snow cleared trails.

Spring is also a time of birth in our forests and most of nature's creatures are preparing to have young by making nests or delivering their offspring after a winter pregnancy.

Too often during this same period many encounters are made between new-borns and the backwoods travelers, and in some cases that is a recipe for problems for nature's new ones.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters is asking all people who go into the woods of Nova Scotia this spring to please be respectful of nature's laws and leave baby wild animals you find alone.

Many people are uneducated in the ways of wild animals and believe that deer fawns, for instance, found laying in tall grass or among young fir trees have been abandoned by their mothers. This is not the case. Does often leave their fawns in a protected area while they feed or lead predators away from their fawn(s).

By picking that fawn up you may have set in motion a series of events that will be detrimental to that individual animal and the whole deer herd. They are not orphans. Please leave them alone. If after 24 hours you wish to check to see if it's still there, go ahead, but we'll bet it's gone with its mother, said Tony Rodgers, executive director of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

"It's important to all of us to care about nature, but removing young from its natural habitat to be housed in a barn or garage for a week before deciding it's too much to look after is a sin against nature. Call your local Department of Natural Resources office for advice before moving any deer or other animal away from its natural projection," urged Mr. Rodgers.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters has learned that because of changes made by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will not be allowed to receive any deer fawns brought in by the public as "orphans". Because of the threat of animal diseases like Chronic Wasting Disease, Brucellosis and others, the CFIA will



White Tailed Deer with fawn. Courtesy of US Fish & Wildlife Service, National Image Library.

not allow for the inter provincial transfer of deer. Our DNR would in some cases send our orphans, after they grew some, to animals farms in other parts of North America. With the new rules they can no longer do this.

A call by DNR went out to animal welfare organizations to see if any of the rescue groups wanted to take on the project and one group Hope for Wildlife Society in Seaforth Nova Scotia wanted to take on the rehabilitation of the orphans. There were a lot of rules we discovered and I don't feel comfortable that they can all be met and prevent the spread of disease within the province.

The new CFIA Cervid Movement Policy is concerned with the potential introduction or spreading of bovine TB/Brucellosis and CWD in Cervidae. There is the additional concern of exposing both deer

fawns and handlers to diseases and parasites brought-in from various regions of the province by the animals.

DNR must approve the facility and rehabilitation practices before white-tailed deer will be added to the existing wildlife

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rehabilitation permit. DNR, as owner of the animals, will apply to the CFIA for a permit to accept wild born white-tailed deer at the approved facility. Staff of the rehabilitation facility will notify DNR within 24 hours of receiving white-tailed deer and provide the following information: species, number of animals, age, sex, animal description, ID number, details of origin and WIR number where applicable.

Domestic animals such as goats, cattle and sheep may not come in direct contact with the deer, handlers or utensils/clothing.



White Tailed Deer fawn. Courtesy of US Fish & Wildlife Service, National Image Library.

The enclosure to be constructed for the rehabilitation of white-tailed deer must be a minimum of 1 acre in size, which can house up to 10 animals, and contain shrubbery and other vegetation

in which the animals can find ample opportunity to hide. The enclosure's perimeter fence must be a minimum of 7' high and secured along the bottom to prevent escape. The enclosure must also include a barn, with artificial floor, for shelter and feeding with a separate area for isolation/quarantine and an area for bio-security requirements.

The sides of the enclosure facing areas of human presence or activities must be covered with a material that will prevent direct visual contact between humans/pets.

1. At no time are visitors to be permitted access to the animals.
2. A hand wash station must be in place for handlers to use upon entering and leaving the barn.

3. Dedicated coveralls and boots must be in place for all handlers and are to remain in the barn.

4. Feeding bottles must be disinfected in the barn before removal.

A freezer must be located in the barn and be used for animals that die and which cannot be taken directly to the Agricultural College in Bible Hill for necropsy. DNR must be notified prior to any transfers to the College, the CFIA will issue a transfer permit for said activity. Prior to transfer to the College, each animal must be placed in a sealed garbage bag.

All medical attention required must be performed on the premises, permits for off-site medical attention will not be issued by the CFIA.

All animal bedding and waste must be composted in an area where regular staff and the public do not have access.

Immediately upon arrival, all animals must be permanently identified by means of microchip, tattoo or ear tag.

It was clearly stated that the animals cannot be imprinted on humans or human activities and must show natural behaviour such as flight, awareness, fright and selection of wild found foods.

Before white-tailed deer are added to the existing rehabilitation permit, a capture/release plan must be submitted to and approved by DNR. Such a plan is to include detailed information on methods of capture, handling and transportation.

Neither DNR, CFIA or other government agency will provide funding or any other compensation towards the rehabilitation of white-tailed deer.

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A Walk In The Woods

New laws in effect to create safe and proper use of off-highway vehicles

"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes."

—St. Clement



Most Nova Scotia residents are well aware of the heated debate that has occurred in this province regarding the need for new laws and regulations aimed at improving the safe operation of off-highway vehicles (OHVs). It has been duly recognized that there is a problem in this province, especially with some use of all terrain vehicles (ATVs). There have been many preventable injuries and deaths over the years to both adults and children due to the use of OHVs. The negative environmental impacts are obvious to many and the history of trespassing on private lands is legendary.

Due to these problems and the fact that with more than 50,000 machines operating in the province, it is a problem that would not go away without proactive measures. That is why the Government tasked the Voluntary Planning organization to hold extensive public consultation sessions while developing rec-

ommendations to improve the situation for the long term benefit of the environment, users, landowners and society in general.

The recommendations contained in the Voluntary Planning final report were carefully considered and debated over many months. The OHV regulations that were developed - promoting user safety, protecting the environment and encouraging parental responsibility - became law as of April 1, 2006.

The amnesty period for registering OHVs has ended. It is now law that all OHVs must be registered except for the following:

1. Operators who ride solely on their own property;
2. Those people who are required to ride solely for their work or business;
3. Status Indians who operate an OHV on communal Reserve land, or;
4. Persons related to a landowner by blood or marriage or a common-law or registered domestic relationship and who ride solely on the related landowner's property.

One of the most hotly debated aspects of the OHV recommendations surrounded the age and training limitations and requirements. The new regulations specify the phased-in training requirements of riders, which is dependent on age. For young riders under the age of 14, the training requirements depend on

the type of machine. For example, children under 14 years who ride ATVs must complete training in 6 months (by October 1, 2006). This same age group who wish to ride off-road motorcycles or snow vehicles have approximately 18 months (October 1, 2007) to allow for the development of appropriate training programs. Parents of the under 14 riders are required to successfully complete the same training by October 1, 2007. Until that time, children under 14 years may only ride under strict supervision and other conditions.

Older teenagers of 15 and 16 years can legally ride OHVs if both they and their parents or guardians have completed the safety training program by October 1, 2007. OHV operators between the ages of 16 and 24 require training over the next three years (by April 1, 2009). Those operators between the ages of 25 and 34 have five years and those 35 years and older have six years to complete their training.

The following people are exempt from the training requirements:

1. Those that have passed the Canada Safety Council OHV safety program since 1991;
2. Operators who only ride on their own private land for pleasure or business purposes;
3. Self-employed people who use OHVs for their work (for example; farmers, fishers, forest workers);
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- employees;
 5. Operators of golf carts; and
 6. Visitors to Nova Scotia, if accompanied by a person with a valid OHV training certificate.

The new regulations established the Off-highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund. This fund will be used for future trail development, organizational funding, health and safety projects, training and other initiatives. As of April 1, 2006, all recreational riders will pay the \$40 annual fund fee in addition to registration costs.

Persons exempt from paying the vehicle infrastructure fund fee include:

1. Operators who ride their OHVs solely on private land they own or occupy;
2. Persons related to a landowner by blood or marriage, common-law or registered domestic relationship, and who ride solely on the related landowner's property;
3. Farmers, fishers, forest workers who use OHVs for their work;
4. Peace officers and government employees;
5. Self employed persons and employees; and
6. Status Indians who ride solely on communal reserve land.

The new regulations permit a charge to be laid against anyone caught riding an OHV without a valid registration. The fine ranges from \$250 to \$2000. To address the trespassing issue, riders or groups of riders are now required to obtain written permission from landowners before moving onto private property. Landowners can report suspected violations by calling toll-free 1-800-565-2224. There is also the provision stating that OHVs cannot be operated in sensitive environments except as permitted in exceptional circumstances.

One aspect of OHV use that is particularly worth remembering is that with a few exceptions, you are not permitted to operate an OHV on a highway (public roadway), shoulder of a highway, or median of a highway. 

Don Cameron is a Registered Professional Forester.

To learn more about the exceptions and the Regulations, go to www.gov.ns.ca/natr/ohv/rulesoftheroad.asp.

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Random Casts

Fishing Fine and Far Off

By Don MacLean

The secret of success when fly fishing for trout may often depend on the fly pattern you choose, but more often than not it is your presentation which will spell success or failure on a fishing trip. When fly fishing the leader makes the critical connection between your fly line and the fly. In order for you to cast accurately, and present the fly in a lifelike manner, your leader must work properly. Fishing with spinning gear allows you to tie directly to the line and a leader is generally not required. The exception may be when fishing for toothy species, such as pickerel, where you may want to add a piece of heavy monofilament to the tippet before tying on your lure or hook.

The earliest leaders were often made with horsehair. Author Charles Cotton is usually credited with being the first writer to provide directions on how to make a tapered line. Cotton, together with Isaac Walton, wrote a book, *The Complete Angler* — what many consider to be the anglers bible. In his section of the book Cotton wrote that, working from the fly, the first two lengths should be two hairs, the next three, above them four, and so on through five, six, and seven until you reach the top. Cotton boasted that “He that cannot kill a trout of twenty inches with two hairs in a river clear of wood and weeds deserves not the name of angler.” The famous angling writer, Joe Brooks, questioned the strength of Cotton’s two hair leader and wrote in his book, *Trout Fishing*, of testing the strength of two horse hairs and finding the average breaking strength to be five pounds, very close to the leader which anglers use today. Later anglers would

turn to other materials for leaders, one of the most popular was silkworm gut.

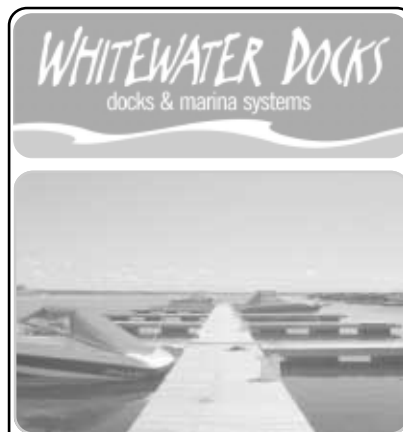
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Moser River Trout Study Update

By John MacMillan

The Moser River is located approximately 20 km northeast of Sheet Harbour, and very close to the county border of Guysborough and Halifax. One of the first in-depth studies of sea run trout in the Maritimes was undertaken on the Moser River in the late 1930s. Harley White operated a fish counting fence and monitored movements of trout and other fish species. Many in the community of Moser River recall their parents or grandparents discussing the fish trapping project of years ago. Publications by White in 1940 and 1941 continue to be referenced in scientific literature on sea trout.

During the historical project on the Moser River, White counted 1,220 trout migrating downstream to saltwater between 2 May and 12 June. Many were marked with a fin clip and some were tagged. Movement through the trap was minimal in June and the first marked trout was captured migrating upstream in early July. In total, 688 trout were captured migrating upstream and more than 70 percent were captured during a nine-day period after a rain event had increased river flow. Although the majority of trout returned to the same stream from which they migrated, several were captured by anglers in neighboring stream systems a few kilometers away.

Brook trout tend to migrate to the ocean at two or three years of age, or when they reach lengths of about 15 cm to 20 cm. The seaward migration is believed to be undertaken to satisfy a need for more food and space. Estuaries tend to be much more productive than freshwater habitats and act as important nursery habitats for many fish species. However, the seaward migration is not without risk. Predators with fur, feathers, or fins abound in estuaries. Fast growth and the large size of sea run trout make them one of the more sought after catches by anglers. The results of recent studies in

Nova Scotia have indicated that only 10% of sea trout survive to the next year.

Many changes in environmental conditions have taken place over the past 66 years since White's project. The rivers of today are more acidic and warm, and low-flow conditions are common. Many sport fisheries have changed and sea run populations are in decline throughout their range. The historic Moser River study provides a baseline for comparison with the current study being undertaken by Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Trap nets have been placed close to the same sites observed during the original Moser River study. Information on water quality and salmon populations is being collected in an attempt to determine what conditions have changed since the 1930s. To date

(2-17 May), about 100 trout have been tagged migrating downstream, and another 200 were marked with a fin clip. Further, close to 400 salmon smolts have been counted and measured. The project should continue through the fall.

If you fish the Moser River area, please keep an eye out for a small blue tag on your catch. 🐟

For more information on the study, please contact the Inland Fisheries Division of Nova Scotia Department Fisheries and Aquaculture.

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Leave Deer Fawns in The Woods... continued from page 7.

The permission to rehabilitate white-tailed deer may be revoked at any time and without compensation should it be determined that the white-tailed deer are not receiving adequate care or proper rehabilitation.

The animals will be returned to within 20 km of their place of origin in November or December of the year of birth but only if said animals are deemed ready for such release. DNR will determine prior to such release whether it is appropriate and if so, will make application to the CFIA for a transportation permit. Before issuing the transport permit, the CFIA will apply a permanent ear tag to each animal prior to shipment. If the animals do not show such behaviour in November/December they may be held over until the following March/April at which time a re-evaluation will be arranged by DNR. If at that time no significant improvement is noted the DNR will take possession of all such white-tailed deer for disposal.

It's this last part that raises the big questions. It's not a matter of "if" these diseases will reach Nova Scotia it's a matter of "when". What if one of these orphans is diseased and has the opportunity to spread it to the 12 to 20 orphans housed with it during the summer. At that point all of the deer who may now be contaminated are distributed across the province to "within 20 km of place of origin".

The Hope for Wildlife have proven over the years to have a great heart and are kind and do their best for wildlife that need rehabilitation, but this time they may have bitten off more than they can chew.

The saving of one animal may lead to unrepairable damage to the herd. 🐾

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The Nova Scotia Fishing FLY

Nova Scotia is one step closer to having its own recreational fishing fly. The winning fly of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters Fly contest was announced at the Atlantic Outdoor Sport and RV Show in Halifax.

The executive director of the Federation, Tony Rodgers presented the winning entry to Murray Hill, director of Inland Fisheries for the province of Nova Scotia. The government will be asked to have the fly recognized as the official fishing fly of Nova Scotia.

The fly called the “Nova Scotia Fishing Fly” was designed and tied by Mr. Bill Carpan of Stillwater, Nova Scotia and he has received a cheque of \$1,000.00 from Darrelyn Hubley of the Sport and RV Show for winning. The black hook that this fly is tied on symbolizes the coal seam that runs through Nova Scotia. Coal has fueled our industries for decades. The hook, the strongest part of the fly, speaks to the memory of the men who have died collecting this natural bounty and the point is as sharp as the pickaxes that first removed coal from the ground.

The red nose on this fly represents the ocher used in ceremonies by the first people of Nova Scotia the Mi'kmaq, and embodies their contribution to the province and also reminds us of the beauty of our sunsets in this, “Canada's Ocean Playground”.

The white wings of our fly highlights the background of our provincial flag. It also reminds us of the foam created when waves from the bountiful Atlantic Ocean, that has sustained our fishing industry, crash heavily on our rocky shores.

The green under wing speaks of our diversified forests and the work and recreation it generates. It's the land that keeps calling us back no matter how far we roam from our shores. The sparkle of the flash reflects our rivers and inland waters that beacon all anglers.

The blue hackle is a reversal of the colours found on the cross of Saint Andrew symbolizing Nova Scotia's link to Scotland and blue skies that crown our province.

The red butt in the middle of our fly stands for the Royal Lion set in the center of our flag and Shield of Arms. It also signifies our attachment to Canada and its red Maple Leaf and to the Nova Scotia servicemen and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom in all wars and United Nations actions.

The gold and silver tag of the fly represents the prosperity of Nova Scotia and the golden tail pointed up in the direction we want it to grow.

The silver body of the fly represents the strength of the province, its people a melting pot of the world looking forward to a shining future together.



Photo by Bill Carpan.

The fly is now the property of the Federation.

We received 76 entries from the United States, Ontario, Quebec, and all of the Atlantic provinces with the bulk of the entries from Nova Scotia. This demonstrated that fly tyers from the province wanted to have a say in who may win said Mr. Rodgers.

The Atlantic Outdoor Sport and RV Show, Atlantic Fly Fishing School, Fishin Fever Fly and Tackle Shop, www.NovaScotiaFishing.com and the Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture were the sponsors of the contest.

The three judges are all well know fly tyers in their own right, and between them have written numerous books on the subject and articles for magazines on fly tying and fly fishing. They were Don MacLean, Paul Mariner and Brian Sweeney

The judging was done on a blind bases. All of the flies were identified by a number and the identity of the tyer was kept secret until they made their final decision. It took two hours to come to a decision with some debate over the final 5 flies.

The number two fly was named “The

Bluenoser” and was sent in by Mr. Don Moroz of Moncton, New Brunswick. He wins a Loomis Fly Rod compliments of the Atlantic Fly Fishing School; and the number three fly was named “The Nova Scotian” and was submitted by Mr. Rod Buckland of Kentville, Nova Scotia. He wins the fly tying package from Fishing

Fever Fly and Tackle Shop.

The next step is to present the fly to the Nova Scotia legislature in hopes that it will receive official recognition as Nova Scotia's fishing fly and be used in the promotion of sport angling in the province.

Tying Specifications

Thread: White 8/0 UniThread

Hook: Partridge Bartlett Supreme salmon hook sizes 2, 4, 6

Tag: Extra fine oval silver Lagartun varnished French tinsel with golden yellow silk or rayon floss

Tail: Two golden pheasant crests

Butt: Fluorescent red wool dubbing.

Body: Silver Diamond Braid

Underwing: 4 strands forest green Krystal Flash.

Wing: White calf tail

Hackle: Silver Doctor Blue hen hackle folded backward and tied collar style.

Head: Fluorescent red 8/0 UniThread finished with 2 coats of Angler's Corner Glossy Wet Head Cement.▲▲

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Outdoor Caucus Project

The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters is giving the thumbs up to a plan by Saskatchewan, MP Garry Breitkreuz to develop a nonpartisan "Outdoor Caucus" within the Parliament of Canada.

Recognizing that angling, hunting, trapping and shooting sports are a vital component of Canada's culture and heritage he has invited all members of parliament and senators to join.

Tony Rodgers, executive director of the Federation said that he sees this as an important step in getting the views of the outdoor community to members of parliament. "Every session of parliament has at least one piece of legislation coming up that will have a direct influence on our outdoor activities, but too often members of parliament do not have the background or first hand knowledge on how the new law will impact us. This is a great opportunity to bridge that knowledge gap."

In his invitation to join the caucus Mr. Breitkreuz laid out a mission statement for MPs to review:

Our mission is to entrench in law fishing, hunting, trapping and shooting sports as acceptable, traditional, environmentally-sustainable outdoor heritage activities with a safety credo and a conservation ethic as our highest priorities, and:

(a) To ensure that Canadians continue to have reasonable access to federally managed public lands and waters to enjoy traditional outdoor heritage activities;

(b) To increase awareness of the economic importance of outdoor heritage activities to Canada's economy, and to support the growth of outdoor activities,

heritage businesses and jobs;

(c) To preserve and promote the traditional Canadian outdoor heritage activities and the environmental stewardship ethic upon which they are based; and

(d) To support multiple sustainable uses and management of public lands, waters, fish, wildlife and habitat, based on sound science and professional natural resource tenets, for the benefit of all Canadians.

We look forward to working with Mr. Breitkreuz and members of the new Outdoor Caucus to further the aims of wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation, said Mr. Rodgers. 🏠

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A Job Well Done



The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters would like to thank the scouts, cubs and leaders of the Emanuel Church Branch in Spryfield of the Baden Powell Scouting Association of Nova Scotia for cleaning up the Federation's "wildlife corridor" located in the middle of the Bayers Lake Industrial Park. The corridor links two wild areas one in Lakeside and the second is the Spryfield Long Lake Provincial Park.

Atlantic Master Loggers Honoured

Time Inc., the largest magazine publisher in the world, is welcoming the first group of Certified Master Loggers in Atlantic Canada. Thirteen contractors were honoured recently at the Hotel Beausejour in Moncton for being the first to achieve Atlantic Master Logger Certification.

Certification is proof that a contractor has been trained and is committed to harvesting in an environmentally responsible manner.

Time Inc.'s Director of Sustainable development, David Refkin told the successful contractors that the program meets the requirements of Time's Certified Sustainable Forestry Program. Refkin said, "It is about a spirit of cooperation and balance. Time has worked for many years to have a larger portion of the fibre used in paper come from certified sources. We have worked closely with communities, government and our paper suppliers to reach these targets. We also want to send a credible message to the public that sustainable forestry is taking place."

Peter Robichaud, Executive Director of the Canadian Woodlands Forum, which administers the certification program, says certification is proof of sustain-

able practices and good management in forest operations. "The consumer wants it. Forest Products customers like Time Inc. are asking for it. Suppliers like UPM and Stora-Enso need it to do business. Now, small contractors who operate on most of the private land in Atlantic Canada can offer it."



Back row (left to right): John Tanner, Ross Cole, Mike Masters, Neil Kenney, Peter van den Heuvel, John Sutherland, Ralph Stewart. Front row: Lee Johnston, James Ferguson, Ron Langille, Brent MacInnis, and Mark Thompson. Missing from photo: Brian Moser.

Atlantic Canada's new Certified Master Loggers were introduced at the spring meeting of the Canadian Woodlands Forum in Moncton. Unable to attend in person, Refkin delivered his message via video. He was introduced by Phil

Riebel, Environmental Director for UPM North America.

"The Atlantic Master Logger Certification is part of a workable solution for both large and small landowners," said Riebel. "It is especially important for contractors working on smaller private woodlots and selling their wood to UPM. With Master Logger Certification, wood harvested on those private lands is considered certified. That opens up a stronger market for smaller contractors."

Certification programs like the Atlantic Master Logger are based on external, third-party auditing to ensure standards are met and maintained.▲▲

For further information contact Peter Robichaud, Executive Director Canadian Woodlands Forum at (902) 897-2568 or visit our website www.cwcof.org



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Investigate The Gun Registry

When former Prime Minister Paul Martin asked Justice John Gomery to head the investigation into the Quebec Sponsorship program, it was in response to Auditor-General Shelia Fraser uncovering widespread rule-breaking and possible corruption. The auditor could only go so far, whereas Judge Gomery had powers to probe deeper and draw conclusions. He revealed illegal activities within the administration of the program involving the misuse and misdirection of public funds. Should the auditor-general's findings surrounding the federal gun registry trigger a similar inquiry?

In 1995, the government estimated the long-gun registry would cost \$119-million to implement, but recoup \$117-million through firearms license fees for a net cost to taxpayers of \$2-million. Despite this assurance, the dream of a low-cost registry quickly became a nightmare for taxpayers.

In December 2002, the auditor-general pegged the cost of the gun registry at \$688-million. In a damning indictment of Ottawa's management abilities, Ms. Fraser reported her office was incapable of determining the full cost of implementing the program, reporting that "the financial information was unreliable and did not fairly present the net costs of the program." Without conducting a forensic audit Canadian taxpayers may never know the true cost of this boondoggle, which today stands at over \$1-billion.

There is more. In a second report

tabled earlier this month, Ms. Fraser reported additional firearms registry cost overruns. Software development is "significantly over budget" and government officials continue to flout the law. Most alarming is the conclusion that \$40-million in spending was not authorized or reported to Parliament.

Hiding these costs broke at least one federal law, the Financial Administration Act. It also violated Ottawa's accounting policies, which are in place to ensure rules are followed. And it meant Parliament's constitutional power to decide how tax dollars are spent was usurped by bureaucratic fiat. What is not known is if political masters directed the scheme. This question must be addressed.

The Conservative government's response was to promise legislation to repeal the requirement to register non-restricted firearms. The program's annual \$83-million budget was also cut to \$10-million. This is all well and good, but does not go far enough.

Shadows of the Sponsorship program hang over the gun registry. Some might scoff at this declaration or the need to find answers. But until it is explained how a program budgeted to cost \$117-million somehow exceeded \$1-billion, the burden of proof rests on the shoulders of officials responsible for ensuring the proper stewardship of tax dollars.

Taxpayers are seeking answers on the awarding of contracts to consultants. Paragraph 4.82 of the auditor's most recent report concludes "the [Canada Firearms] Centre misused contracting tools to retain the services of information technology contractors." And paragraph 4.83 reveals the government system used to

award contracts was rigged and "made directed contracts to appear to have been awarded competitively." In addition "the end result [of contracting tools] was a non-competitive process and did not meet the objectives of the Treasury Board Contracting Policy."

The audit also found "on average the cost to the Centre for each consultant increased by about 25% under this supply agreement." Costs skyrocketed as excessive - and needless - commissions were paid to well-connected consultants. This has both the look and feel of another Sponsorship-style kickback scheme.

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has decided to investigate who is responsible for hiding from Parliament the rising costs of the registry. Yet the committee chair has already conceded it will not be possible to remove "politics" from the examination. A wider investigation is necessary. Given what Ms. Fraser has told Canadians about the operation of the federal firearms registry, there is ample reason for Prime Minister Stephen Harper to establish an independent inquiry into this program. He should do so without delay.

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Chignecto Game Sanctuary And National Wildlife Week:

Reflection on the Past, Consideration for the Future



Dale Wilson

In a 1934 Department of Lands and Forests annual report, the government of the day suggested that "Game sanctuaries are places

where game of all kinds live their lives as nature intended, undisturbed except by their natural enemies. They serve the purpose of preserving at all times a nucleus of breeding stock, thus preventing the extermination of any species."

Whether that included all wildlife is somewhat suspect, yet the record shows that the Chignecto Game Sanctuary was established in 1937, primarily for the benefit of the province's largest indigenous ungulate - the mainland moose.

When the legislators of the day drafted the Sanctuaries Act to protect the wildlife within sanctuary boundaries, it would be quite safe to assume that 'chain saw' had yet to enter the forest industry vocabulary. It would certainly stand to common wisdom that a harvester cable of flattening acre after acre per day would



Moose. Photo by Dale Wilson

be something ... well, of Star Wars proportion. As this was still the day of double-bitted axe and pulp saws, no consideration was given to protecting wildlife habitat.

Since that time the mainland moose population has declined, and especially so since 1980 to the point where its very survival is now threatened. Is it just co-

incidental that this is the same time period that chain saw silva culture work in Chignecto gave way to million dollar harvesters and clear cut operations?

Somehow, between then and now, we have permitted the Chignecto Game Sanctuary to become less of a wildlife refuge and more of a forest management area. It would appear that the bureau-

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cratic psychology of the Department of Natural Resources has drifted from allowing “game of all kinds (to) live their lives as nature intended” to measuring a sanctuary’s worth in board feet and metric tonnes.

With respect to forest management practices under the auspices of DNR, Chignecto is grouped with all remaining Crown Lands in Cumberland, Colchester, Hants and Halifax Counties in what has been labelled the Central Region under the Integrated Resource Management (IRM) plan. The IRM further provides three levels of categories within each region. Chignecto has been labelled as a category two and thus provides “... the full range of land/resource uses that may be permitted, but they must be planned in such a way as to protect the integrity of predominant values which may be impacted by others uses.”

Therein lies the problem insofar as wildlife habitat protection is concerned within Chignecto. As standing forests become increasingly depleted on private lands there will be increased pressure on DNR to satisfy the forest industries insatiable appetite by providing licenses to harvest wood on crown lands, includ-

ing Chignecto Game Sanctuary.

The fundamental question becomes: How is it possible to have a game sanctuary to protect the wildlife, but not the habitat so necessary for their survival?

That question was answered during last year’s Sanctuary Review. Following that review, and according to a February 2006 Department of Natural Resources press release “Nova Scotians want more wildlife management areas and improved habitat protection in the currently designated areas.”

Despite a loud and clear voice in which hundreds of concerned citizens “gave overwhelming support for the current and proposed areas and asked for improved protection for wildlife and their habitats,” little apparent progress has been made. Contrary to public input, DNR is again considering issuing cutting permits within Chignecto Game Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary is soon to become the corridor to an erupting tourism industry. Cape Chignecto Provincial Park is rapidly gaining an international reputation as a world class hiking destination. Parrsboro —with its museums and theatre— is the Norman Rockwell town of Cumberland County, and all fingers are crossed that Joggins will receive its UNESCO designation. By default, the Sanctuary is perfectly positioned to complete the natural history experience.

Cumberland County needs to step forward to stop any further cutting in Chignecto until a full assessment by all parties can be commissioned. One could offer that it may take two years to complete such a review; however, if one tree is cut it will take approximately 60-years to replace it. If the forests of Chignecto are further cut in advance of such a review, those very actions

could well be the death knell of completing the tourism link and the sustained income it would generate for bordering communities over decades ... as well as a serious blow to the remnant Mainland Moose population of “The Sanctuary.”

It was one year ago this week that I made the following entry in my journal while waiting for my canoeing partner who was off exploring an incredible pine stand bordering the River Hebert River. It had been about 15-years since I had been “on the river.”

This was my classroom, a wide-open classroom without walls and standards, where I could learn the difference between a white and red pine, how to identify a hemlock, a sugar maple, a merganser and bobcat. Beyond learning the physical identification features of various species of flora and fauna, I was to learn an even more important life lesson — that of respect — respect of ourselves and our surroundings.

Chignecto truly is more than a sanctuary for flora and fauna; it is also a sanctuary for people. It is a special place, a place where no legislation or words can do justice. This is a place where the chorus of cool summer breezes whistling through the mature pine and hemlock sing a song of life. It has to be felt, experienced and breathed in. It is a place where man can learn that he is no greater than any other creature or tree that surrounds him.

What a travesty should the life known as Chignecto be snubbed out by not protecting her lifeblood: the air, the land and the water that courses through her veins.

As the great aboriginal leader, Chief Seattle said: If all the beasts were gone, man would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts soon happens to man. All things are interconnected. This we know. **▲▲**

Dale Wilson is an award-winning photographer with three books to his credit, and many more in which he has collaborated. His work is published globally, and he has made appearances in Sierra, National Geographic, Smithsonian, Canadian Geographic, Readers Digest and Saltscapes, among others. He grew-up on the fringes of Chignecto Game Sanctuary. © 2006, Dale Wilson



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Mayor Receives Award


The mayor of Antigonish, Her Worship Kathleen Chisholm, is the 2005 winner of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Fairn-Hickman award.

The award was presented to Her Worship at a banquet during the 76th Annual General Meeting of Federation recently in Truro.

The Fairn-Hickman, named for two past presidents of the Federation is awarded annually to the Nova Scotia Legislator (Federal, Provincial or Municipal) who has evidenced the highest level of support for conservation or wildlife habitat during the past calendar year. The mayor received the award in recognition of the decision to place municipal lands, including its drinking water supply area under provincial Wilderness Protection.

The town was the first municipality to make such a decision and the land is in an area known as the Eigg Mountain-James River Wilderness area and is 1,340 hectares in size.

Both men named on the trophy, Mr. Joe Hickman and Mr. Hugh Fairn, were on hand to present the award to Her Worship.

The award was first presented in 1977. It is a wood carving of a male Bufflehead (duck) by artist Jim Kimber of Halifax. 

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Joe Hickman (left), holding a print of the Eigg Mountain-James River Wilderness area also presented to the mayor, Her Worship Kathleen Chisholm (center) and Hugh Fairn with the award. Photo by Tony Rodgers.

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Nature Trust Welcomes Federal Budget 'Ecogift'

Measures, calls on province to do the same

The head of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust says her organization welcomes Ottawa's move in the 2006 federal budget to remove tax on conservation gifts. Bonnie Sutherland says now it's the province's turn to take similar action to remove tax barriers to 'ecogifts' in Nova Scotia.

Bonnie Sutherland said today in Halifax, "Landowners who donate conservation land or strike a conservation agreement on their land, have in the past been required to pay federal capital gains tax on the gift. It has been a completely inappropriate tax on conservation gifts and a major barrier to land conservation in Nova Scotia. The 2006 budget's elimination of the federal capital gains tax on ecological gifts means that people in this province will not be punished with a federal tax on their generosity and foresight in protecting Nova Scotia's unique natural heritage."

She adds, "Many Nova Scotians care passionately about their land. They want to do the right thing with their land as responsible land stewards. The proposed tax benefits will make it easier for landowners to protect the places they love. The challenge now is to get the province to make an equal commitment to removing barriers to land conservation in Nova Scotia."

The provincial Private Land Conservation Enhancements Committee, headed by the Nature Trust and including government and non-government representatives, has made a number of recommendations to the Nova Scotia government to enhance land conservation in the province. These range from removing property tax disincentives to addressing the lack of funding for land conservation.

"Through the proposed tax break on 'ecogifts' Ottawa has sent a timely message about the value of protecting natural heritage and its willingness to support conservation efforts," the Nova Scotia Nature Trust Executive Director noted. "We hope our provincial government will follow their lead by removing the remaining provincial barriers to private land conservation. Putting in place critical incentives for private land conservation, and removing existing barriers for landowners, will go far in meeting the government's green plan commitments towards land conservation."

Background: Nova Scotia Nature Trust

The Nature Trust is Nova Scotia's leading private land con-

servation organization. Through land acquisition, conservation agreements with landowners, and conservation education, this conservation charity has permanently protected over 2,500 acres of outstanding natural areas in Nova Scotia. It is dedicated to working with landowners to protect Nova Scotia's most special places.

Ecological Gifts Program

Donations of real estate (land/conservation easements) in Canada are subject to a capital gains tax on 50% of the capital gain. The gift is taxed as if the property were in fact sold rather than being donated. The federal Ecological Gifts Program is a tax incentive program for donations of ecologically important natural areas. Lands certified by the Minister of Environment as being ecologically sensitive may be eligible under the program. For eligible gifts, the inclusion rate on the capital gains tax is currently reduced to 25%. The 2006 federal budget proposes eliminating the capital gain completely. Information on the Ecological Gifts program is available at http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/ecogifts/intro_e.cfm

Barriers to Private Land Conservation

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust chaired a provincial committee set up by the provincial Minister of the Environment to investigate opportunities to enhance private land conservation in Nova Scotia. Representatives from the Nature Trust, Nature Conservancy of Canada, and the provincial Departments of Finance, Environment, Natural Resources and Municipal Affairs were included on the committee. Its final report identifies a number of barriers to private land conservation and recommendations for the government of Nova Scotia to remove the barriers and to create incentives encouraging private land conservation. In a province with over 70% of the land in private ownership, meeting conservation targets in the province, and fulfilling commitments made in the government's Green Plan commitments, both depend on successful partnership with private landowners.▲

For more information or an interview contact: Bonnie Sutherland, Executive Director, Nova Scotia Nature Trust; 902-425-5263 (w) or 902-829-3893 (h).



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Gun Registry Claims Exaggerated

Supporters of the controversial gun registry have resorted to inflated and outright false claims to justify keeping it alive. Access to information requests have revealed many of the key points used by anti-gun activists, including the Chiefs of Police Association and the Coalition for Gun Control, are misleading at best and distort the true facts. For example:

Claim number 1:

The registry is accessed 6,500 times per day by police.

This daily number of 'hits' has climbed faster than the registry costs, from 2,000 per day just a few months ago to a claimed 6,500 daily 'hits'. Access to Information data indicates that whenever a police officer accesses information from the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) database, it automatically produces a 'hit' on the firearms database, even if it is only a license check for a parking ticket. Also, the registry is accessed whenever there is a firearm transfer, sale or transport authorization check. There is no way

to determine how many of the 6,500 'hits' are actual requests for firearms information at a specific location. See the Q&A (#18) on the official website for the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (<http://www.psepc.gc.ca/media/nr/2006/nr20060517-3-en.asp>).

Claim number 2:


Police need the information on the registry to determine if a home they are entering has firearms.

In order to possess a registered firearm, an individual must be in possession of a firearms license. The licensing information can be accessed by the police officer and would indicate that the household would contain firearms. In reality, police will, as a rule, treat every home as having a potential firearm whether legal or illegal. See the Q&A (#17) on the official website for the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (<http://www.psepc.gc.ca/media/nr/2006/nr20060517-3-en.asp>).

Claim number 3:

Up to 50% of firearms used in crime are stolen from legal gun owners.


Access to Information data reveals that the 50% figure was a 'best guess' by a Toronto police official and not based on any relevant data. All credible, documented studies indicate that the vast majority of firearms recovered from criminal acts are smuggled (from 83% to 97% depending on the study – Vancouver Police study indicated 97% of recovered firearms were smuggled).

The Firearms Act has been a huge waste of valuable resources and has proved to be a dismal failure in preventing violent crime. Some people are unable to comprehend that public safety is not compromised because people commit crimes with guns; it is compromised because people commit crimes. The only way to deter violent behaviour is to make it too costly for the criminal. The mandatory sentencing provisions previously announced by the government will go a long way to making our streets safer. 

Canadian Institute for Legislative Action

Results Of The 2005 Sanctuary And Wildlife Management Area Public Review

Between January 18 and May 31, 2005, the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources conducted a public review of the province's 26 sanctuaries and wildlife management areas and nine proposed management areas. More than 500 respondents gave overwhelming support for the current and proposed areas and asked for improved protection for wildlife and their habitats. They also requested more protected areas.

The government has responded with four actions that will see the current areas maintained, the new areas designated, upgraded regulations to protect wildlife habitats in most areas and support for a broader process to meet government commitments to work toward a comprehensive system of protected areas. 

If you wish to comment on any of this material, you can reach us at: Email — sanctwma@gov.ns.ca; fax: (902) 679-6176; or mailing address: Sanctuaries and Wildlife Management Areas, Wildlife Division, NS Dept. Natural Resources, 136 Exhibition St. Kentville, NS B4N 4E5.

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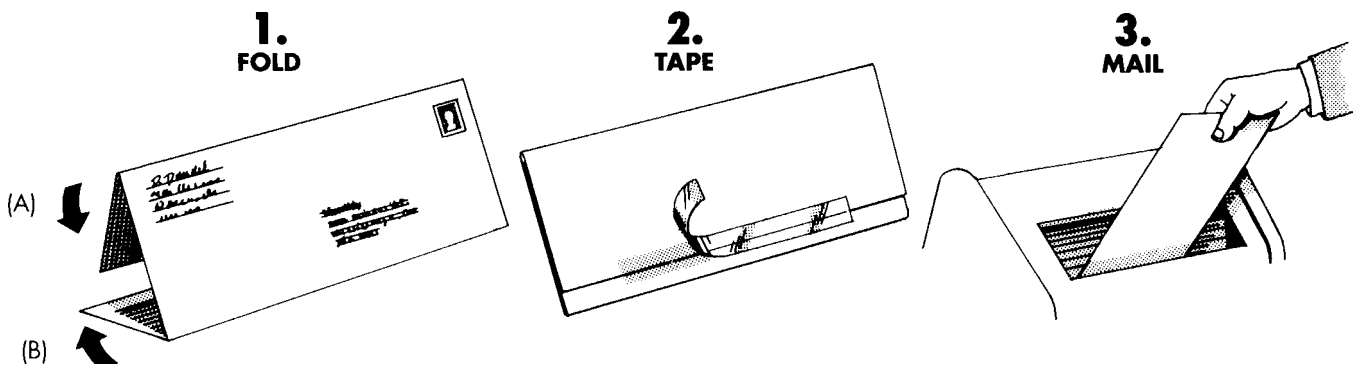


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