

## What are the funding limits?

Each project may receive a maximum of \$25,000. Consideration will be given to special cases requiring more than this amount.

In 2010/11, \$850,000 is available to facilitate projects.



## What happened in 2009?

In 2009, the FEF funded 29 projects throughout the province. Following are a sample of funded projects:

- helped increase fisheries-based education and awareness programs through the Provincial Youth Angler Program, the Manitoba Recreational Angling League, the Manitoba Youth Angling Education Initiative, and the construction of the Sturgeon Creek Interpretive Parkway
- assisted with local events, activities and workshops, including the Rods and Reels programs in Winnipeg and northern communities, and the "Cows and Fish" Riparian Health Workshops
- conducted a creel census on Dauphin lake to provide an estimate of the annual walleye harvest by anglers in order to develop sustainable annual harvest levels
- supported mark and recapture projects to estimate fish populations on North Steeprock Lake, Whitefish Lake and the Swan River
- contributed to infrastructure remediation efforts of fish passages, water control structures, and aeration units

## About the FEF

Thanks to the initiative and energy of seven organizations and the Manitoba government, the FEF was created in 2007. These organizations are listed below. Their involvement demonstrates their leadership towards the enhancement, protection and conservation of Manitoba's fisheries resource.



## Where do I find out more?

For more information, or for a project application form, contact your nearest Manitoba fisheries office:

Brandon	204-726-6452
Dauphin	204-622-2205
Gimli	204-642-6099
Lac du Bonnet	204-345-1450
Swan River	204-734-6814
The Pas	204-627-8296
Thompson	204-677-6650
Winnipeg	204-945-6640

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# The Manitoba Fisheries Enhancement Fund

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Manitoba's fisheries



## Why a Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF)?

The FEF promotes and funds projects that enhance and conserve Manitoba's recreational fisheries resource. The fund increases aquatic ecosystem and fisheries knowledge to improve management, stewardship, enhancement and conservation of Manitoba's fisheries. Project reviews and recommendations from user groups are also integrated into FEF decisions.

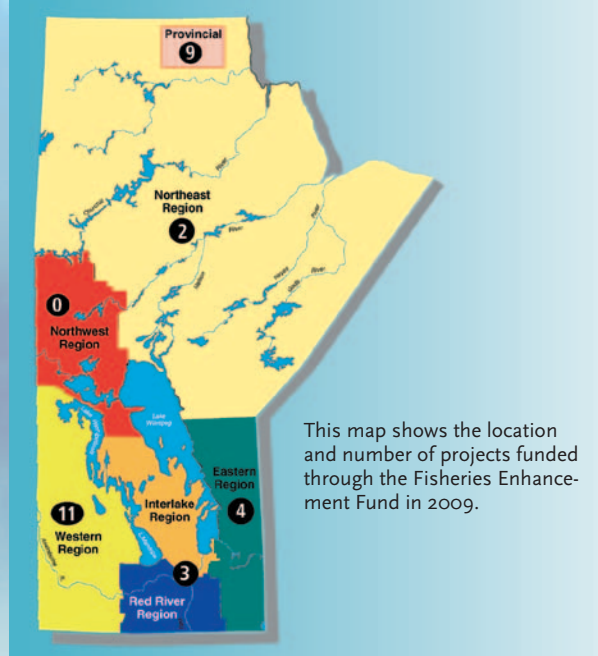
## Manitoba Fisheries Enhancement Stamp

Each year, a painting competition is held to showcase Manitoba artists and provide an image to be reproduced into art prints and a stamp used on all provincial fishing licences. This year, Winnipeg artist Andrew Gillies' acrylic painting *Largemouth Bass* (featured on the front cover) was selected as the winning entry.

The stamp is also a reminder to anglers that portions of their licence fees help fund projects that ensure adequate fish stocks exist for future generations.



Education and outreach projects emphasize the importance of fisheries resources in Manitoba. Youth angling programs across the province offer fishing activities and encourage stewardship.



This map shows the location and number of projects funded through the Fisheries Enhancement Fund in 2009.

## What types of projects receive funding?

The FEF supports projects that enhance and conserve Manitoba's recreational fisheries resource under the following categories:

- **Fisheries Research:** projects involving scientific methods (experiment, hypothesis, method, results, analysis and conclusion) related to the study of fish, fish populations and aquatic ecosystems to enhance, maintain and understand Manitoba's fish resource.
- **Fisheries Education:** supports education and awareness activities, training, seminars and forums on Manitoba's fish resource.
- **Fish Stock Assessment/Monitoring:** includes one-time assessments and on-going monitoring of fish populations and harvest in lakes and rivers to support fisheries management decisions.
- **Fish Habitat Rehabilitation/Enhancement:** focuses on conservation, preservation, maintenance, rehabilitation and monitoring of fish and the aquatic ecosystem.
- **Fisheries Outreach/Stewardship:** projects that increase local community involvement in the conservation, protection, enhancement and monitoring of Manitoba's fish and fish habitat.
- **Fisheries Development:** projects that enhance or create local recreational fishing opportunities and increase tourism, economic opportunities and leisure benefits.

- **Fisheries Compensation:** projects that involve quota buy-backs and other forms of fish harvest reduction strategies that benefit and protect fisheries.

## Who may apply for funding?

- government agencies
- academia (universities, schools, research institutes)
- conservation and environmental organizations
- conservation districts
- fish and game associations
- community groups and associations
- service clubs
- other groups

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



Measuring water velocity is part of assessing river and watershed habitat. Watershed and habitat assessments result in site-specific enhancement of: riparian areas through fencing and off stream watering sources.

instream fish habitat through riffle construction

fish passage by constructing fish ladders

