

# OFAH ZONE J OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



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## OFAH Zone J virtual Membership Meeting

**Thursday October 29, 2020**

**7—8pm**

All OFAH Zone J members in Good Standing are asked to register for this ZOOM meeting in advance to assure you have a seat at our meeting since we have limited capacity.

Email [secretaryzonej@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryzonej@gmail.com) with your name and membership number. For efficiency, you will receive reports from our Executive via email so you have time to review them prior to the meeting.

The link for the meeting will be emailed to you on October 29.

There will be a dial-in phone option if you do not have online access.

You may email questions to [secretaryzonej@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryzonej@gmail.com) or call Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Moore 519-861-0965





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How has your fall  
harvest season for  
double-crested  
cormorants been?



## Potential Impact of COVID-19 on our Fisheries



With the cancellation of all in person OFAH Zone Meetings for 2020, the OFAH Zone J Executive that you elected in 2019 are holding their positions until a Zone J Election can be held in 2021.

**WE NEED YOU!!!** Please consider standing for a position as some of our current Executive have held their positions for many years and will be retiring in 2021.



### **WE NEED YOU!!**

As OFAH Zone J Executives we invite members in good standing (at least one full year) to step up to the plate and bat for our South Western Ontario hunting and fishing interests. Your contributions to making our Zone what it could and should be regarding increased opportunities and standing up for our collective interests will be appreciated. To stand for one of the Zone's 5 annually elected executive positions, after determining your personal time and travel availability you simply need to declare your intent to stand by advising Tony Jackson or Felix Barbetti (nominating committee) by e-mail or phone or by advising any of our current executive.

### **Time & Travel Commitments**

There are 3 quarterly general meetings at which delegated reports and updates are presented to our membership at large. Between these get together are teleconferences scheduled as required. Other discussions and commitments should also be expected commensurate with your dedication and interests to our core directions. In appreciation, Executive and their spouses are also invited to our OFAH annual conference.

Travel and costs incurred while conducting Zone business are reimbursed. It's essential to the health and progress of our Zone J to refresh the team and network by encouraging new energetic and dedicated members to stand for election for **Chair**,

**1st Vice Chair and Director** (these positions are also full OFAH Board participants with additional commitments), **2nd Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer**.

After the elections a new year commences with the newly elected team announced. The chair then assigns or confirms the areas of interest that each member is expected to be attentive to and or report on. The Zone J and OFAH policies are also discussed early in each year.

Our past Zone Chair is also a member of the current executive for Zone continuity and their proven expertise.

So please join us and continue to make your Zone a great place to hunt and fish. Please contact Tony Jackson or Felix Barbetti to express your interest.

**The Hunter Education course is now temporarily available online for Ontario residents?  
In person classroom sessions have begun to reopen with Covid restrictions.  
Find out how to register at [ohp.net](http://ohp.net)**



### **OFAH Zone J Tag Bags**

Sealable and large enough to hold your license paperwork for the upcoming License System changes.

Email [secretaryzonej@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryzonej@gmail.com) to order yours for the price of \$4 each.





## OFAH ZONE J OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER



Join us in Congratulating Mr. Jake vanRooyen of the Bluewater Anglers Club on winning the prestigious OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award for 2109. Mr. vanRooyen was nominated by his fellow club member Al DeZort. At the OFAH Zone J Membership meeting in January, nominees were brought forward and voted on by the OFAH Zone J Membership.

OFAH Zone J then nominated Mr. vanRooyen for the Gord Blake Memorial Conservation Award, which he also won.

Pictured above from left to right are OFAH Zone J Alternate Director Randy MacPherson, Mr Jake vanRooyen and OFAH Zone J Chair Brian Moore at the Bluewater Anglers hatchery following the award ceremony.

Congratulations Jake!! Well deserved!!





# MEDIA RELEASE



## Jake van Rooyen's dedication to conservation recognized by OFAH

**Bluewater Anglers Hatchery Manager named winner of Gord Blake Memorial Conservation Award**

**PETERBOROUGH** – For many years, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has recognized the dedication of conservationists across the province through the Gord Blake Memorial Conservation Award.

The 2020 recipient is Jake van Rooyen, a past president and current life member and Board of Director with the Bluewater Anglers Hatchery in Point Edward, Ontario. He currently serves as the hatchery manager and was nominated for this award by the OFAH Zone J Executive.

"We nominated Jake for the Gord Blake Award after he received the 2019 OFAH Zone J Outstanding Achievement Award for his outstanding efforts towards stewardship, conservation and the promotion of angling and/or hunting in southwestern Ontario," says OFAH Zone J Chair Brian Moore. "His dedication to the hatchery and conservation as a whole made him a natural fit for this award."

For about 15 years van Rooyen's efforts and commitment have helped pave the way for hatchery success, and while some of his responsibilities are just now being moved around to other members of the hatchery, his meticulous nature and documentation of the tasks necessary to run a successful hatchery have helped immensely in the transition of some of the responsibilities that come with trout and salmon. According to the hatchery website, they've raised and released about 150,000 Chinook Salmon each year for the last 35 years and another 50,000 Rainbow Trout in each of the last five years.

The hatchery also maintains a public viewing area and feeding area where they bring about 3,000 people a year through to see first-hand the experience related to how a hatchery operates.

In a 2018 article in the Sarnia Observer newspaper, van Rooyen noted that the success of the club's endeavors was connected to the support of those within the community, in addition to the efforts of the hatchery members. van Rooyen, who spearheaded the establishment of a school hatchery program in the Sarnia, has also been a past guest on OFAH's Angler and Hunter Radio.

In that 2015 interview he spoke passionately about his reasons for dedicating so much of his time over the years to conservation and his ongoing appreciation for those who support the hatchery and its efforts.

"We have to step forward as sportsmen. Hunters, anglers, the rest of us, we have to look after our future," he said.

This isn't the first time that van Rooyen has been recognized for his efforts with the hatchery. In 2012 he was inducted into the Sarnia Sports Hall of Fame and was presented with a Builder Award, which recognizes significant contributions in the establishment of a sport from its infancy to the mature state within the community.

OFAH representatives will present van Rooyen with his award on Sept. 29.

With 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 725-member clubs, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is the leading non-profit fishing, hunting and conservation-based organization in Ontario. For more information visit us online at [www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org), follow us on Twitter @ofah and find us on Facebook or Instagram @theofah.

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## New License and Mandatory Reporting System

Hunter activity, hunter sightings, hunter harvest are all important tools for fish and wildlife management in Ontario.

In 2020 hunters in Ontario are now into the new license and mandatory reporting system for your hunting activities.

After the end of a species hunting seasons the hunter has 14 days to file a report on the activity during the specific harvest system just passed.

Penalties will result in the failure to report so get into good habits now and start 2020 off in compliance with the reporting requirements.

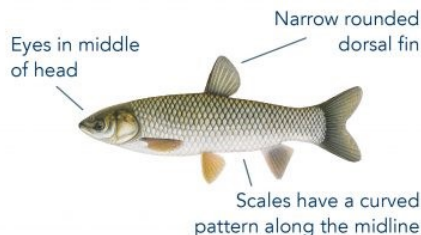
It appears that once the 2 week reporting period for each species has ended, late reports will not be accepted so don't be late and think it still keeps you in the good books with OMNR.



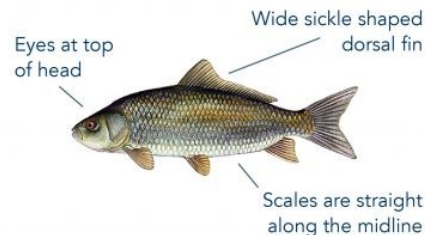
Visit [asiancarp.ca](http://asiancarp.ca) for complete information on this invasive species and the devastating impacts.

Frequently asked questions, identification and the regular free webinars will keep you up to date.

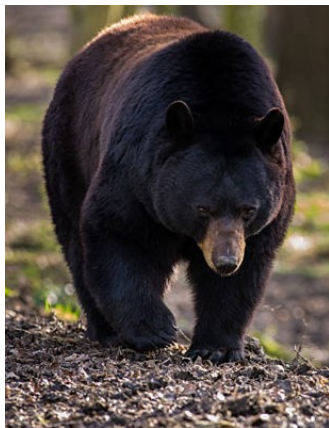
## Confused with Carp



Grass Carp



Bigmouth Buffalo



If you harvest black bear in Ontario, the MNRF is seeking two premolar teeth from each bear. These help in analysing age and health of our bears. For details on how to remove the teeth, visit [Ontario.ca/hunting](http://Ontario.ca/hunting) and search for bear teeth. You submit them to:

Big Game Harvest Assessment Program  
Natural Resources Information Section  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
300 Water Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, North Tower  
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