

The FishCAST Chatterbait

Official Newsletter of FishCAST

Welcome, Bienvenue, Aanii!



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First-Year FishCAST Success

FishCAST Partnerships

The success of FishCAST would not be possible without the support of our amazing partners. An additional 8 Partners joined FishCAST in January 2021 bringing our total to 32 - including Partners from Academia, First Nations Communities, Government, Industry, and NGOs. More Partners are currently being invited to join FishCAST and take part in operationalizing our unique training program.

FishCAST Seminar Series

Our first trio of seminars was a tremendous success. Thank you to Drs. Christina Semeniuk, Steven Cooke, and Catherine Febria for hosting the FishCAST Virtual Seminars Series for Spring 2021. Topics ranged from an overview of FishCAST to management and social dimensions in fisheries research.

Attendance was quite impressive with the final seminar gathering over 70 people from the aquatic science community online.

FishCAST Cash Flow

Our Academic Team worked hard to recruit an impressive first cohort of Trainees which helped keep the FishCAST budget on track! Generous support from UWindsor enabled us to explore ways to further enhance the Indigenous capacity of our program.

FishCAST Trainees Cohort 1

Undergrads-3
MSc- 6
PhD-3

FishCAST Applicants

Cohort 2

MSc- 13
PhD-3



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FishCAST Curriculum

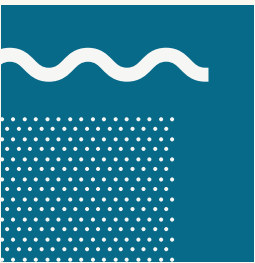
The FishCAST Curriculum Committee and our co-P.I.s are hard at work prepping our first batch of offerings for the FishCAST Micro Credentials.

Curriculum guidance has been garnered from Industry, Government, and Non-Profit partners to offer the most timely and relevant content. Topics will include Indigenous History & Politics in Canada, Fish Husbandry 101, Advanced Statistics, Evidence Synthesis, and Federal Policies, just to name a few.



The Year Ahead

As the second year of FishCAST begins, plans for a strong Micro Credential program, professional development workshops, and JEDI&I presentations are taking shape. FishCAST Trainees will begin organizing community outreach and engagement.



What our FishCAST Trainees have to say:

"My FishCAST internship helped me build on my existing relationship with my internship partner to develop my science communication skills and solidify the professional connections I'd developed by ensuring that my partner organisation also benefited from their involvement in my project. Beyond my MSc, being able to demonstrate how I'd worked collaboratively across organisations during my MSc was a really helpful point of difference when applying for jobs."

- Roland Eveleens, FishCAST MSc Alum

"So far my experience with my FishCAST internship has been great. Working with the Canadian Wildlife Federation has allowed me to not only develop and expand my skills but has also given me insight into the different roles and responsibilities of the individuals who work there."

- Acacia Frempong-Manso,
FishCAST MSc Trainee



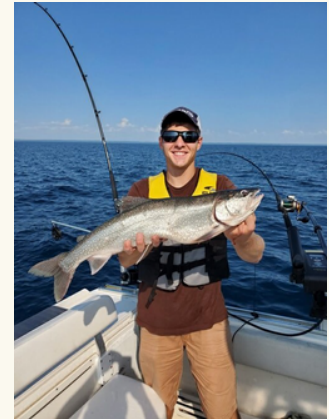
FishCAST Trainees in Action



Nicolas Tugui
University of Windsor



Acacia Frempong-Manso
Carleton University



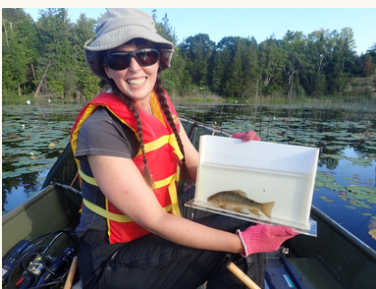
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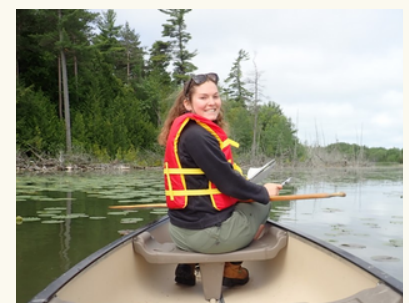
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Thank You, Merci, Miigwetch to all of our FishCAST Partners!

Partner Universities



Academic



Indigenous Partners



Industry



Government



NGOs

