

Lake Huron Fishing Club Est 1983

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# Over view of the LHFC

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Our Mission: Promote Recreational Fishing and  
Ensure Fishing opportunities now and in the future

Mission



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# Hatchery Operations

We operate two Hatcheries  
Port Elgin Salmon Hatchery  
Kincardine Trout Hatchery

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# Hatcheries continued Salmon

- The Port Elgin Salmon hatchery is licenced by the MNDMNR to take 110,000 eggs each year.
- Our average success rate is 78%, or about 85,000 salmon fry stocked each year.
- Fish are stocked in the various rivers, Penagangore, Saugeen and Sauble
- Fish will imprint on the river and return to spawn 4-5 years later



# Hatcheries cont Kincardine Hatchery

- Kincardine Hatchery operates year round
- Raises Rainbow (aka Steelhead) and Brown Trout
- Rainbow eggs are harvested at Dennys dam on Saugeen River. Licensed for 80,000 eggs
- Brown trout eggs are from Ministry brood stock
- Ron Krulicki is the hatchery Manager

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# Funding Sources

- Our club is fortunate to have multiple funding sources
- These include :
- Ministry through the Community Hatchery Program operated by the OFAH
- Funding through membership dues. Currently \$35 for an individual \$105 for a family per year
- Corporate donations from our partners in Bruce Power, OPG, K2 Wind and many more. Most recently the Municipality of Kincardine
- Chantry Chinook Classic Derby
- Fish food sales at the trout pond in Port Elgin



Volunteers are the backbone of the Club

## Teamwork is key to success

- Each hatchery takes a tremendous amount of hands on work to keep it operating.
- A crew of volunteers comes into the Hatchery each and every day that there are fish present.
- In Kincardine this adds up to several thousand hours of labour each year.

# Economic Impact:

- Although difficult to accurately quantify the impact on the local economies is quite significant. Fishing is a major tourist draw, particularly during the Chantry Chinook Derby which sees over 1000 entrants.
- Local motels, campgrounds, restaurants, gas bars, tackle shops, all see the benefits that fishing brings to our communities.
- Impact on the environment is also significant as we're keeping our lakes and rivers vibrant with hundreds of thousands of clean healthy fish

# Community Impact



