

The Third North American workshop on rainbow smelt

The rainbow smelt (*Osmerus mordax*) is a fish species that is found in numerous rivers and lakes throughout North America as either anadromous or landlocked populations. It supports both commercial and sport fisheries and its population dynamics greatly influence ecosystem stability and persistence. Smelt play a pivotal role in the diet of many species of sport fish, as well as marine mammals. Moreover the rainbow smelt is of interest for fundamental research because of its life cycle, its migrations, its capacity for adaptation, and its circumpolar distribution. In spite of all this, much of the work done, remains unavailable in technical reports and grey literature.

To remedy this, increase diffusion of present data, and aid in the development of new hypotheses and ideas, we are proposing to convene in Halifax Nova Scotia, a continuation of the North American workshops on rainbow smelt began in 1999. We hope this will continue the standard established in Quebec City, providing the forum necessary for the exchange of ideas and opinions between people interested in learning more on the rainbow smelt.

The event will be held on June 22nd (23), 2007, in conjunction with the 2nd International Symposium on Diadromous Fishes to be held in Halifax Nova Scotia.

In order to help us organize this workshop, you may:

- **express your interest** in participating at this workshop via email to ibradbur@dal.ca;
- **give us your opinions**, commentaries and suggestions;
- **get in touch and forward** this to other colleagues who might be interested;

The workshop is scheduled to be a 1-2 day event at Dalhousie University. Depending on interest, registration fees of 50\$ may be charged so that we can produce a written booklet of abstracts.

Sincerely yours,

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