

Executive Director Update - June 2020

Today, almost all businesses across Saskatchewan will be opened. What a great feeling to get everyone back to work and in the trenches again. It is good for the mind, the body and the spirit!

SAW and the WSG are beginning their field season and will be out in about. Delivery of the Canadian Agriculture Program (CAP) and Farm and Water Infrastructure Program (FWRP) headline their programming. If you are looking to complete a farm stewardship project, like seeding marginal soil to forage or developing a water source, such as a well or dugout, for livestock feel free to contact your local watershed stewardship group. They will assist you through the process. You can locate which watershed you live and the watershed contact information by visiting www.saskwatersheds.ca.

Aquatic Invasive Species week was May 24 to 30th. Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are plant, animal and invertebrate species that threaten our waterways and can damage aquatic habitat, fisheries, valuable recreational resources and important power generation, irrigation and municipal water infrastructure. AIS can be impossible to eliminate once established in a water body, and can cost millions of dollars annually to manage. SAW and the WSG will be monitoring over 50 lakes this summer for aquatic invasive species. Veliger samples will be taken and submitted to MOE for analysis starting in June. To find out more about aquatic invasive species visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/wildlife-issues/invasive-species>.

SAW continues to work closely with the Water Security Agency on their agriculture water management strategy. Our goal is to have the agricultural water management educational materials and videos completed by August 1, 2020. We are in the last stages of development.

Source water protection, agricultural water management, shoreline restoration, farm stewardship programming and much more continue to be our focus. We are here to provide assistance to rural, urban and Indigenous communities to ensure there will be a healthy source water supply for ground and surface water for future generations in Saskatchewan.

If you require more information please feel free to contact your local watershed or visit www.saskwatershed.ca for more information or email skwatersheds@gmail.com

Sincerely,



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