



Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN) Fish Expert Network

Highlights of teleconference and quarterly data summary for the period
December 1st, 2014 to February 27th, 2015

In attendance: Melanie Barham, Roz Stevenson, Hugh Cai, Kevin Loftus, Alexandra Reid

Animal Health Lab (Dr. Hugh Cai): Dr. Nikki Lepage is the AHL fish pathologist now and will be consulting on cases. The MADI-TOF bacterial identification machine is being successfully used. VHSV testing was performed on 4 cases with no positive results

University of Guelph Fish Health Lab (Dr. Roz Stevenson): continued monitoring for OMNR is occurring

OMAFRA (Dr. Alexandra Reid): the fish inspection process is being reviewed by OMAFRA, and fish processors are currently being engaged

OMNR (Kevin Loftus): Kevin will seek permission to distribute copies of the Great Lakes Fish Health Meeting to the group. Currently, OMNR is filling the fish health biology position.

CFIA (Nathalie Bruneau): Nathalie provided a summary of CFIA surveillance findings from Jan 2015 to present. All in the group would like to receive these reports in the future.

Engagement of industry: Marcia Chaisson (OMAFRA), suggested we consider engaging fish producers in an annual survey as the bee community has been very successful in their annual surveys. This may help improve surveillance and guide the group forward. All agreed that it was a positive idea. Melanie will speak with Steve Naylor and Dave Brown and Nikki as they have the most contact with industry. Other ideas discussed involved producer reports and making producer groups aware that the OAHN network is in existence, possibly identifying needs/wants of the producer groups before embarking on a “fishing trip” of what might be desired.