



Ontario Aquaculture Association

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## What's swimming in Ontario aquaculture

*Your member update for March/April 2019*



**MNRF Minister Yakabuski  
talks about the sustainability  
and economic contribution of  
Ontario aquaculture**

[Watch now.](#)

## A year in review for the Ontario Aquaculture Association

Effective advocacy, increased communication, and new partnerships and representation — [find out what the OAA was up to over the last year.](#)



### OAA welcomes new board member Dr. Marcia Chiasson

Dr. Marcia Chiasson, Manager, Alma Aquaculture Research Station, joins us for a two-year term. [Learn more about Marcia.](#)

### Missed the 2019 OAA conference? We saved the presentations for you

More than 120 growers, suppliers, researchers and government champions from 7 different provinces and territories gathered for this year's OAA conference. [Download the presentations.](#)





## Welcome to our newest members!

The OAA board of directors is excited to welcome our newest corporate members:

- [GOOD4Ushrimp Inc.](#)
- [Icy Waters Arctic Charr](#)
- Kolapore Springs
- [Ocean Wise Conservation Association](#)
- Upper Grand Veterinary Services
- [Wittaya Aqua](#)

The OAA represents over 95% of Ontario's aquaculture sector. The association now has 40 members from farms, suppliers, and non-profits invested in helping the industry grow. [See the full member list.](#)

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## Do you have feedback on the federal Aquaculture Act?

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is looking for comments from Ontario growers on the coming federal Aquaculture Act. Find out more about the Act and how to provide feedback in [this presentation](#).





## Two funding opportunities for Ontario growers

1. [Canadian Agricultural Partnerships](#) (Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association)

- *Sign up for these webinars to learn more:*

- [Thursday, April 11, 12:00pm ET](#)

- [Tuesday, April 16, 12:00pm ET](#)

2. [Fisheries and Aquaculture Clean Technology Adoption Program](#) (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

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## Look who's in the headlines!

- [A closer look at Cole-Munro Fisheries](#)  
(*Aquaculture North America*)
- [Mom in the Know Julie Findlay serves up some fresh and local rainbow trout](#) (*Global TV Toronto*)
- [Aquaculture ambassador Wesley Chase, Alma Aquaculture Research Station](#)  
(*SeaWestNews*)
- [Manitowadge looking at shrimp farming as a possible industry](#) (*CBC*)
- [Why you may not need to worry about Ontario farmed fish after all](#) (*TVO.org*)





## **OAA's Managing Director joins OMAFRA Minister's Advisory Group**

RJ Taylor, OAA managing director, was invited to join the advisory group for the Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The group will focus on, among other things, aquaculture in Ontario's north and enabling young farmers.

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## **Advancing the industry's advocacy agenda**

Here are some of the government stakeholders that OAA staff, directors and members have met with since January:

- Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
- Hon. Bill Walker, Minister of Government and Consumer Services
- Michael Mantha, MPP Algoma—Manitoulin
- Norm Miller, MPP Muskoka—Parry Sound
- Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth—Wellington
- And senior staffers from:
  - Office of the Premier
  - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
  - Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

- Indigenous Affairs
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

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