



Natural Channel Systems Conference 2023
Balance – Balancing Driving and Resisting Forces to Achieve
Project Goals
June 25-28, 2023
University of Guelph

<https://naturalchannels.ca/>

We are only 46 days away from our in-person 7th Natural Channels Conference

Natural Channels is Canada's premier conference on natural channel systems. We bring together all those who assess, study, plan, manage and regulate river corridors; this includes consultants, academics, constructors, NGOs and all levels of government agencies. We come together to share and learn from each other so that we improve how we restore and enhance river corridors with respect to functions and habitat.

Conference REGISTRATION is OPEN

[Registration](#) for the conference is open along with registration for training opportunities. There are limited spaces for training. For information on registration costs, please refer to the [conference website](#). A [draft schedule](#) at a glance is now also available on the [conference website](#).

Banquet announcement

In response to your feedback from previous conferences, we are pleased to announce our first ever Natural Channel Systems Conference banquet. This exciting networking event will be held on June 27, 2023 at the [Cutten Club](#) which is right next to the University Campus. Both conference registrants and guests are welcome. Please join us to make this a successful part of the conference this year and in the future. We will have live music and a special speaker, Rob de Loë, from the University of Waterloo.

Rob will be leading us in a discussion about what is “Natural”. For three decades Rob’s research focused on water and environmental governance in Canada and around the world. Rob’s new research program explores how photography can be used to build understanding around challenging science and policy questions. He leverages his extensive water research career and teaching expertise, and builds on his decades of experience as a photographer and photographic print maker. Rob will be displaying photographs of rivers and streams in the Guelph area during the conference, and will be asking you to think about the question “What is Natural?” through his talk. To set up the photography exhibition and Rob’s talk, you will be invited to share your thoughts about natural channel systems through a pre- and post-workshop survey. Details about the survey, including the link, will be sent to registrants after early bird registration closes on May 31, 2023.

Tickets for the banquets can be purchased through the [conference registration system](#).

Get featured at the 2023 Natural Channels Conference!



The graphic is a call for photos for the 2023 Natural Channels Systems Conference. It features a blue background on the left and a green background on the right. At the top left is the logo for Natural Channels Systems, which includes a circular icon of a river and trees. The text 'NATURAL CHANNELS SYSTEMS' is in blue. Below the logo, the words 'CALL FOR' are in white, and 'PHOTOS' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. At the bottom of the blue section, it says 'Showcase your photos at the 2023 Natural Channels Systems Conference!'. On the green background, there is a camera icon, the text 'Please include a brief label to describe your photo', 'SUBMIT PHOTOS TO' followed by the URL 'https://forms.gle/yK7xYCxaFxf9tSst6', and 'Photos will be accepted until June 21, 2023'.

Do you have photos of you or your team in the field or at the Natural Channels Conference? We are accepting photos to showcase at the Natural Channels Conference Banquet held on June 27th, 2023. We are looking for humorous natural channel systems related pictures, field work pictures or pictures showcasing your natural channel design.

If interested, please submit photos using [this form](#). If you are unable to use the form, please submit your photos through email to info@naturalchannels.ca. Photos will be accepted until 12:00 pm on June 21st.

Add a label embedded in your photo submission. Please submit the photo as a jpg file. The label should be in Arial 18-point font and should be descriptive of the photos without exceeding 15 words.

A small logo is permitted. See example below.



Photos submitted will be for natural channels conference use only. Look forward to seeing your photos on the big screen!

Upcoming Training

Training will be provided on a variety of topics, including Fish ID, Sediment Transport, Fish Passage Design, and Electrofishing. Please refer to the [conference website](#) for details on the training opportunities associated with the Natural Channels Conference and for registration. Note that there are limited spaces available for training.

Natural Channels Systems Conference Award of Recognition

The Natural Channels Initiative recognizes outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to natural channel systems. Through their efforts, they have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the field of natural channel systems through research, knowledge transfer, collaboration, implementation and/or innovation. Recipients have shown exemplary leadership, dedication, and personal commitment to natural channel systems.

To nominate an individual for this distinguished award, please review the guidelines below and submit your nomination via email to the Natural Channels Initiative Committee Co-Chairs, at info@naturalchannels.ca. All completed nomination packages must be received by June 5th to be considered for the 2023 Natural Channel Systems Award of Recognition. The award(s) will be presented at the 2023 Natural Channel Systems conference banquet on June 27, 2023.

The nomination package should include the following:

- A letter of recommendation (no more than two pages) that specifically describes the candidate's accomplishments in relation to the award criteria. The letter should clearly justify why the nominee deserves the award.
- 3 supporting signatures (from at least 2 different affiliations).
- A resume, CV, or brief biography for the nominee.

Key Natural Channels Conference 2023 Dates to Note

Early Bird Registration Closes: May 31, 2023

ROM Fish ID Course: June 21 to June 23, 2023

Sediment Transport in Stream Channel Assessment and Design (by Dr. Peter Wilcock Training) Workshop: June 24 to June 25, 2023

Fish Passage, Fish Behaviour and Fish Passage Design Workshop (by Dr. Paul Villard & Mark Heaton): June 25, 2023

Class 2 Backpack Electrofishing Training (by TRCA): June 25, 2023

Conference Days: June 25 to June 28, 2023

Natural Channels Quiz#2

Take our Natural Channels Quiz! Over the next few newsletters, we will be featuring a few quiz questions. Try your hand at answering these questions for your chance to win exciting prizes in a draw during the conference. Take the quiz and submit your answers here:

<https://forms.gle/aPGpCrBNZJvKg8Bq7>

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NCC 2023 Organizing Committee