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Save Our Char Committee

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SOCC hires new Coordinator

The Save Our Char Committee is pleased to announce that they have hired a coordinator for the 2009 season. Carla Hedderson is a Noddy Bay resident and has just recently acquired a Diploma in the Fish and Wildlife Technician program at the College of the North Atlantic in Corner Brook. Carla will be fulfilling the mandate announced in the previously released 5 Year Strategic Recovery Plan for Arctic Char in Western Brook (Parker's River) in the Pistolet Bay region.

Carla's position is funded by ST. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. (SABRI) through a grant from HRDC. Her main goal for this summer is to operate the counting fence at Western Brook and analyze all the data collected. Vice Chairperson of the Save Our Char Committee; Leon Penney states that "Carla's work will enable everyone to see what populations of fish frequent that river system and to see if there is a healthy Char run on the river!"

Carla would also like to announce that NORDIC is partnering with the Group to provide a link to the Save Our Char Committee website. This site will update interested persons in the work taking place with the committee and provide opportunity for feedback. The website will be accessible through the NORDIC website and should be up and running smoothly within the next few weeks. This website will also have a place for people to report any char that they observe and they will also be able to take part in our scientific survey. The survey can be printed and filled out for those who have an interest in preserving this very unique river system and the fish that reside there.

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