

# COMMUNITY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

**MARCH 4, 2020**

**OTTAWA CONFERENCE AND EVENT CENTRE – ROOM 209**

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Registration Opens (coffee and tea available)</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening</b>
<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Session 1:</b> Why is community science so important to invasive species? <i>Darlene Blair, Canadian Food Inspection Agency</i>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<p><b>Session 2:</b> National Approaches to Community Science across Canada <i>Sharing lessons learned across National community science programs and how they have engaged communities and individuals in science and conservation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>9:45</b> Local to National: ideas from various scales of citizen science engagement using iNaturalist Canada, <i>James Page, Canadian Wildlife Federation</i></li> <li>» <b>10:00</b> How Parks Canada uses citizen science and iNaturalist to engage the public in Science and Conservation, <i>Gia Paola, Parks Canada</i></li> <li>» <b>10:15</b> Citizen Science in Eastern Ontario – Nature Conservancy of Canada, <i>Megan Quinn, Nature Conservancy of Canada</i></li> <li>» <b>10:30</b> Observations from BC – recommendations for engaging people on a national scale, <i>Gail Wallin, Invasive Species Council of BC</i></li> </ul>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Refreshment Break and Networking</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<p><b>Session 3:</b> Cross-Canada and Beyond Spotlight <i>Hear from experts from across Canadian provinces and territories, as well as the U.S., on initiatives which have engaged communities and individuals in reporting/engagement and lessons learned.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» <b>11:00</b> Pathways to prevention: Working with outdoor enthusiasts to mitigate opportunities for invasive species introduction &amp; spread, <i>Sophie Monfette, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters</i></li> </ul>

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<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Moving Forward</b>  <i>Facilitated discussion with speakers and participants on building a national action plan to increase citizen engagement and early reporting of invasive species.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» What are lessons learned from the current programs and how do we apply them nationally?</li> <li>» What do we need to do to strengthen citizen engagement in reporting invasive species? How do we work together?</li> <li>» Other recommendations?</li> <li>» How do we measure progress and effectiveness?</li> </ul>
<b>2:45 pm</b>	<b>Closing Comments</b>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>