

National Phragmites Conference

Canada's 1st National Phragmites Conference will provide a snapshot on the state and spread of "Canada's worst invasive plant", *Phragmites australis*, and its impacts on species at risk, critical wetland habitat, communities, and infrastructure across Canada. This event aims to connect provinces and territories to share key information and inform national and regional approaches to address this invasive species and protect Canada's habitats and communities.

AGENDA*

(as of January 11, 2022)

January 20, 2022, 11:00am – 5:00pm EST

- 11:00 am** **Welcome**
- 11:30 am** **Keynote #1: A collaborative approach to managing invasive Phragmites in the Great Lakes region**
Erika Jensen, Great Lakes Commission
- 12:15 pm** **Keynote #2: Large-scale Management of Invasive Phragmites in the Long Point Region of Ontario – Risks, Rewards and Lessons Learned**
Heather Braun, ECCC - Canadian Wildlife Service
- 1:00 pm** **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 1:30 pm** **Keynote #3: Biotic communities respond positively to *Phragmites australis* control**
Courtney Robichaud, Postdoctoral Fellow with Carleton University
- 2:15 pm** **An Overview of the Ontario Phragmites Working Group**
Janice Gilbert, Co-Chair of the Ontario Phragmites Working Group

2:30 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Attendees can choose to move between rooms/topics to catch the presentations of their choice.

	Room Topic 1: New and working in management approaches	Room Topic 2: New in planning, collaboration, and research
2:30 pm	B.C. Phragmites Eradication Program	New tools for <i>Phragmites</i> management: Update on biological control in southern Ontario <i>Michael McTavish, University of Toronto, Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Research Fellow with Ducks Unlimited Canada</i>
3:00 pm	A new method of cutting to drown Phragmites in water <i>Wesley Bickford, U.S. Geological Survey - Great Lakes Science Centre</i>	Impacts of Phragmites on Species at Risk
3:30 pm	A proactive approach to Phragmites <i>Kristin Elton, New Brunswick Invasive Species Council</i>	Indigenous perspectives on invasive species <i>Gary Pritchard, 4 Directions of Conservation and Curve Lake First Nation</i>
4:00 pm	Best Practices for the use of the new product Habitat® Aqua Herbicide <i>Brad Hayhoe, BASF Canada Inc</i>	Developing new Phragmites treatments based on genetic and microbial biotechnology <i>Dr. Kurt Kowalski, U.S. Geological Survey - Great Lakes Science Centre</i>

4:30 pm **Concurrent sessions wrap up**

5:00 pm **NETWORKING TO FOLLOW OFFICIAL EVENT END**

* Times are displayed in Eastern Standard Time