

Session 3: Invasive Species and Forest Pests Wednesday, March 10th @7pm

Speaker Biographies

Native Forest Pests

Speaker: Jeff Ogden, BSc MSc

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Jeff Ogden is a member of the Risk Services Group within the Fleet and Forest Protection Division of the Dept. of Lands and Forestry. For the past 28 years Jeff has been a part of a Team that monitors and researches the pests and diseases that impact the health of Nova Scotia's forest. Current species on their radar include invasives such as Emerald Ash borer and Hemlock woolly adelgid and numerous native species including Whitemarked tussock moth and of course, Spruce budworm.



Invasive Forest Pests

Speaker: Ron Neville

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Ron has worked with the CFIA for about 20 years, starting as an inspector of wood pallets at the Port of Halifax and passengers at the Halifax International Airport. He has also worked on many pest surveys in Canada including the Asian longhorn beetle, emerald ash borer and hemlock woolly adelgid. Since 2006, he has worked as the Area Plant Health Survey Biologist for Atlantic Canada where he coordinates plant surveys. Ron enjoys hiking and paddling his kayak. Look for Ron on iNaturalist, his handle is nevilleyoumind.



Invasive Plant Species

Speaker: Scott Maston, BScF, RPF

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Scott is a native Nova Scotian, born in Amherst, and spent much of his youth in the woods and on the waters of Cumberland county and abroad with his father and uncles. It is from this upbringing that he developed a passion and curiosity for our varied natural resources. Following his completion of a BScF from UNB in 1987, Scott started working in the private woodlot management sector, first as an employee of a group venture and later as co-owner of Century Forestry Consultants Ltd. Scott's work has covered a broad spectrum of the forest sector, covering many different aspects of planning, implementation, certification, auditing and lately research through his employment with the Forestry Division of the Dept of Lands & Forestry.



When not in the woods, Scott can be found in local curling clubs or enjoying camp life with the boys – playing cards, guitar (and singing badly) or just enjoying the laughs. Scott lives in Pictou with wife JoAnne and children Alexandra and Iain.