



NATURAL CHANNELS 2018

Sustaining Connectivity: Exploring the Importance of Connectivity in Systems, Knowledge, Practice and Policy

Class 2 Backpack Electrofishing Certification Course

Offered by Ontario Streams and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority in Partnership with Natural Channel Initiative



This course is offered as a one day training workshop designed to certify attendees in the use of backpack Electrofishing equipment.

The main emphasis of this course is the safe use of backpack electroshocking units. The topics covered will include protective equipment, safe procedures and backups or fail-safes. The course will also include the fundamentals of electrical theory; and a practical component for which participants will be required to demonstrate safe electrofishing practices in the field. Attendees will be required to complete a written examination for fully certification. Instruction will be provided by Class 1 OMNR certified instructors and meets OMNR policy standards.

Timeline – Wednesday May 23, 2018

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration and refreshments
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Lecture
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Lunch, travel to field location and set up
12:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Field practical exercise (water body is walking distance)
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Return from field and review notes
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Exam

Who Should Attend?

This course is intended for field staff, consultants and resource managers who are involved in fisheries surveys and management.



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Learning Objectives

1. Safe operation and protective equipment used in electrofishing operations
2. Minimizing/eliminating potential harm to fish.
3. Proper electrofishing settings to maximize capture efficiency.
4. Understand and apply concepts presented in the electrofishing lecture

Additional Information

Participants should be prepared for field work. Lunch will be provided. Participants are required to bring their own leak free, non-breathable chest waders, as well as polarized sunglasses.

Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

Class 2 Backpack Electrofishing Certification Course is scheduled for Wednesday May 23, 2018, weather permitting. In the event the course is cancelled due to inclement weather or flooding conditions, a full refund will be processed following the conference.

Course is contingent on sufficient registration.