

M.Sc. opportunity - Evolutionary Ecology of Farmed/Wild Cod

A funded graduate student position is available with the evolutionary ecology of fishes research groups lead by Drs. Craig Purchase & Ian Fleming at Memorial University. This project will also involve substantial collaboration with Dr. John Bratney of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The M.Sc. student will be part of a large program investigating the potential for interaction between escapee farmed Atlantic cod and their wild counterparts. The general goals of this M.Sc. project are to apply eco-evolutionary thinking to: 1) determine factors that affect the motivation of farmed cod to escape from cages, and 2) use tagging and acoustic telemetry to understand the behavioural patterns of farmed cod following escape.

Start dates are either May or September 2010. Major scholarship holders will receive generous top-ups to their awards.

Information on our research groups can be found at <http://www.uccs.mun.ca/~cfpurchase> and <http://www.mun.ca/osc/ifleming/index.php>

Information on graduate studies at MUN can be found at <http://www.mun.ca/sqs/home/>

Prospective candidates should email a cover letter, CV, unofficial transcripts and contact information for three people who can serve as references. Review of applicants will begin February 15/10 and continue until the position is filled.

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