

June 12th, 2011

CPAWS Art fundraiser for the Dumoine Campaign

On June 8, our Executive Director and GIS Technician were accompanied by Deborah Powell and Shelley Leach for an impromptu tour of the Dumoine watershed!

Canadian landscape artist Shelley Leach donated a print of her recent painting “The Invitation” to CPAWS Ottawa Valley for a fundraising raffle. The limited edition print shows the shoreline of a friends camp on Lac Laforge in the Dumoine watershed. Shelley has been capturing the beauty and diversity of the Dumoine – in paint – since 2008 and has been donating a portion of her sales to CPAWS Ottawa Valley to help support our campaign to protect the Dumoine – Quebec’s last wild river. Raffle tickets will be available at CPAWS Ottawa Valley Information booths and events all summer. The print will also be displayed at local outdoors stores in July and August (check back for further information on dates and locations).



You can learn more about this fundraising campaign by visiting : www.cpaws-ov-vo.org

Pictured: Shelley Leach presenting the print to John McDonnell on the bridge over Grande Chute on the Dumoine.

Campaign Chronicles – Dumoine River

Preparatory hearings into the final level of protection and area of the Dumoine protected area wrap up

On April 19 and May 31, CPAWS Ottawa Valley took part in important meetings organized by the Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks (MDDEP) in Campbell’s Bay and Gatineau respectively. These meetings were designed to bring together the various actors and stakeholders who work, live, play and those who have an interest in conserving the Dumoine River watershed. The MDDEP provided an overview of the current proposal to protect 1445 km from industrial development and participants had the opportunity to ask questions regarding access, hunting, fishing and on the level of protection being considered by the province. Currently, the MDDEP intends to grant the status of Aquatic Reserve to the entire territory.

This level of protection will ensure that no industrial development, like forestry, mining or energy production will take place, while allowing the public access for hunting, trapping and fishing. While CPAWS Ottawa Valley has not taken a position on the final level of protection, we will accept no less than a Category III (Aquatic Reserve) protected area for the Dumoine watershed.



A number of people in attendance suggested the level of protection be elevated to an operating provincial park (Category II), while a provincial park will offer the same protections against industrial development, this level of protection will bring about an end to all hunting, trapping and baiting of lakes. It will also curtail access to various areas while terminating all cabin and cottage leases currently held in the region. In the coming weeks, we will be meeting with local mayors and other stakeholders to discuss these issues in advance of the full public hearings into the final boundaries and level of protection, expected in the winter of 2012.

Pictured: Grande Chute on the Dumoine River