

## *How to access funding to improve your lake's fisheries habitat*

Buoyed with nearly \$40,000 in federal funding, Barbara King of the Lanark County Stewardship Council, an OFAH affiliate club, is heading up a fish habitat enhancement project on Dalhousie Lake this summer.

The project received funding through the federal Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program to improve fish habitat in the lake, located in the Township of Lanark Highlands north west of Perth.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to work with our local partners on Dalhousie Lake this year and can't wait to see the positive results on the lake," King said.

Since 1928, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has been working with OFAH zones, member clubs and other partners to improve, maintain and enhance our fisheries and fishing opportunities. Species restoration, habitat enhancement, education and outreach are just some of the ways OFAH is making a difference.

Funding will be used to improve the overall health of Dalhousie Lake by restoring natural shorelines, improving fish habitat and creating spawning beds for recreational fish species.

OFAH Zone F, Dalhousie Lake Association,



*Dalhousie Lake at sunset. The lake will undergo a \$40,000 habitat enhancement this summer.*

Lanark County Stewardship Council, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Centre for Sustainable Watersheds and the Lanark and District Fish and Game Club have partnered with King on this project scheduled to begin in August.

The OFAH encourages members to get involved with your own fisheries habitat restoration project. Your project could be eligible for extended funding through

the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program, which is offering \$15 million over the next two years.

To review funding guidelines and for more information visit: [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/rfcp-ppcpr/index-eng.html](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/rfcp-ppcpr/index-eng.html).