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## FISH AND EELS WORKSHOP COMES TO THE ST. LAWRENCE POWER DEVELOPMENT VISITOR CENTRE JULY 11

**Toronto** – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is hosting a fish and eels workshop at the St. Lawrence Power Development Visitor Centre at the R.H Saunders Generating Station in Cornwall. Children and their families are invited to take part in a free science session and learn about endangered American eels and the biodiversity of the St. Lawrence River.

The event, which is organized by the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences, runs July 11 from 12 to 4 p.m. Visitors will see both live and preserved specimens and hear from our scientists about the American eels' biological importance. The fish and eels workshop is one of the educational events taking place this summer at the centre. Other events include bird and bat workshops and scientist in residence educational sessions.

Once abundant in Ontario's rivers, the American eel has experienced a rapid population decline and is now considered an endangered species. In recognition of the eels' ecological importance in the St. Lawrence, R.H. Saunders Generating Station has maintained an eel ladder since 1974 to allow safe passage over its turbines. OPG has also supported extensive outreach programs educating families about conservation and biodiversity.

R.H. Saunders GS is located on the St. Lawrence River and generates more than six billion kilowatt hours of clean, renewable electricity each year. The station has been a supporter of the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences, and has planted more than 50,000 trees along the river.

For more information, including a complete schedule of educational events, go to the St. Lawrence Power Development Visitor Centre <u>webpage</u> on <u>opg.com</u>. The centre is located in Cornwall at 2500B Second Street West.

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