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Kahnawà:ke to host Aquatic and Fisheries Experts, Community Members Invited to Attend Virtual Conference

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(Kahnawake – 21, Enníska/February 2023) On Wednesday, February 22, 2023, the Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO), Kanien'keháka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language & Cultural Center (KOR), and the Kahnawà:ke Longhouse on Route 207 (Longhouse) will be hosting a group of aquatic systems and fisheries experts from across Turtle Island, who will be in the area to attend the Society for Canadian Aquatic Sciences (SCAS) Conference in Tiohtià:ke this week.

The group of 35 Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals will visit KOR and the Longhouse, and be escorted on a tour of Kateri Tekakwitha Island between 10am and 1:30pm. Their visit will include talks on the history of Kahnawà:ke, the River, and the Seaway to provide important context for the Conference. Furthermore, it will help foster relationships among Indigenous-led aquatic systems researchers from across Turtle Island. All guests will be accompanied by KEPO and/or KOR staff while on the Territory.

The SCAS conference will be taking place from February 22nd through 25th in Montreal, and Kahnawà:ke are invited to virtually attend the session entitled: Indigenous Fisheries – Knowledge, Science, and Futures, on **Saturday, February 25th from 8:30am - 5pm**. The session is being led by Indigenous researchers at the forefront of fisheries research in Canada, and attendance is free for community members. **Please contact KEPO if you are interested in virtually attending the session.** More information on the special session can be found at <https://www.scas-scsa.ca/Sessions> (scroll to SS14).

For more information about the SCAS and the upcoming conference, please visit <https://www.scas-scsa.ca/>. For questions about the visit please contact KEPO at 450-635-0600 or environmentprotection@mck.ca