

Gabrielle Perugini – AFS-OC Northern-Member-at-Large Candidate

Gabrielle is a Fisheries Biologist with the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC). The A/OFRC is a not-for-profit corporation based out of North Bay that serves as an independent source of information on fisheries assessment, conservation and management for member communities of the Anishinabek Nation. In her job, she works with communities as far north as Namaygoosisagagun First Nation, and as far south as Aamjiwnaang First Nation, to design projects that address the communities concerns for aquatic life. Her work has allowed her to make meaningful connections in northern communities and expand her knowledge of fisheries science.

Prior to her position at the A/OFRC, Gabrielle spent three summers with the Great Lakes Laboratory for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (GLLFAS; Fisheries and Oceans Canada) working on a multi-year juvenile Lake Sturgeon netting index project on Lake Superior, Lake Sturgeon off-Setting project (testing the efficacy of artificial spawning habitat) in Honey Harbour, and Aquatic Invasive Species surveys in the St. Marys river system.

Gabrielles relationship with the north is strengthened by her work at the A/OFRC, and is rooted in lived experiences. She hopes to make a positive lasting impact on the lands and waters in which she works.