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Ecosystem Based Planning

By Herb Hammond, Silva Forest Foundation

The focus of an ecosystem-based plan for a conservation covenant, or for any other purpose, always remains on what elements to leave within a landscape. The focus of a development plan based on conventional management strategies, on the other hand, remains on what elements can be taken from a landscape.



Fully functioning ecosystems must be maintained within an ecosystem-based plan, while ecosystems degraded by development activities are restored. Ecosystems occur in a range of all sizes and possibilities—from a city lot to an urban landscape; from a forest microsite to an extensive watershed—and ecosystem-based plans can be applied to a site of any size.

Ecosystem-based plans provide for protected networks of ecosystems, where the type of network varies with the size and complexity of the area; and also provide for the accommodation of ecological responsible activities which respect and leave behind healthy composition, structures, and functions of the ecosystem in which they occur.

There are many steps which must be considered prior to instituting an ecosystem-based plan:

Assemble information which has been acquired. This information can be in the form of photos (regular photographs and/or aerial photographs), satellite images, maps, and reports.

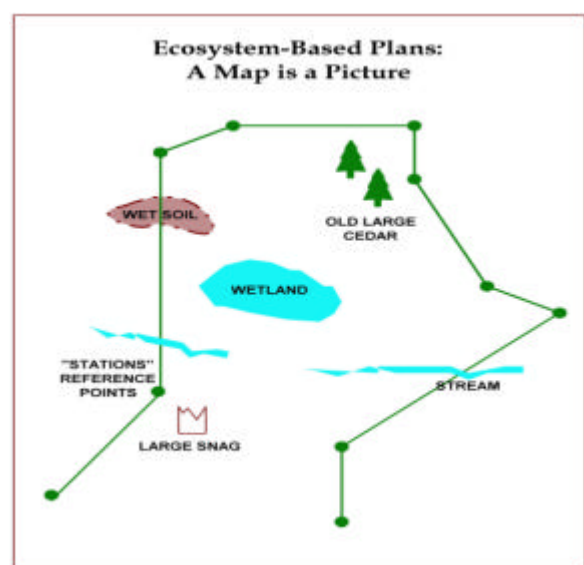
Walk the land, to create a picture of what is important. The map or picture that results from this physical examination and connection includes information to illustrate the ecosystem's sensitivity to disturbance, ecological limits, the presence and location of rare ecosystems, character, condition, and special spots. The *character* of the ecosystem means how it functions in its natural state, and

condition of the ecosystem means how human activities have altered it.

Measure parts of the ecosystems, such as tree species and size, plant cover, details of the soil, details of the topography, and important structures (i.e. large fallen trees, snags, small wet sites).

Create a map of ecosystem types, which will provide the foundation upon which decisions will be based. For each ecosystem type, ecosystem sensitivity to disturbance, ecological limits, and rarity can be recorded.

Create a map showing a protected network of ecosystems. Large areas are encompassed within a *protected landscape network*, which may include old growth nodes, riparian ecosystems, ecologically sensitive areas, linkages, and representative ecosystems. Small areas fall within a *protected ecosystem network*, which includes old large trees, large fallen trees and snags, ephemeral streams, small ecologically sensitive areas, linkages, and representative ecosystems.



Create a map of human use zones. This map is based on the ecological limits of the ecosystem, and respects the protected networks that have been laid out at this point, while at the same time, the land owner's objectives are represented. Ideally, a balanced mixture of uses over large areas will be shown, as well as areas where restoration is underway or planned.

Write a schedule and details for activities—what, when, and how to do designated activities, and the reasons—the *why*—behind these activities. Together with the produced maps, this list of chores will provide an ecosystem-based plan.

And speaking of maps:



The Islands in the Salish Sea Community Mapping Project

New Maps added to the Project:

- "Protecting a Rare Island Paradise: The Islands Trust Fund at Work" by Denman artist Peter Karsten, shows all the nature reserves and conservation covenants that have been registered in the Trust area. In addition to locating these protected areas, the map depicts one hundred and twenty-five species of animals and plants that live on the Gulf Islands.
- Quadra Island – adding to the Shorelines map, we now have a full map of Quadra Island, detailing Economic activities, by Quadra artist, Brian Simmons
- The Penders - by Lili Wilde
- And Gabriola's recent second map – by Melinda Wilde
- Further to the Amphibian Migratory Routes across Bowen, Kathy Dunster has done a second map of Bowen
- The Watersheds of Salt Spring Island, a beautiful fabric cape by Caffyn Kelly
- Agricultural Land of Saltspring Island, by Margaret Threlfall, depicting the farms with their livestock and produce, comparing 1900 to 2000

Donations needed: Help us publish this collection of over 30 maps depicting these communities' portraits of the 17 populated islands within the Salish Sea – one of BC's endangered ecoregions.

.Contact Sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca for information on charitable giving options (and an opportunity to have a special hand bound edition of the Atlas signed by the artists)

RECENT MEMBER PROFILES



By Lisa Fox

ALTS was formed over ten years ago by City Councilor Gibson, who saw the potential in a city 'green trust' while vacationing in Santa Rosa, California. The desire was for community

members to donate green areas for the benefit of all Abbotsford residents, present and future. Since that time, ALTS has been a small spark in our community. It is my job to fan this spark and work in collaboration with local stewardship groups like the Abbotsford Streamkeepers, Abbotsford Soil Conservation Association, Central Valley Naturalists, Clayburn Community Society and others.

Abbotsford has a rich diversity of prairie farmland, wetlands, streams and mountain ecosystems complete with caves, waterfalls, streams, and glacial remnants. Biologically, it is home to many endangered species including Mountain Beaver, Pacific WaterLeaf, Garry Oak, **Salish Sucker** and Nootsack Dace. Our challenge is preservation of natural, recreational, and historic lands including farmland in the midst of growing development.

The Abbotsford Land Trust co-holds one covenant with TLC on the Pincott family property and is currently involved in a project to investigate restrictive covenants. Our Restrictive Covenant Land Owner Contact Program is intended to contact those who have had restrictive covenants placed on their property to protect fisheries areas (creeks and streams). Through this project we have discovered the same thing that the "Protection of Aquatic and Riparian Habitat on Private Land" 1995 covenant effectiveness study in Surrey found: restrictive

fisheries covenants are not well monitored or looked after, and in most cases, are ineffectual tools. Our role is to find these covenants in Abbotsford, contact the landholders and devise a plan for monitoring and long-term conservation of these covenants.

The Restrictive Covenant Landowner Contact Program is funded by the federal EcoAction 2000 Program and the Real Estate Foundation and supported by generous in-kind contributions from Department of Fisheries and Oceans, City of Abbotsford, and the Abbotsford Foundation. ALTS is also currently recruiting board members and setting long term protection goals for the area.



Salish Sucker

Photo by Mike Pearson

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by Ava Caldwell

Happy Trails to a fellow adventurer: Trails B.C. has the mandate and the pleasure of building new recreational trails in B.C. (as part of the TransCanadaTrail), and of linking other trails systems together in the province. You've probably already used our trails without realizing it. The beautiful Kettle Valley Railway trail system is part of the TransCanadaTrail, as well as the well loved Galloping Goose Trail, and the Baden Powell Trail. The southern trail is a spectacular 1750 kilometers that links many communities and rural areas. It is used for bikers, hikers, walkers, and in some areas, horseback riders and cross-country skiers. Trails B.C. is a non-profit group and we are wishing to

expand and involve more volunteers to help build and maintain this wonderful trail system. Beautiful trails are meant to be used by people in all walks of life: on foot, by bike, and even on horseback !!

How can you help? It's easy. Use the trail. Become a Trails B.C. member and learn first hand about spending some productive time in the great outdoors. No matter what your age or strength, there's a way for you to be involved in improving trails! You can also buy a metre or two of our trail, or act as a steward for a portion of the trail. Get involved with the biking and hiking trails that you use in your group!

Phone Trails B.C. at (604) 737 – 3188, email us at trailsbc@trailsbc.ca, or reach us through our website: www.trailsbc.ca. We'd love to learn more about you and how we can work together.



The Bald Eagle Nest Tree Project and the Wildlife Tree Stewardship Initiative



Keri-Lynne Wilson and the WiTS Team

For over a decade, Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection has been taking inventory of Bald Eagle nest trees with the help of local biologists and naturalists. This process was always short of funding and in 1999, the Bald Eagle Nest Tree project was proposed by Karen Morrison, Wildlife Habitat Technician with BC Environment, and John Maher, BC Hydro Regional Environmental Coordinator. The project identified a need for continued inventory and improved protection of the remaining eagle nest trees on the southeast coast of Vancouver Island. Also, it provided an opportunity to combine the information and skills of both organizations. The project was funded for one year during the 2000-2001 Bald Eagle nesting season by BC Hydro's Strategic Environmental Initiatives Program, established to help find green energy sources and new ways to become a sustainable energy company.



The database containing nest tree information was created in MS Access and many locations and eagle productivity information was placed in a Bald Eagle Atlas on the web-based Community Mapping Network. The atlas is

interactive and viewers can see locations (1:50,000 scale), productivity, and observer's notes. Monitors visited nest trees during the 2000/2001 eagle breeding season and recorded information on eagle activity, tree condition, and any land-use that might be detrimental to the nest tree or eagles. Monitors were given workshops that included presentations on Bald Eagle biology, tree condition, recording data and landowner contact. This information was collected at the end of the season, reviewed, and entered into the database. The project ended in September 2001, however plans for continuation and expansion of the project were in the works.

An application to the federal government's EcoAction program for the Wildlife Tree Stewardship Initiative was successful. The project continued with a focus change from just Bald Eagle nest trees to wildlife trees and their buffer areas. The focus is now on the ecosystem associated with wildlife trees.

The Wildlife Tree Stewardship Initiative or WiTS is an initiative of the Federation of BC Naturalists. Partners include Environment Canada, Ministry of Water, Lands, and Air Protection, BC Hydro, the Wildlife Tree Committee of BC, and Cowichan Community Land Trust. The goal is to conserve dwindling coastal wildlife tree habitats through volunteer monitoring, landowner agreements, and community education along the Strait of Georgia on Vancouver Island. Eventually, the initiative hopes to expand to other coastal areas of BC.



The southeast coast of Vancouver Island, and associated islands, contain some of the most altered ecosystems in BC. Within these ecosystems, agriculture, forestry, and urbanization are placing many wildlife species at risk. Yet, the ability to see wildlife is one of the reasons we choose to live on, or visit Vancouver Island. The WiTS initiative aims to document and conserve wildlife trees within the remnant habitats of these ecosystems.

By definition, a wildlife tree is "any standing dead or live tree with special characteristics that provide valuable habitat for the conservation or enhancement of wildlife. They play an important role in forest ecosystems by contributing to and maintaining the biological diversity in BC forests (Wildlife Tree Committee of BC)".

Currently, Section 34 of the BC *Wildlife Act* extends year-round protection to a select group of birds' nests that include the nests of Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Great Blue Herons, Burrowing Owls, and Peregrine Falcons. For other bird species, the federal Migratory Birds Convention Act and provincial *Wildlife Act* only protects nests when they are occupied by adult birds, their young and/or eggs. For nest trees, the tree is vulnerable to removal when not occupied by birds or their eggs.

Currently, the initiative has over 100 volunteer wildlife tree stewards from over 35 communities covering southeast Vancouver Island from Campbell River to Sooke and approximately 650 plus wildlife trees have been documented to date. The majority of the stewards are FBCN members, however many are landowners with wildlife trees, and others are interested observers. While monitoring wildlife

trees, the stewards have noticed some of the 80 species that utilize a wildlife trees including owl nests, Peregrine Falcons, Golden Eagles, Marbled Murrelet activity, hawk nests, passerine activity, and even a Honey Bee colony!

WiTS educates communities by distributing brochures and pamphlets, writing articles, partnering with other projects, creating a website with links to an interactive wildlife tree atlas, and giving presentations at community events, museums, schools, and local naturalist groups.

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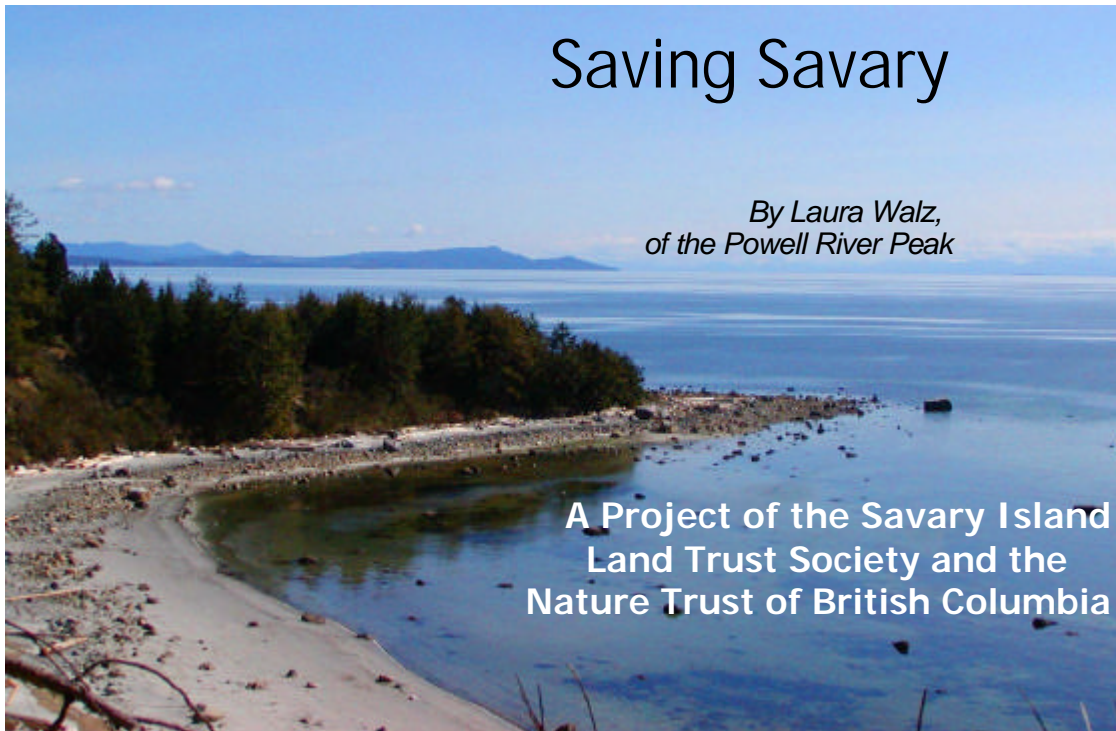


**D.R. Coell &
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By Alan Kotila

D.R. Coell & Associates Inc. (www.drcoell.com) is a Victoria based firm, founded in 1974, providing professional real estate appraisal and consulting services to a broad base of clients throughout Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and coastal British Columbia. The firm has specialized expertise in the appraisal of rural lands including environmentally sensitive areas such as estuaries and wet lands, as well as forest lands and waterfront properties. The firm is an active participant in providing appraisals for the National Ecological Gift Program, involving both gifts as well as conservation covenants.

RECENT SUCCESSES



Savary Island is home to Western Canada's only intact example of a forested dune ecosystem. In April 2002, the Nature Trust of British Columbia stepped in to ensure that the ecosystem would be protected from development.

The Nature Trust of British Columbia acquired 50 per cent undivided interest in about 338 acres held by David Syre, a resident of Washington State. The other 50 per cent is still held by Roger Sahlin, also from Washington State. The property contains Western Canada's only intact example of a forested dune ecosystem, home to numerous rare and endangered species of plants and animals. Syre also owned another 16-acre parcel adjacent to the larger property, which was also acquired by the Nature Trust. Thrown into the deal was a private donation, bringing the total to 363 acres (147 hectares).

Tom Lester, Nature Trust executive director, explained about the partnership with the provincial and federal governments:

"On the strength of a magnificent donation of an eco-gifted property from two individuals who wish to remain anonymous, we were able to structure a deal that saw the Crown contributing \$2 million from the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy initiative, along with \$100,000 from the Georgia Basin Ecosystem initiative through Environment Canada. That, combined with some money from the Nature Trust, was used to acquire the undivided 50 per cent interest and the full interest of Lot 224 [Syre's property]."

When the Ministry of Transportation approved a subdivision application for the property, the level of interest in expediting effective conservation on Savary was increased, he added.

The Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection represented the provincial government in the three-way negotiations. Ownership of Lot 224 and the gifted property was transferred to the Crown. "In exchange they contributed \$2 million to help us acquire the 50 per cent undivided interest and Lot 224. Our name is on title for Lots 35 and 36 and DL 1375."



Nature Trust will be arranging a park management tenure with the Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection that will essentially provide the Nature Trust the ability to manage the donated property and Lot 224 on behalf of the Crown. "The intention is that, in whatever status, it be managed in perpetuity in its current natural state."

The complex deal is an example of the public sector working in partnership with a private-sector conservation organization to affect a significant conservation achievement, Lester also said. "I applaud the entrepreneurial spirit of staff at BC Parks and Water, Land, and Air protection for making this happen. They stepped outside the box a bit and made it happen."

The Savary Island property had been high on BC Parks' list for years. "It's been something that the conservation community as a whole has been focused on trying to conserve for decades."

The Nature Trust looks forward to cooperating with Sahlin and his family in the management of the property, Lester added, but there have been no formal discussions yet.



Sherwood Inglis, chairman of the Savary Island Land Trust (SILT), said the announcement was a "real boost for environmentalists everywhere. A large, unique and sensitive ecosystem of national significance is now on the preservation list. It's a good example of what hard work and perseverance can accomplish."

SILT continues to conserve additional parcels on Savary, Inglis added. To date, it has conserved seven separate parcels with an assessed value of over half a million dollars.

Liz Webster, a SILT board member who has worked diligently on the project, said, "SILT is thrilled the Nature Trust was so successful in their negotiations to preserve this nationally unique ecosystem. The talent, years of dedication, and hard work of SILT board members and many others created this opportunity-- the skill and expertise of the Nature Trust pulled it off. We are grateful for the generosity of the private donors as well as the support from the federal and provincial governments to make this dream come true. ***I have personally learned so much from the experience: listen, research, dream, do your homework, work hard, never give up. Dreams do come true.***"



"I awake each morning torn between a desire to save the world and a desire to savour the world. This makes it hard to plan my day."

- E.B. White

CURRENT CAMPAIGNS

Get the Word Out!



If you would like more publicity for your campaigns and projects, send us your press releases and we will post them on the Land Trust Alliance of B.C. website. The next deadline for the Kingfisher is December, 2002. LTABC welcomes any submissions which will help to strengthen the land trust movement in British Columbia.

An Update From Wildwood **by Jay Rastogi**

Since fundraising began for Wildwood, TLC The Land Conservancy, has received donations equaling half the money necessary towards the purchase of the property. We have been buoyed in our efforts by the recognition Merve's work at Wildwood has received in the past year by way of the Order of B.C. and the Order of Canada for his pioneering contribution to the development of the philosophy and practice of ecoforestry. Wildwood has much to offer in how we look and interact with forests displaying 60 years of thought and practice that we can learn from and develop onto.



Photo: Eileen Palmer

Public guided tours are offered on Saturday afternoons at 1 p.m. We are assembling an array of workshops to enhance peoples appreciation of and experiences in forests. Current workshop topics include mushroom identification and propagation, bird identification and appreciation, sketching, basketry and an introduction to ecoforestry. Tours and workshops are also available for schools and other groups.

Merve is very pleased with The Land Conservancy's initiative and effort in working to protect Wildwood and he loves to share his thoughts and ideas with tour and workshop participants. Merve's objective for Wildwood is to maximize benefits for all society - human and non-human. His respect for and understanding of the forest and its inhabitants is simply extraordinary. It is encouraging to know that this ethic exists as an example for all of us.

Working holidays at Wildwood are planned for March, June and September. Volunteers are needed for this as well as for fundraising events. We need to raise \$500,000 by June 2003 to ensure the security of Wildwood. TLC can be contacted at (250) 479-8053 for information about working holidays, tours, workshops or donations.

Wildwood's stewardship plan is being developed in cooperation with the Ecoforestry Institute and Merve Wilkinson. The plan will guide the management of the forest and the development of educational activities. A covenant will be registered with the Cowichan Valley Land Trust and the Nanaimo Area Land Trust this fall.

Proposed Purchase of the Martin Williams Property, Mount Erskine, Salt Spring Island

By Peter Lamb, Salt Spring Island Conservancy

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy is seeking financial support for an exciting opportunity to acquire land and expand green space with a new trail network on Salt Spring Island.

The land offered for sale consists of about 20 ha (50 acres) of open Douglas fir/arbutus forest on Mount Erskine. A key feature of the property is that it is adjacent to 65 ha (163 acres) of Crown land plus 22 ha (56 acres) of land owned by the Islands Trust Fund Board both of which contain a popular trail system. The Islands Trust is also considering a recent proposal to protect an additional, adjacent 88 ha (220 acres) of private land to be protected by conservation covenants. Therefore, purchase of the property will contribute to the permanent protection of a large, contiguous greenspace of up to 200 ha (500 acres), as well as an important leg of an extended trail network throughout the Mt. Erskine area.

The purchase will be another important step in achieving the vision of the South and West Salt Spring Conservation Partnership, a coalition initiated by the Conservancy to protect the green space values of the largest undeveloped area in the Trust area.

The Property is part of the south-facing ridge of Mount Erskine and contains older growth fir groves, rare plant communities, upland bog vegetation and sensitive wildlife habitat as well as dramatic rocky outcrops and magnificent viewpoints. It is being subdivided for the purpose of this purchase from a



Photo: Derek Lundy

64 ha (159-acre) parcel of land, the remainder of which has been carefully managed as a tree farm by the landowner, Martin Williams. He has offered this part of his land to the Conservancy to protect its natural features.

As part of the agreement to sell, Mr. Williams has also agreed to dedicate a right of way across the remainder of his land, as well as his separate residential lot, to allow permanent access to the extensive trail network on Mount Erskine from Toynbee Road. The Property will be held and managed by the Conservancy, which is also committed to raise the

necessary funds with the support of, in partnership with the Islands Trust Fund, the SS Trail and Nature Club and other conservation organizations.

A total of \$95,000 will be required to cover the price of the land and related acquisition costs.

Contributions, to make this purchase possible, can be sent to the Conservancy at PO Box 722, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2W3. Official tax receipts will be issued by the Conservancy for all contributions of \$20 or more on successful completion of the fundraising campaign unless otherwise requested.

For further information, contact the Conservancy office (250-538-0318) or Gary Holman (250-653-2042).

Land Trusts Play Key Role in South Okanagan-Similkameen Conservation Program

Shawn Black, Stewardship Coordinator,



Recognized as one of the three most endangered ecosystems in Canada, the South Okanagan-Similkameen area of British Columbia is a unique habitat of international importance.

The area is home to more than 35 wildlife species currently listed by COSEWIC¹ as nationally at risk (Threatened, Endangered, or Special Concern). As well, over one third of all provincially Red-listed species are found here. Launched in July 2000, the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program (SOSCP) “aims to maintain the rich biodiversity of the area, including species at risk, and a viable ecological corridor between the deserts to the south and the grasslands to the north.”² The Program has grown from nineteen partners two years ago, to over thirty-one partners today. An important group of SOSCP partners are land trusts. Within the SOSCP, there are a number of provincially and nationally-based land trust

organizations. The Land Conservancy of BC, The Nature Trust of BC, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, and Ducks Unlimited Canada are all involved in the program. Although many local conservation and environmental organizations are well represented within SOSCP³, none of these organizations specialize in the work that land trusts deliver.

¹ COSEWIC stands for Committee On the Status of Endangered Wildlife In Canada

² SOSCP Prospectus, 2000

³ Local conservation/environmental organizations participating in SOSCP include the Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance, the Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society, the Osoyoos Desert Centre, the Southern Interior Bluebird Trail Society, BC Federation of Naturalists (represented by the South Okanagan Naturalists Club), the South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls, the Okanagan Region of the BC Wildlife Federation, and the Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society.

Under SOSCP, six strategies were identified as part of how the Program's goals and objectives would be achieved. These strategies include:

- Expanding Public Outreach and Education
- Securement of Key Habitat Areas
- Promoting Stewardship on Private and Public Land
- Assisting Ecologically Sustainable Land Use Decisions
- Applying Traditional Ecological Knowledge,
- Applying Scientific Knowledge.

Teams have been formed around each of the SOSCP's six strategies, with various partners taking the lead as Team Chair. Land trust organizations sit as Chair for two of these teams: Habitat Securement (The Nature Trust) and Stewardship (TLC). Land trusts bring a unique set of skills, expertise, and resources to SOSCP.

The activities of land trust organizations build on a strong history of locally initiated community stewardship. For the past seven years a landowner contact program called SOS Stewardship has been successfully engaging private landowners through direct contact, informational materials, community meetings, and public displays. As one of the longest running and most successful landowner contact initiatives in BC, SOS Stewardship has laid the foundation for much of the current stewardship work now taking place. The Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society and the Okanagan Regional Wildlife Heritage Fund Society have also contributed greatly to conservation and stewardship in the area. The work of these organizations and programs should not be forgotten.

Private land stewardship is of utmost importance to \SOSCP. Approximately one-third (1/3) of the land base within the area is held privately⁴, and these lands tend to be concentrated within the valley bottoms. It is not surprising that some of the most productive, unique and rare habitat types in British Columbia and Canada are found exclusively within these same valleys. Channeling the Okanagan River, rapid population growth, expansion of agriculture and vineyards, and urban development

has pushed many species and their habitats to their limits. Extensive mapping of the SOSCP area has indicated that approximately 85% of the riparian and wetland habitats that once existed in the area have been lost. Antelope brush and other grassland habitats are also under serious threat. Working with private landowners is key to the success of any conservation strategy in the Okanagan-Similkameen, and land trusts are well positioned to do this work.

We are able to offer landowners a wide variety of tools and stewardship options. Under SOSCP, land trusts are involved in organizing volunteer weed control and habitat restoration projects, providing landowners with stewardship information, negotiating the acquisition of key lands, facilitating ecological gift donations, working on conservation covenants and stewardship agreements, and promoting private land conservation. Working in a coordinated fashion with each other and our partners, land trusts are helping to achieve SOSCP's goals and objectives, while ensuring that our limited resources are put to good use.

Thanks to support from a variety of sources, including but not limited to Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program and the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund. By working in partnership with each other and our SOSCP partners, land trusts are able to facilitate private land conservation and stewardship in this rare ecosystem.



Photo on Page 11 – McIntyre Bluff
Above: The Throne, both by Ministry of Water,
Land and Air Protection

⁴The Okanagan land base is split almost equally between private land (1/3), Crown land (1/3), and Indian Reserves (1/3).

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND REPORTS

Canada's Stewardship Agenda

The Governments of Canada, the provinces and territories have collectively been developing *Canada's Stewardship Agenda* in support of commitments under the National Accord for Species At Risk and the Canadian Biodiversity Strategy. The Agenda will be officially released in Ottawa, on September 25th, 2002.

In support of the national consultations on this initiative, Environment Canada solicited brief summaries of national, regional and local stewardship programs. A *Compendium* was developed in July 2002, which gives samples of existing stewardship programs and projects.

The Compendium is available in hard copy from the Stewardship Division of the Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada and electronically on the Stewardship Canada Web Portal (see www.stewardshipcanada.ca).

Programs and projects are reported against four theme areas that were used to develop the Agenda during discussion over the period of October 2001 through June 2002. A *Report on Consultations Towards Canada's Stewardship Agenda* will also be posted on the Stewardship Canada Portal that outlines the major results of these nation-wide consultations on the proposed Agenda.

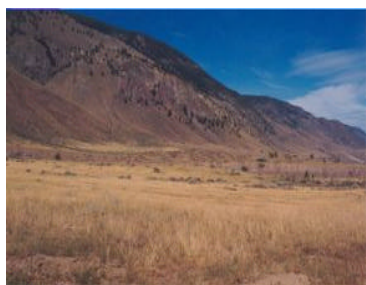
Four stewardship themes provide a general structure for this document:

1. Legal and Policy Instruments Supporting Stewardship
2. Stewardship Program Support
3. Stewardship Education, Awareness and Recognition
4. Integrated Stewardship Approaches

In each case, the title, the scope of the geographic application (province, territory or national) and a brief description of the initiative are provided.

Land Trusts and the Agricultural Land Commission Act 2002 (Bill 21)

By Nicola Walkden, The Land Conservancy of B.C.



Significant changes have been made to the Land Reserve Commission in the past few months. Noteworthy to land trusts, are changes to the size and

structure of the commission, and introductions within the new *Agricultural Land Commission Act – 2002 (Bill 21)*. Additionally, the Forest Land Reserve is in a phase-out transition: forest practices will shift from regulation by the Land Reserve Commission (LRC) to a results-based forest practices code regulated by another government agency, in industry or a public-private partnership.

The changes to the commission structure itself suggest that responsibilities for decisions pertaining to agricultural lands are also being offloaded to a degree. A new commission has been established with six regional panels, each panel having three members appointed by government from the community and a commission chair. The rationale for this change is to increase the Commission's ability to be more regionally responsive to community needs. The Agricultural Land Reserve will continue to be administered through the Land Reserve Commission, which will work co-operatively with municipalities to delegate more decisions to local governments.

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as Bill 21 has included new provisions which govern the application of conservation covenants. Section 22 provides the Commission the ability to hold conservation covenants, and increases the commissions control over the application of covenants by land trusts or other government agencies. 22(2) reads *“A covenant that prohibits the use of agricultural land for farm purposes has no effect until approved by the commission.”* What could read as a simple change, may actually have real ramifications. This section subtly changes who controls conservation decisions on farm land. Through one stroke, the LRC now supercedes the authority of any other government body in registering conservation covenants on ALR land. The ability to appeal the LRC’s decisions pertaining to covenants to the Surveyor General is gone. The acceptance of covenants is as they see fit – and for now is perceivably open to broad interpretation, and potentially value laden. What happens now when a covenant which is highly valuable to red-listed species or critical habitat is seen to be competitive with future agricultural potential? Without the ability to have government alternately hold an agreement, or to have an appeal involving the pertinent Ministers, we have to trust that the Commission is able to include environmental and wildlife values in a fair decision making process.

With the new regional structure the Commission promises to be able to more adequately review individual applications, even visit properties, and encourages dialogue with the Commission while covenants are being negotiated. Turn around time for approval will also be improved, with an estimate that reviews will be completed within 90 days.

It is more important than ever that we work with commissioners and Regional Districts, and strive to build an appreciation and understanding of the value and application of covenants. Ultimately now, they will decide what restrictions and allowances are acceptable to be placed on ALR land.

Bill 21 has received Third reading and passed on May 14, 2002. It is expected that the Bill will be regulated in September of this year. The Land Reserve Commission is an excellent source of information, and regular updates.
www.landcommission.gov.bc.ca

The SARA Bill

Laura Telford, Canadian Nature Federation

In June, the Canadian Species at Risk Act, SARA, overcame its greatest hurdle on the long journey towards Royal Assent by passing through the House of Commons. This is the first time such a bill has made it this far since the Canadian government committed to passing an endangered species law by signing the International Convention on Biological Diversity ten years ago. Twice before, federal laws have faltered and perished before making it through the Parliamentary process.

There were times when it seemed that SARA, too, would go the way of the Great Auk, the Labrador Duck and the Blue Walleye. The low point came after the government tabled its response to amendments made by a Parliamentary Committee studying the bill. These amendments had been carefully crafted to strike the right balance between the demands of landowners, Aboriginal peoples, industry and conservation groups, while at the same time decreasing government discretion and increasing transparency and accountability.



The government’s rejection of key Committee changes was the last straw for many Liberal backbenchers who were tired of being ignored at every turn by their colleagues in Cabinet. The first backbench revolt occurred in rural caucus as a result of the government’s failure to support a Committee recommendation requiring it to write regulations governing landowner compensation for revenues lost as a result of protecting species. Aboriginal people were also angered that a Committee recommendation requiring the government to establish an Aboriginal Advisory Council was watered down.

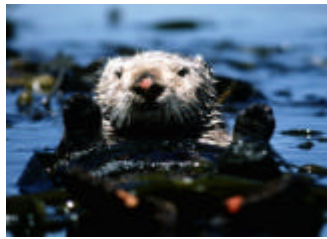
The government reached a compromise with rural caucus and with MPs representing Aboriginal interests, but scientists and environmentalists remained unsatisfied. They believed the legislation still fell short in several key respects. It left decisions

about whether or not a species was considered at risk up to politicians, not scientists, and it did not protect the living spaces of endangered species.

At the end of April, the government was poised to invoke closure to limit debate on the bill and force a vote on SARA. However, for the first time since coming to power in 1993, the Liberal government failed to move its closure motion. The reason - a backbench rebellion. An unofficial 'green caucus' within the Liberal party composed of backbenchers Karen Kraft-Sloan, Charles Caccia and Clifford Lincoln had gained enough support from their Liberal colleagues to scuttle the government amendments. This would have spelled certain death for SARA.

This unusual caucus revolt forced the government to come back with a new deal to appease the 'green caucus' and their backbench supporters. The scientific Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada was given the power to create the initial list of species at risk and Cabinet was given nine months to remove species from the list. Even more significantly, the new version of the law included mandatory habitat protection for species in federal lands and waters and for migratory birds.

SARA is far from perfect. It does not require the protection of the living spaces of species residing on the provincially or privately controlled lands of British Columbia or any other province with the exception of migratory birds covered under the Migratory Birds Convention Act and aquatic species covered under the Fisheries Act. For species under provincial authority, the vast majority of all species at risk, SARA offers a weak safety net which can be invoked at the discretion of the federal Minister if he or she is "of the opinion" that a province is failing to protect an endangered or threatened species. Once passed, SARA will offer little legal protection for the critically endangered BC Badger and the Vancouver Island Marmot, but it will provide money for their recovery and it will provide a degree of moral persuasion to pressure provincial governments like BC that have not passed their own endangered species legislation to live up to their commitments under the National Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk.



Laura Telford, Ph.D.
Manager Endangered Species Program
Canadian Nature Federation
(This article is based on an article to be published in Nature Canada, Fall 2002)

Reports from the World Summit

The Worldwatch Institute has initiated a series of "World Summit Policy Briefs". Each highlights a key topic or theme on the road to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to be held in Johannesburg from August 26 to September 6. The briefs build on the recommendations and priorities outlined in the 2002 edition of the Worldwatch Institute's annual State of the World report. These one or two page briefs are accessible via the Institute's website, or users can register for e-mail updates.

Eight such policy briefs have been released so far. The first, "From Rio to Johannesburg: Growing Awareness, Sluggish Response", provides a critical assessment of our degree of success in meeting the aspirations of the Earth Summit in Rio after one decade. The issues of climate change, species loss, water scarcity, malnutrition, infectious disease, education and poverty are discussed with a paragraph each on "What goals were set", "What happened" and "What the world learned". Subsequent briefs have dealt with such issues as international tourism, sustainable forestry, and gender equality. The Institute's World Summit page has links to other web sites of interest on the road to WSSD.

www.johannesburgsummit.org
www.worldwatch.org

Regional "Green Economy" Study & Link to Community Environmental Stewardship

A Study is now being undertaken through a partnership between the federal government and the three Regional Districts in the Okanagan on ways to develop economy while protecting and maintaining the endangered ecosystem that contributes to the local economy. Westland Resource Group, the consultant tasked with the study, is conducting a survey on to go about developing Green Economy

initiatives. David Harper at (250) 592-8500 or harper@westland.com please contact Michelle

Boshard at 250 707 0095 or stewardship@syilx.org.

Provincial Parks Partnership

If you have you been wondering what impact the cuts to provincial parks have had, then here is the latest news. When the provincial government discontinued all funding to provide natural and cultural history programming in provincial parks, BC joined Mississippi as the only two jurisdictions in North America with no such services.



Photo: Janice Fralette
Biologist/park naturalist Darren Copley
teaching young minds about aquatic systems

Parks programming began in BC Parks in the 1960's. Since then, millions of visitors have enjoyed these activities and it is impossible to calculate the number

who have become more aware of their environment as a result. As an added bonus, young people employed as park interpreters have moved on to become some of our most respected biologists and educators. Staff also provides on-site stewardship of the natural and cultural values these parks were intended to protect.

In 2001, **50,000** school children attended curriculum-based programs in the provincial parks on Southern Vancouver Island. At Goldstream Provincial Park alone, over 150,000 visitors passed through the Nature House, and an estimated 100,000 people came to witness the salmon spawning spectacle. Information from BC Parks indicates that in 1999, parks visitors put \$533 million into the economy, and that almost one-third of this came from out-of-province visitors. BC Parks reports that 90% of British Columbians have used provincial parks services in the past, and that 60% use them annually.

Habitat Acquisition Trust has recognised the significance of these programs in educating and enlightening both residents and visitors to the region, and feel that these programs offer educational opportunities which must not be lost. It is for this reason that we have agreed to partner with the Goldstream staff in an effort to keep the visitor centre doors open. We believe that these are essential services that are highly valued and are therefore worth protecting.

RESOURCES FOR CONSERVATION & STEWARDSHIP

Conservation Connection: Yet

Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) has developed a website called Conservation Connection, the goal of which is to foster partnerships and communication among the conservation and stewardship organizations in the



Another Way To Co-operate!-

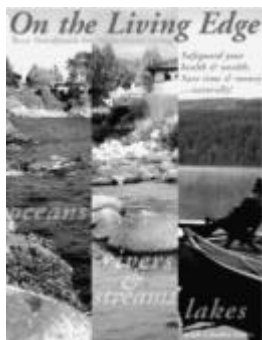
Claudia Copley, HAT

Capital Regional District (Greater Victoria). This website features profiles of over 90 organizations in the CRD. Each profile highlights current and completed projects, mandates, fundraising initiatives, contact information, and volunteer needs. Each organization can enter and update its own

information online, with administrator approval by HAT to prevent cyber-vandalism.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive, not only from the conservation community, but also from volunteers, the public, and government agencies using the site. The newest feature of the site is the events calendar, allowing people to use a single site to prevent competing special events and to plan for their weekend! Hard copies of the profiles have been sent to municipal councillors, public libraries, and senior secondary schools to be used as a resource. So now people can access the information whether they are “wired” or not.

HAT has made the website coding available free of charge to other non-profits and we have already supplied the webcoding files to Youth for Global Change, and Stewardship Canada. All that is needed is a staff person or volunteer to adapt the site to your needs. Any groups that are interested are welcome to use this technology to create an equivalent site for their region. Please contact us at the HAT office in Victoria: (250) 995-2428 or hatmail@hat.bc.ca. You can check out the website at www.conservationconnection.bc.ca. Conservation organizations that have a presence in the CRD are still welcome to join the site. Just go to the site and follow the prompts for new groups.



After much anticipation, “**On the Living Edge - Your Handbook for Waterfront Living**” is finally being published. The handbook is full of practical information for shoreline residents, written in a user-friendly style. Topics including preventing and dealing with shoreline

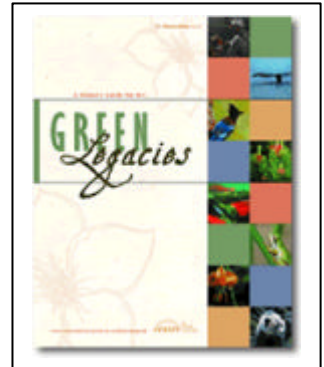
erosion, using native plants on shorelines, installing and maintaining septic systems and wells, yard and garden care, co-existing with wildlife – and more! Reserve your copy today at a cost of \$14.95 plus shipping and tax. A wholesale rate is available for groups wishing to order bulk quantities.

The Living by Water Project
(250) 832 7405 fax 250 832 6874 email:
Shorelines@jetstream.net

Green Legacies Guide Launched

--Nora Layard, editor

Did you know that there are more than 20 different ways that donors can provide a legacy for nature in British Columbia? The menu of different types of giving options ensures a way that everyone, regardless of their circumstances, can do something that will make a difference for the organization(s) they care about.



Green Legacies: A Donor's Guide for B.C. is now available. This 135 page full-colour publication provides donors and their lawyers and financial advisors with important information about giving for nature conservation. The Guide contains descriptions of different present and deferred giving mechanisms including Ecological Gifts (gifts of land and covenants that receive special taxation incentives). Present gifts include donations of cash, securities, personal property, strip bonds, commemorative gifts and Ecological Gifts. Deferred gifts include bequests (gifts made in a will), life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, endowments and gifts of residual interest. In addition, the Guide promotes groups like the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia and its members.

An accompanying website at www.stewardshipcentre.bc.ca/greenlegacies provides information updates as well as the full Guide in PDF format. Information about individual gift options is easily accessed for those who have trouble downloading PDF's. Information about conservation groups can be easily researched by name, region and activity.

Groups can sign on by going to the website's Conservation Organization page. Or, by emailing greenlegacies@stewardshipcentre.ca. There is no charge for web listings and the benefits could be very worthwhile.

Copies of the Guide can be ordered online or by telephoning 1-800-387-9853 Ext. 4, (in Victoria, 387-9853 Ext. 4). The cost is \$8.00/copy to help defray handling and printing costs.

The Green Legacies project started when conservation groups realized that they needed to collaborate on a project to reach out to professional advisors across BC. Over 100 organizations are currently involved, and major funding sponsors include Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Mountain Equipment Co-op, Real Estate Foundation of BC, Law Foundation of BC, Tides Canada Foundation, Vancouver Foundation and Wildlife Habitat Canada.

Anyone who is interested in helping to promote the Green Legacies Guide and its concepts in their community is urged to contact Nora Layard (250-537-4612) or the LTABC.

Free Event/Meeting Space at UBC

The Student Environment Centre (SEC) at the University of British Columbia is offering free room bookings for non-profit environmental organizations and individuals willing to do workshops, talks, or presentations at UBC. You would be assisting us in fulfilling our mandate as a resource group for the student body, and to encourage more campus-wide discussion and action around environmental issues. How to book a room: Phone or e-mail the Student Environment Centre sec@club.ams.ubc.ca (604) 822-8676

Give us the information for the date, time, duration, type of event, expected attendance, and how we can help you advertise for the event on campus. Wait for the SEC to confirm your booking. Please do not phone the Bookings Office directly because the booking will not be under your name and the Bookings Officer only deals with the SEC bookings representative. Cancellations also need to be done by the SEC.

Please give us at least two weeks notice; rooms are often booked long in advance by the University's many clubs. Extra notice also makes it possible to do more wide-spread advertising on our e-mail list and with posters around campus. If you have posters to advertise the event and a lack of people to put them up, you can arrange to drop them off or have them picked up by a SEC member so that they can be put up around the UBC campus.

Abram Moore President
Student Environment Centre

Selected Resources On The Economic Benefits of Green Space

Available for loan from our Library

Corridors of Green and Gold: Impact of Riparian Suburban Greenways on Property Values. Quayle, Moura and Stan Hamilton. 1999. Vancouver: University of British Columbia.

Available for free, in pdf format, on-line:

http://www.heb.pac.dfompo.gc.ca/english/publications/PDF/corr_gg.PDF

The protection of riparian areas meets with significant resistance in settlement areas where stream setbacks for conservation purposes are perceived to negatively affect property values.

This report, prepared by members of the Faculty of Agriculture Sciences, and the Faculty of Commerce and Business at UBC, examines the economic effect of riparian greenways on adjacent property values in several suburban communities in the Lower Mainland and east coast of Vancouver Island.

The results indicate that property values are positively affected by proximity to a greenway, and local residents value the greenway above many other features of their neighbourhood.

Ground Work: Investigating the Need for Nature in the City. Irvine, Stewart, ed. 2000 Toronto: Evergreen. Available from Evergreen. (604)689-0766, or on loan from LTABC

The Economic Benefits of Parks and Open Space: How Land Conservation Helps Communities Grow Smart and Protect the Bottom Line. Lerner, Steve and William Poole. 1999. Trust for Public Land. San Francisco. Available from the Trust for Public Land: (800)714-LAND, or on loan from LTABC

Greenway Proximity Study: A Look At Four Neighbourhoods in Surrey, British Columbia 1980-2001. RealBASE Consulting. 2002, Vancouver: RealBASE Consulting. Available from RealBASE Consulting: realbase@TheCompany.com, or on loan from LTABC

Economic Impact Analysis, of the Proposed Nature Reserves on the Niagara Escarpment of

Manitoulin Island, M. Nelder Management Services
Feb 2000 (for the Escarpment Biosphere
Conservancy), or on loan LTABC

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Elizabeth. 1992. Scenic America Technical
Information Series. 1 (2) at 4.

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Public Safety.** The Conservation Fund and the
Colorado State Parks. 1995

Daughterty, William. 1996. "Economic Effects of
Greenways" at
<http://www.audubon.org/chapter/ca/bunenavista>

Gaffney, Mason. "Economics in Support of
Environmentalism." Paper presented at **Community
Stewardship of Environmental Resources
Conference.** Bard College (Annandale -on-Hudson,
NY, October 1994)

**From The Stewardship Centre
for British Columbia**



**The Directory of Stewardship Organizations
The Directory of Funders: Shortcuts to the Source
Case Studies & Demonstration Projects Catalogue**

All available from www.stewardship.bc.ca

**Climate Change:
lend a hand, spread the word**

The Climate Change Team at the David Suzuki
Foundation is seeking interested individuals and
organizations to help distribute our latest educational
brochures on climate change and the Kyoto protocol.
The colourful brochures examine the science of
climate change and encourage concerned citizens to
ask their MPs and the Prime Minister to join other
countries around the world in adopting this
international treaty.

Accepting just 25 or 50 brochures is a small but very
important contribution to protecting our global
environment. Some individuals and organizations

are asking for a 1000 or more! Please contact us and
specify how many free "Kyoto" brochures you wish
to receive along with mailing instructions.

Email: orders@davidsuzuki.org (please specify
"Kyoto" when ordering) Phone: 1-800-
453-1533 David Suzuki Foundation, Climate
Change Team

Fundraising Websites

Compiled by the Sustainability Network

The following websites cover information about
grant and proposal writing, earned income, special
events, in-kind giving, membership and individual
contributions, corporate sponsors, cultivating
donors, campaigns, planned giving, telemarketing
and others forms of fundraising.

Canadian Centre for Philanthropy:

<http://www.ccp.ca> Click on Information Centre then
Resource Development for 9 FAQs.

Charity Village:

<http://www.charityvillage.com/charityvillage/research>

All kinds of articles dealing with topics from Cause-
Related Marketing to Gifts in Kind. All these articles
are taken from the publication *Canadian Fundraiser*.

Fundsnet

<http://www.fundsnet.services.com>

Database of Canadian funders as well as a list of
worldwide fundraising publications, software
programs and organizations.

Management Assistance Program for Nonprofits

http://www.mapnp.org/library/fndrsng/np_raise/np_raise.htm

Information about funding sources and the
advantages-disadvantages of each. The information
is geared to smaller nonprofits and includes
references to some useful resources.

Grantsmanship Center

<http://www.tgci.com>

Fundraising tips, online databases, information on
GC publications, free subscriptions to its' magazine,
and good links to other related sites.

Proposal Writing - Internet Resources

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/Memorial/grants/proposal.htm>

A list of grant-related internet resources. The site also has an annotated list of print resources related to the topic of proposal writing; and: Proposal Development Tips (suggestions on characteristics of a good proposal, elements of a good research proposal, glossary of proposal terms). Some of the links and references at these sites have a bias towards funding research.

Foundation Center

<http://fdncenter.org>

Go to the online library for 31 FAQs, a short course on proposal writing, an orientation to grantseeking and a prospect worksheet. Also contains the Foundation Finder

<http://lnp.fdncenter.org/finder.html> which provides contact information (contact person, address, phone, etc., plus e-mail and URL if available), as well as BASIC financial data on approximately 48,000 US private and community foundations.

Nonprofit Guides

<http://www.npguides.org>

An overview of the grantmaking process.

Pacific Bell Foundation

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/grants/writing.html#online>

for information on books, training, information centres and online resources.

Fundraising on the Web

<http://nonprofit.about.com/business/nonprofit/insubonline.htm>

17 (to date) articles and other writings to help inform your decisions about whether or not to raise money on the Internet.

Online Fundraising Resources Centre

<http://fund-online.com/musings/index.html>

A number of essays and resources.

Information for Nonprofits

<http://www.nonprofit-info.org>

Site for articles on Internet fundraising and numerous FAQs.

Support Center for Nonprofit Management site

<http://www.genie.org>

Click on "Answers" for seven FAQs on fundraising.

The Alliance Online

<http://www.allianceonline.org>

7 FAQs on fundraising.

Library of UK Fundraising

<http://www.fundraising.co.uk/library/articles/index.html>

Short list of the best fundraising articles on the Internet.

Grassroots Fundraising Journal Online

http://www.grassrootsfundraising.org/titles/gr_journal.html

Many articles are now online from past issues as well as the current edition. Includes "55 Ways for Board members to raise \$500" by Kim Klein.

Resolve

<http://www.resolveinc.com/NEWS.htm>

Fundraising for Small Nonprofits - It's Right There in the Palm of Your Hand!.

Capital Quest

<http://www.capitalcampaigns.com>

Articles including how to solicit and receive major gifts, the traditional phases of a capital campaign, all about feasibility studies and case statements, solicitation guides and a video script. (You'll need to sign in first)

HitDonate

<http://www.hitdonate.net>

Information on fundraising via the internet.

Other Sites

The Society for Nonprofit Organizations

<http://danenet.wicup.org/snp/NPWIndex/NPWindex.htm> the publication

The Nonprofit World, for articles on fundraising.

You are directed to specific articles but the WWW site does not contain the text of the article.



Upcoming Events



Stream Keepers' Course –

organized by Cowichan Community Land Trust

The CCLT is inviting residents to come and learn about water quality and stream habitat. A

streamkeepers course will be held Saturday and Sunday, **September 14 & 15** from 9:00am to 4:30pm at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre, 2804 Shawnigan Lake Road.

A \$ 50 dollar donation is requested, this includes the cost of a Streamkeepers book, course fee, lunch and certificate upon completion of the course. Register early as space is limited by calling the CCLT at 746-0227. Please bring gumboots and rain gear.

Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup 2002

The 2002 Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup will run September 14th to 22nd on shorelines near you. It is not too late to register your group for this conservation initiative. Groups of all sizes and ages are welcome. If you are interested contact the Vancouver Aquarium's Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup Coordinator at 604 -659-3506 or shorelinecleanup@vanaqua.org.

As with last year, eligible participants will receive a LbyW Shoreline Ambassador certificate.

The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup (GCSC) is:

1. Canada's contribution to an international cleanup effort, the International Coastal Cleanup, and is coordinated by the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Center.

2. Each September GCSC volunteers hit shorelines across British Columbia and Alberta to collect debris and record data. This data is instrumental in changing legislation, raising awareness and designing programs to reduce aquatic debris

3. The Aquarium provides groups of all ages and sizes with the supplies and education material necessary for a successful cleanup

Cleanups can happen on the shoreline of any stream, river, lake, or ocean.

September 14-22, 2002

Phone: 604-659-3506

Fax: 604-659-3502

Email: shorelinecleanup@vanaqua.org

Website: www.vanaqua.org

Direct web link to registration form and cleanup information:

http://www.vanaqua.org/Education_Programs/Outreach_Programs/Great_Canadian_Shore_Cleanup/

Burns Bog Public Tour

Sponsored by the Burns Bog Conservation Society

Every Saturday through Sept. 21st: Noon-3pm

Public Admission: \$12 Members of Society: \$8

Call 604-572-0373 to register. Visa & Mastercard accepted. For more info contact: burnsbog@dccnet.com

WildWood Public Tour

Dates: Every Saturday from July through October

Time: 1pm -- 3 pm or 4pm

Location: Yellow Point, Vancouver Island



Tour a model example of a sustainable working forest. Donations appreciated and gratefully accepted.

To book a special tour, call Jay Rastogi (250) 245-5540

South Winchelsea Working Holiday

A Project of the Land Conservancy of BC

September 13th-15th

Time: 1pm-3 or 4pm

Location: West Fraser River, near Clinton

Phone: 250-4769-8053 to participate

'A Tourist In Your Own Backyard' Series
Sponsored by the Salt Spring Island



Conservancy

Sept. 14th: Lake Walk and
Talk with Briony Penn,
geographer, naturalist, and
educator, and John Sprague,

biologist specializing in Water Pollution and
Toxicology. Saturday, 9:30am-1pm.

ssiconservancy@saltspring.com

Oct: (TBA) Forest Walk and Talk with Robin
Annschild; Biologist specializing in habitat
restoration. Saturday, 9:30am-1pm.
Phone (250) 479-8053 to participate

All groups will meet in the Artspring Parking Lot to
carpool. Bring a Lunch. Rain or Shine. Cost to
attend: \$10 each or \$30 for the series.

Canada's Stewardship Agenda: Official Release

Date: **September 25th**, 2002, Ottawa

A national framework and plan for collaboration on
stewardship, referred to as Canada's Stewardship
Agenda will be officially released in Ottawa,
September 25th.

The Agenda has been developed under the
leadership of government agencies involved in
resource management and conservation.
Responsibility for preparing the Agenda has rested
with the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Stewardship
Working Group, chaired by Environment Canada.

For further information see the Stewardship Canada
Portal www.stewardshipcanada.ca

Jog for the Bog

Event organized by the Burns Bog Conservation
Society

Sept. 29th Time: 10am

Entrance fee: \$30 by Sept. 15th, \$35 on the event
day; children \$20

Volunteers needed for this event

B.C. Rivers Day Sunday, Sept 29th

BC Rivers Day is fast approaching and it is time to
start planning your event! BC Rivers Day offers us a
great opportunity to raise awareness across our
province as to how important good river
stewardship is. ORC will be offering a number of
challenges to event organizers to encourage
participation and event diversity. Challenges
include:

The most events held in one community

The smallest community with the biggest event
(most participants)

The most creative event

The most informative event

The most successful cleanup (according to mass of
debris removed)

The event that involves the most youth in planning
and participation

The event that best links a land based outdoor
recreation activity and
rivers.

To register an event or for more information, see our
website, www.orcbc.ca.

For an info package with a registration form and
posters, please email,
Jennifer Grenz, Projects Coordinator
orcbc@intergate.ca.

Sustaining Living Rivers:

The Role of Biological Monitoring

James R. Karr, Ph.d.

University of Washington

Friday, September 27, 2002

9:00am-3:30pm

\$30 AASF Members, \$35 Non-members

Northwest Stream Center*

600-128th Street SE Everett, Washington

aasf@streamkeeper.org Visit us on the web at
www.streamkeeper.org

The Globalization Struggle

Strategies, Survival & Success

September 25 - 29, 2002

Hollyhock, Cortes Island

You are invited to attend this exciting & dynamic
conference co-presented by
Joanna Macy, John Sellars & Check Your Head.

Scholarships are still available to cover the entire conference fee (\$425)

Download the scholarship application form at www.hollyhockleadership.org and return it to me via email or fax.

Musical HATs !

Habitat Acquisition Trust is again hosting its annual fundraising event called Musical HATs– where people involved in the environment and conservation fields bring out their hidden talents and take to the stage. **Two nights of fun** and music, with lots of good food and drink available, and a great list of raffle prizes. All proceeds go to support HAT's conservation work, including its campaign to purchase Laughlin Lake, the largest lake on Galiano Island.

Tickets are 10\$ and can be purchased in advance from the HAT office

(316-620 View Street in Victoria)

6:30 doors open, music begins at 7:30

Phone: 995-2428

Saturday, October 19, 2002

Metchosin Community Hall, 4401 William Head Road.

Saturday, November 09, 2002

Prospect Lake Community Hall, 5358 Sparton

CONFERENCE:

Mountain Cariboo in 21st Century Ecosystems

October 15th to 17th. Hosted by the Columbia Mountains Institute. Conference focuses on the ecology and management of Mountain Caribou. Contact Dave Butler,

(250) 426-3599 dbutler@cyberlink.bc.ca

<http://www.cmiae.org>

4th World Fisheries Congress

May 2nd to 6th, 2004 - Vancouver. Reconciling Fisheries with Conservation: The Challenge of Managing Aquatic Ecosystems.

<http://www.worldfisheries2004.org>. Contact Wayne MacCallum, American Fisheries Society, 604-986-8018, FAX 604-904-9619,

wmacallum@shaw.ca

International Okanagan Salmon Festival

Oct 17th to 21st. Held in Penticton, OK Falls, Oliver, Osoyoos and Washington, this cross-border event features exciting speakers, habitat tours, booths and displays to learn more about the Okanagan Sockeye Salmon.

Call Jillian Tamblyn or Michelle Boshard at (250) 707-0095 for more info. Applying Science and Information to Sustainability in a Shared Transboundary Ecosystem

2003 Georgia Basin/Puget Sound Research Conference: Call for Abstracts

March 31 - April 3, 2003 Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia

The Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team, the Georgia Basin Ecosystem Initiative partners and co-sponsors **invite submission of abstracts** for oral presentation and poster display at the 2003 Georgia Basin/Puget Sound Research Conference.

This international conference will focus on ecosystem science issues with an emphasis on making research results relevant to the challenge of regional sustainable development.

Conference themes include :

1. Sharing science and solutions around ecosystem health issues facing the transboundary Georgia Basin / Puget Sound region.
2. Applying science in support of decision-making, capacity-building, and effective dialogue across disciplines and community interests.

Abstracts that address these themes from an interdisciplinary and integrative perspective are particularly encouraged. The conference organizers will publish proceedings from the conference. Submissions addressing examples of transboundary ecosystem management in other regions of the world are encouraged particularly as these relate to the conference theme.

Panels - Workshops - Sessions - Other Activities

The Conference Advisory Committee also invites proposals for interactive workgroup sessions,

facilitated panels, technical workshops, outdoor learning activities and field trips. Such proposals should include a brief description of the issue or issues being addressed, the name of the organizer and a list of likely participants. Organizers will serve as session chairs and moderators and will ensure that participants fulfill all requirements, including submissions of abstracts and biographies. Proposals that support the interface between scientists and decision-makers are encouraged.

Email submissions are preferred.

October 1, 2002

Abstract submissions due.

November 1, 2002

Student poster abstracts due

For Submissions Procedure contact:

David Fraser, Environment Canada, Pacific and Yukon Region, (604) 713-9529, david.fraser@ec.gc.ca or Pete Dowty, Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team, (360) 407-7561, pdowty@psat.wa.gov

World Forestry Congress: Call for Papers

The next World Forestry Congress (WFC) is being held in Quebec City, **September 21-28, 2003**.

This is "the" big international congress on forests, with a heavy concentration of government representatives, United Nations officials, forest industry representatives, as well as NGOs and others. The Congress offers a unique opportunity for Canadian activists to shine a spotlight, with an international audience watching, on Canada's progress (or lack thereof) in terms of forest conservation and management.

Jointly organized by the Department of Natural Resources Canada, and the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the FAO (the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization), the Congress will draw several thousand participants to a week of conferences, workshops, visits, study tours, excursions, and exhibits under the theme of Forests, source of life. **A call for voluntary papers and posters has been announced by the Congress.** Those interested in submitting a paper or poster will find guidelines on the WFC web site at <http://www.wfc2003.org>

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Follow the links to "Programs" and "First Call for Papers".

"Stewardship: How Are We Managing?"

June 11th to 13th , 2003
Vancouver.

The Canadian Water Resources Association is making a call for papers. See <http://www.cwra.org>

The Leading Edge: National Stewardship and Conservation in Canada

Dates: July 3rd- July 6th, 2003 Location: University of Victoria, British Columbia
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Contact Sheila Harrington of the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia if you would like to assist:

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Fourth World Fisheries Congress

May 2nd to 6th , 2004 Vancouver.

Reconciling Fisheries with Conservation: The Challenge of Managing Aquatic Ecosystems.

<http://www.worldfisheries2004.org>.

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LTABC NEWS

Public Outreach: Seminars for Professionals

This fall LTABC is offering seminars, workshops and information booths to reach the professionals working in conjunction with private land conservation. We are offering seminars on the legal, financial and tax implications of conservation covenants and gifts of land, and on planned giving, insurance and other gift options available for conservation.

The seminars are of interest to notaries, lawyers (specifically those working on wills, estate planning, and covenants) real estate agents, accountants, gift planners and appraisers. Contact info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca

'Monitoring Stewardship Agreements and Covenants': Regional Workshops

Also this fall, the LTABC, in conjunction with our member land trusts, are offering regional workshops on Monitoring Conservation Covenants. Using **ON THE GROUND, A VOLUNTEER'S GUIDE TO MONITORING STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENTS** and local baseline and monitoring practices, we hope to increase the knowledge and ease for this job for both volunteers and staff working with land trusts, conservation groups and other stewardship organizations.

Locations (to date): Penticton, Campbell River, Cowichan, Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast region. Contact info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca to request a spot in the course, or to offer assistance.

Advocacy to further and protect our members goals:

The LTABC Council is preparing two letters this month. One is on the effects of changes to the ALR, and the other is on the effects of proposed changes to BC Parks. As an individual member, you can also write to the appropriate ministers on these matters.

National Conference – The Leading Edge: Conservation & Stewardship in Canada

**University of Victoria
July 3 - 6, 2003 – Victoria, British Columbia**

Following the success of Canada's first national stewardship conference, *Caring for our Land and Water* held June, 2000 in Guelph, Ontario, a second national gathering of Canada's stewardship and conservation communities is now being planned for July 3rd to 6th, 2003 at the University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.

The National Steering Committee invites you to participate in the organizing and planning of this exciting conference.

The Leading Edge: Stewardship and Conservation in Canada, aims to advance the role of stewardship and conservation in protecting our natural and cultural heritage in Canada by bringing leading edge doers, thinkers and policy makers from across Canada to exchange information, share successes and to work together to:

- assist in strategic planning and promote public policy development to better support stewardship and conservation;
- provide program support and information about tools; and
- increase opportunities for partnerships between non-government organizations, governments, business, professionals, and landowners.

The Leading Edge: Stewardship and Conservation in Canada supports these goals, with four major themes for the 2003 conference:

- Strategic Directions
- Organizational Advancement
- Program Tools
- Legal, Economic and Policy Tools

We welcome your help in developing these themes over the next months. Here is a general description of each of these program themes and the contact people for each.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

For conservation and stewardship to advance effectively in Canada a comprehensive and strategic outlook is needed. This theme addresses linking long-term strategies and goals to the delivery of conservation and stewardship programs and initiatives on the ground.

The strategic directions theme has the following objectives:

- Increase understanding of the impact of conservation and stewardship activities in Canada
- Encourage and promote synergies and partnerships
- Identify new and emerging opportunities that incorporate long-term strategies and goals
- Contribute to the content and direction of the Canadian conservation and stewardship agenda

If you have ideas about the Strategic Directions theme or want further information, contact:

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ORGANIZATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

The commitment of an organization to undertake stewardship and conservation work requires that the organization be equipped to sustain itself over the long term. Its directors must think strategically to ensure that the stewardship and conservation projects and actions it undertakes are within the long-term capacity of the organization. Sustaining and advancing our conservation and stewardship organizations is critical to the long-term conservation of our natural and cultural heritage.

The organizational advancement theme has the following objectives:

- Evaluate strengths and areas for improvement in organizational sustainability
- Identify and maximize use of tools to build long-term organizational strength
- Establish good business planning and practices for conservation and stewardship organizations
- Identify effective liaisons with potential partners

If you have ideas about the Organizational Advancement theme or want further information, contact:

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PROGRAM TOOLS

Successful stewardship and long-term conservation of ecological and cultural diversity requires a broad range of programs and tools to fit the needs and goals of the "stewards" of the land and landowners, whether citizens, societies, governments or corporations. It is important to know and understand the range of programs and tools available and the details of when and how they work in order to choose the best program tool to meet the stewardship goals and ensure success.

This theme addresses the day-to-day tools currently available to landowners and organizations and how they work and looks at what exists elsewhere that could improve the Canadian conservation and stewardship system.

The program tools theme has the following objectives:

- Increase the understanding of tools specific to various types of conservation and stewardship initiatives
- Ensure adequate standards are being met by those using the tools
- Provide information geared to assisting landowners achieve their goals in the most effective way
- Identify tools that are being used elsewhere that would improve the Canadian movement

If you have ideas about the Program Tools theme or want further information, contact:

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LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND POLICY TOOLS

Conservation and stewardship can be significantly encouraged by innovative legal and policy tools and effective economic incentives. The current legal and policy framework governing conservation and

stewardship in Canada has been evolving over the last decade but still leaves room for significant improvement.

The legal, economic and policy tools theme has the following objectives:

- Increase the understanding of and maximize the benefits from the existing legal and policy tools and economic instruments
- Identify new and emerging legal, economic and policy tools that would significantly improve opportunities for conservation and stewardship
- Develop mechanisms for collectively advocating improvements in these areas

If you have ideas about the Legal, Economic and Policy Tools theme or want further information, contact:

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We plan to set up a national electronic forum to facilitate discussion of topics related to these program themes prior to the conference. We also plan to facilitate preconference research on the impact of stewardship and conservation practices in Canada for presentation and discussion at the conference, an on-going e-magazine, and post conference proceedings on CDROM.

The conference will discuss the priorities for conservation of biodiversity and species protection, the needs of communities, the needs of conservation groups, the need for long term sustainability of stewardship efforts, the perspectives of landowners who have entered into stewardship and conservation initiatives, tools available, best practices to ensure best value for effort, and opportunities to solve problems and plan for the future – The Big Picture and How It is Being Delivered on the Ground.

We look forward to working with other interested individuals and organizations from across the country in organizing a high quality conference that will attract a wide variety of people and organizations involved in stewardship and conservation.

The National Conference Committee
August, 2002

Bill Turner, The Land Conservancy of BC and The Land Trust Alliance of BC
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Contact Sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca to find out who to contact for each of these areas or to enquire further. This will replace our usual Land Trust and Stewardship Seminar Series for 2003. We will hold our annual general meeting during this conference.

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Related News

Land-Based Fish Farm: a Step in the Right Direction, Says a Coalition of Environmental Groups

The harvest from a land based fish farm in BC has fuelled much discussion. After reviewing the benefits of this technology and starting to work with the farm owners to try and address some of its shortcomings, the BC conservation community came out with the following press release.

Victoria - A land-based salmon farm that eliminates the escape of farmed salmon into the wild and decreases the chance of spreading disease to wild fish is a first step towards environmentally responsible salmon farming, says a coalition of environmental groups and First Nations.

The launching of this pilot project near Nanaimo is a progressive and welcome step in the fish farming industry, the groups say.

"This company has responded to some of the concerns we have raised about the impacts of traditional open-net-cage fish farms," says Lynn Hunter of the David Suzuki Foundation. "They are now doing what the large fish farming companies always claimed was impossible, they are farming salmon in land-based tanks."

However, the nine members of the Coastal Alliance for Aquaculture Reform (CAAR) say that not all the concerns of the conservationists have been met with this project. CAAR and the company, AgriMarine Industries, have agreed to identify ways to make this facility sustainable, says Chris Genovali of Raincoast Conservation Society. "It is exciting to be working with a fish farming company that wants to find solutions and create farmed salmon that are safe for humans and safe for the ocean," he says..

CAAR was created when the BC government announced plans to allow the industry to double the number of open-net-cage fish farms on the BC coast. CAAR has a zero tolerance to open netcage fish farms however CAAR supports a sustainable fish farming industry that:

- Uses technology that eliminates the risk of disease transfer to wild fish and escapes of farmed fish into the wild;
- Guarantees fish farm waste is not released into the ocean;
- Labels all farmed fish so consumers can make informed choices;
- Develops fish food that is sustainable;
- Ensures that wildlife is not harmed as a result of fish farming;
- Prohibits the use of genetically modified fish;
- Eliminates the use of antibiotics in fish farming;
- Ensures safe levels of contaminants in farmed fish;
- Respects the views of coastal residents and not locate farms where First Nations or other local communities object.

CAAR members and contacts:

- David Suzuki Foundation, Lynn Hunter, Aquaculture Specialist, David Suzuki Foundation, 250-479-0937
- Friends of Clayoquot Sound, Melissa Nelson, Fish Farm Campaigner, 604-699-0065
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- Watershed Watch Salmon Society, Craig Orr, Executive Director, 604-936-9474

The Kingfisher

We are now taking advertising

Advertising Information and Rates 2002

The Kingfisher is the bi-annual magazine of the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia. It goes free to our members across BC and is also available in some limited retail outlets.

Publication dates: August and January

Rates: \$75 for card size ad for two issues or \$40 for one issue
\$150 for 3.5" wide x 4" deep for two issues or \$80 for one issue
location requests add 10%

Deadlines: July 31st and January 3rd

Contact: info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca Kate Leslie 250-538-0112 Fax 250-538-0172

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