

# The Land Trust Alliance of BC ENews – DECEMBER 2009

## Conservation & Environmental News

**UN Climate Change Conference.** December 7 – 18, Copenhagen. Ban Ki-moon, secretary general of the UN, addressed the delegates as they moved into the final days of negotiations. “**We do not have another year to deliberate,**” he said. “**Nature does not negotiate.**” The COP 15, the 15th conference of the Parties under the United Nations’ Climate Change Convention, is being billed as the meeting that will determine the future humanity. There are many sites to watch to keep abreast of the conference news, events, facts and forums. Here are a few that may interest you: COP 15 Home Page is the conference’s official site at <http://en.cop15.dk/>; CPAWS Chris Henschel, a leader in the ENGO sector has a blog on the Forests Protocols <http://climateforests.blogspot.com/>; Elizabeth May’s Blog (from Copenhagen) is at <http://greenparty.ca/blog/emay/>; New Scientist Journal’s Catherine Brahic and Fred Pearce sift through the mass of science and pick out key points to watch at <http://www.newscientist.com/special/copenhagen-climate-change-summit?DCMP=NLC-nletter&nsref=instantexpert> ;

**Forestry protocols affecting conservation.** A final draft of the agreement for the compensation program, called Reducing Emissions From Deforestation and Forest Degradation, or REDD, is to be given on Wednesday to ministers of the nearly 200 countries represented here to hammer out a framework for a global climate treaty. Negotiators and other participants said that though some details remained to be worked out, all major points of disagreement — how to address the rights of indigenous people living on forest land and what is defined as forest, for example — had been resolved through compromise. Under the final draft of agreement, other habitats that absorb carbon dioxide — like peat bogs, could be eligible for payments.

“Why is everyone thinking about forest and peat land while overlooking oceans, the biggest carbon store on the planet?” said Dan LaFolley, marine vice chairman for the World Commission on Protected Areas of the Swiss-based International Union for the Conservation of Nature. “It would be a travesty if Copenhagen addressed forests but not other carbon stocks.”

“Were not sure in Copenhagen there will be a definitive mechanism for monetizing forests, but if there is we think all forests should be included,” Steve Kallick, director of the Boreal Conservation Pew Environment Group, who studies northern forest stocks and noted that by some measures, boreal forests store twice as much carbon dioxide per unit as tropical forests. Read the Carbon the World Forgot at [www.pewtrusts.org/news\\_room\\_detail.aspx?id=56099](http://www.pewtrusts.org/news_room_detail.aspx?id=56099)

**LTABC prepares to embark on climate & conservation pilot conservation offset project.** The LTABC is finalizing the conservation projects that will serve as an amalgamated pilot project for measurement of the carbon and other biodiversity elements for offset credits. The projects (acquisitions, donations, restoration of forest, and covenants) will be eligible if they have been secured since 2007 for a limited period only. If your land trust has a project it has helped protect since 2007 or one in the works, preferably with high carbon

values – (i.e. Douglas fir forests) please contact Briony Penn at 250-653-9996 or [penn@saltspring.com](mailto:penn@saltspring.com) to get on the list!

**The new Winter/Spring issue of The Kingfisher magazine just released.** Packed full of the latest conservation news, events and resources, you won't want to miss this issue. Read about BC's latest conservation success stories such as Rattlesnake Bluffs in Kamloops, the Chemainus Estuary; Headwaters Park on Bowen Island; and the 100<sup>th</sup> gift milestone of the Ecogifts program ... just to name a few. This issue also contains advance information about the LTABC 2010 Seminar Series, which will be held March 18-20, 2010 in Naramata, BC. Members and subscribers will receive their Kingfishers this week and it will be online shortly. For more information contact the LTABC at [info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca)

**Englishman River tree line saved from logging.** The protected area around Englishman River just got larger thanks to a 9.17 hectare covenant agreement between TimberWest and The Nature Trust. The agreement protects an area on the south side of the river directly across from Englishman River Regional Park from development or logging. The land is still owned by TimberWest but this covenant protects the riparian area and ensures a buffer zone between their logging and the river. The addition means roughly 11 miles of land along both sides of the Englishman now fall under TNT's management for protection. <http://www.naturetrust.bc.ca/index.php>

**Cowichan Valley goes green with new map highlighting special places.** The Cowichan Valley has a new map that focuses on areas residents cherish and hope will be protected now and into the future. Production of the map, a 10-month project, was funded by the Canada-BC Labour Market Development Agreement, local governments, including the Town of Lake Cowichan, as well as the Cowichan Land Trust. Next steps are for an interactive web map. Copies of the Community Green Map are available from Cowichan Land Trust at #6-55 Station Street in Duncan. To learn more about the map or to access the interactive map, which will be launched in the next few weeks, go to <http://www.maps.cowichanlandtrust.ca>

**RCEN establishes partnership with the UN Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.** On November 10th, the RCEN and the UN Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity signed a memorandum of understanding which will establish a collaborative framework between the two partners. This new partnership will promote greater awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity amongst civil-society organizations in Canada and abroad. [http://www.cen-rce.org/IYB2010/09\\_11\\_partners.html?utm\\_source=RCEN+E-Bulletin&utm\\_campaign=78924d5d07-e\\_Bulletin\\_nov25\\_Eng&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.cen-rce.org/IYB2010/09_11_partners.html?utm_source=RCEN+E-Bulletin&utm_campaign=78924d5d07-e_Bulletin_nov25_Eng&utm_medium=email)

**Government takes brown pelicans off endangered list.** After nearly 40 years of struggling for survival, the brown pelican is coming off the endangered species list. <http://www.fws.gov/news/NewsReleases/showNews.cfm?newsId=E48D2BF8-CEFA-7C31-385D2B1C2CF97CC0>

**Salmon collapse could be bad news for bear.** Scientists are collecting hairs from live bears to measure population declines as a result of declines in a

principal food source – salmon. <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=salmon-collapse-bad-news-for-bears>

**Fish being wiped out to feed farm animals.** The oceans are being emptied to provide feed for farmed animals such as fish, chickens and pigs, a study involving the University of BC concludes. <http://www2.canada.com/vancouver/news/story.html?id=f94debe7-131d-4277-8440-2d09105630c9>

**Oceans give warning signs.** Off the coast of Washington state, algae mixed with sea foam have killed more than 8,000 seabirds. Garbage swirls in ocean vortexes, coastal dead zones appear and every eight months enough oil to fill the Exxon Valdez runs off the nation's streets into the sea. A storm is brewing in Washington, D.C., over who should oversee ocean policies. <http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/story/946215.html>

## Action Items

**Navigable waters protection act regulatory development invite your comments.** Transport Canada is currently developing regulations under the Minor Works & Waters Order, which lies under the authority of the Navigable Waters Protection Act. This Order defined classes of works that are considered to be minor in nature and are thus exempt from the approval process required under the Act. It also defined classes of waters that are considered minor and thus works that interfere with navigation on them are also exempt from the approval process required under the Act. Transport Canada Marine Safety is seeking comments on the Order to be considered during the development of the proposed regulations. Comments are sought by Dec 31. [http://www.cen-rc.org/eng/consultations/comment\\_calls/09\\_11\\_waters.html](http://www.cen-rc.org/eng/consultations/comment_calls/09_11_waters.html)

**The future of the Atlin-Taku region in BC's wild north requests your voice.** The Atlin-Taku region in northwestern BC has thrived for millennia under First Nations management and is a largely unroaded jewel. It is home to a vast array of wildlife and ecosystems as well as vital habitat to all five Pacific salmon species. The governments of BC and the Taku River Tlingit First Nation are about to make a decision that will determine the fate of the area. Will the Atlin-Taku continue to be a biological sanctuary for thousands of species? Or will it be fragmented by roads and mines? The Atlin-Taku region requests your voice to show that there is broad support for a bold conservation vision in the region. For more information go to: [www.takulegacy.org](http://www.takulegacy.org) or [www.cpawsbc.org/campaigns/atlintaku.php](http://www.cpawsbc.org/campaigns/atlintaku.php)

**The East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP)** is seeking volunteers to participate on the Technical Committee to review/make recommendations to the Regional District of on how to best invest the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund in projects on the ground in the area from Canal Flats to Spillimacheen. Contact Wayne Stetski [ekcp@ciperlink.ca](mailto:ekcp@ciperlink.ca)

## Upcoming Events

**Unique Habitats, Unique Challenges.** January 19-20, 2010, Richmond. The Invasive Plant Council of BC's (IPCBC) 5th Anniversary Celebration and public

forum. Speakers will discuss aquatic invaders, unique habitat challenges, practical solutions, and collaborating for success. Space is limited, so be sure to register early. The event will be held at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC. Details online at [www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca](http://www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca) or email [cklym@invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca](mailto:cklym@invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca).

**Free web seminars on inventory and survey methods for invasive plants.**

Various dates in January & February, 2010, online. Six free interactive web seminars on inventory and survey methods for invasive plants are offered by the Center for Invasive Plant Management (CIPM). There is no fee for the seminars, but advanced registration is required. Participants will be provided with reading materials in advance of each seminar. To learn more and register visit <http://www.weedcenter.org/outreach/project-webseminar.html>.

**Innovations for the conservation community.** February 1–5, 2010, Stanford University, CA. Experts will present the latest and best thinking on conservation funding mechanisms at the Western Conservation Finance Boot Camp at Stanford University in February. Cosponsored by The Trust for Public Land, Island Press, the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University, the Land Trust Alliance (U.S.), and the Conservation Finance Forum. The week-long program is intended for land trust staff and other conservationists. The event is limited to 20 students so register early. Tuition \$1,000 U.S. <http://www.islandpress.org/conservationfinance>.

**Land Trust and Stewardship Seminar Series.** Don't miss this year's Kim Klein Fundraising workshop, two site visits to spectacular conservation areas and innovative stewardship projects, plus 2 days full of informative seminars on land conservation and educational outreach. [The 2010 Seminar Series will be held at the Naramata Centre March 18–20, 2010, Naramata. The program is currently being finalized](#) but advance information and registration fees are now available in the new issue of the Kingfisher magazine or through the LTABC at 250–538–0112 or by email at [info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca)

## Reading & Resources

**New staff at East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP).** Program Manager, Wayne Stetski, began his new position November 1 and has been moving the EKCP office from Invermere to 1543 Mt. Fisher Crescent in Cranbrook. Wayne (formerly with the Ministry of Environment) invites you to contact him at 250–581–1122 or [ekcp@cyberlink.ca](mailto:ekcp@cyberlink.ca). Additionally, Nancy Newhouse is taking on the position of Program Chair while also fulfilling her new role as Program Manager for the Rocky Mountains for the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

**The Land Conservancy of BC welcomes new Chief Financial Officer.** Lorelle Posten joins TLC as Chief Financial Officer. With her experience as a finance professional, senior manager, strategic thinker, and builder of healthy relationships and community, Lorelle is a valuable addition to the TLC team. Lorelle is a CA and Senior Manager with experience in business, education, government and nonprofits in Canada, the US and the UK and a Masters Degree in Nonprofit Management from the London School of Economics and professional interest and experience in strategic planning, organizational



**How fundraising works: a new online course from CharityVillage.** Take the course at your own pace, \$127 provides 3-months access. Read the outline and try a free demo at <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/learn/cvchfw.html>

**Hollyhock`s 2010 programs** are now listed online. To view the calendar, program outlines and to register, visit <http://www.hollyhock.ca/cms/programs.html>

**Canada Revenue Agency update.** New web pages for specified gift, and 10-year gift at <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/chrts/prtng/gfts/spcft-eng.html> and <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/chrts/prtng/gfts/10gft-eng.html>

**New U.S. program will rate green landscapes.** A coalition formed by the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the United States Botanic Garden has created the U.S. first rating system for environmentally sensitive landscapes. [http://www.newwest.net/topic/article/leed\\_for\\_weeds\\_new\\_program\\_will\\_certify\\_green\\_landscapes/C559/L559/](http://www.newwest.net/topic/article/leed_for_weeds_new_program_will_certify_green_landscapes/C559/L559/)

**Study reveals new mercury risks for fish and birds.** A U.S. Geological Survey addresses how widely mercury levels can vary in prey species over a short period of time and how these variations can intersect with key periods in a predator's breeding cycle. <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/full/10.1021/es903304s>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Trees by the Shore** is a community planting program that begins in the Spring of 2010, sponsored by Tree Canada and the Majesta brand. In 2009, 25 communities were selected to plant trees by waterways with the help of local community groups, school children, parents and volunteers. An educational component was included to teach school children about the important role trees play in maintaining healthy ecosystem. Trees and planting expertise will also be available to qualifying communities. **Application deadline December 31, 2009.** <http://www.majestapromotions.ca/dedicate/Default.aspx>

**Evergreen Common Grounds** is now accepting applications for The Walmart-Evergreen Green Grants Program supporting community environmental stewardship and restoration projects across Canada. **Application deadline January 29, 2010.** For full information on eligibility and how to apply, download the program guide and application at <http://www.evergreen.ca/en/cg/cg-funding.html>

**The Fund for Wild Nature** is now accepting applications for programs in the categories of Outreach, Research, Restoration and Watershed within Canada and the US. The fund provides grants of up to \$250,000 for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, including actions to defend wilderness and biological diversity (including advocacy, litigation, public policy work, development of citizen science, and similar). Funds are not available for basic scientific research, private land acquisition, individual action or study, or conferences. The fund focuses on organizations with annual budgets less than

\$250,000. **Application deadline February 2, 2010.** <http://www.conservationmaven.com/funding-board-grants/?ID=122>

**The Real Estate Foundation of BC** responds to letters of inquiry (LOI) quarterly. However, LOI's are accepted on an ongoing basis. You are encouraged to inquire early, especially if your project is time-sensitive. Staff will respond to LOI's three weeks after an LOI deadline. Applicant organizations that are invited to submit a formal grant application will be advised of the application deadline at the time of invitation. Watch for new 2010 LOI deadlines posted at <http://www.realestatefoundation.com/howtoapply/howtoapply.html>

**Vancouver Foundation** will be granting to all fields of interest in 2010 with one significant change: some fields of interest will be part of their spring granting cycle (Arts & Culture, Education, and Children, Youth & Families), whereas other fields will be taking applications in a fall granting cycle (Animal Welfare, Environment, Health & Social Development, Youth Homelessness and Youth Philanthropy). **The Letter of Intent deadline for Environment programs is July 23, 2010**, however LOI's may be submitted earlier in the year. For all the latest information visit [www.vancouverfoundation.ca](http://www.vancouverfoundation.ca)

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**If you have conservation news or events to submit for an upcoming Enews, email us at [info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca)**

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