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Read the FSWP grant project at http://www.thinksalmon.com/fswp_project/item/collaborative_angler_access_management_plan/

Richmond makes pesticides illegal. Using pesticides to spruce up lawns and gardens on all residential property and most city property is now illegal in Richmond. News story at http://www.bclocalnews.com/richmond_southdelta/richmondreview/news/64524742.html

Proposed BC mine faces landmark decision over environmental review. The fate of five dozen projects across Canada could depend on court's opinion. A potential landmark legal case involving a proposed British Columbia metal mine will be heard in the Supreme Court of Canada. Read the news story at <http://www.vancouver.sun.com/business/Proposed+mine+faces+landmark+decision+over+environmental+review/2109362/story.html>

Canada sets aside its boreal forest as giant carbon vault. By banning logging, mining and oil drilling in an area twice the size of California, Canada is ensuring its boreal forests continue to soak up carbon. Read the article at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/oct/29/canada-boreal-forest-carbon-vault>

Canada to sign polar bear protection treaty. Canada will sign a new agreement with the governments of Greenland and Nunavut to protect polar bear populations in their overlapping regions. Read the full story at <http://www.canada.com/technology/Canada+sign+polar+bear+protection+treaty/2159258/story.html>

Ecojustice applauds proposed Canadian Environmental Bill of Rights. Canada's leading environmental law organization, Ecojustice, is enthusiastically supporting a historic federal bill that would enshrine the right of all Canadians to a healthy environment. <http://www.ecojustice.ca/media-centre/press-releases/ecojustice-applauds-proposed-canadian-environmental-bill-of-rights>

Environmental Flows and Canada's Freshwater Future – Canada ranks among the world's top nations in terms of renewable water supply. Such global treasures make Canada enviable in an increasingly thirsty and warming world. But this perspective is misleading. Water is constantly moving, and it is this constant motion – the flow of water – that provides insight into the availability of fresh water and the health of freshwater ecosystems. <http://wwf.ca/conservation/freshwater/riversatrisk.cfm>

See also BC Rivers at Risk by Wilderness Committee: http://wildernesscommittee.org/publication/edu_report/bc_rivers_risk

Action Items

Kingfisher magazine December Issue: Last call for ads and event listings for The Kingfisher, due out in early December. Send listings or advertising you wish add by Nov 16. The Kingfisher is a great gift idea for Christmas – subscriptions are only \$10 for two issues. Visit the LTABC website at <http://www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca> or email us at info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca

Islands in the Salish Sea – A Community Atlas. A stunning collection of unique and extraordinary maps designed by over 30 local artists, and representing the work of more than 3,000 islanders working in groups over a five-year-period. This atlas was sponsored by the Land Trust Alliance of BC and edited by Sheila Harrington and Briony Penn. For lovers of maps and local art, this is an exceptional seasonal gift idea. We extend a special seasonal offer to LTABC members of only \$32.00 plus shipping. Order by email at info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca or phone at 250-538-0112.

EcoSociety seeking information about environmental projects, resources, products, and services in the Columbia Basin Watershed. West Kootenay EcoSociety have developed an online interactive directory with Wildsight and the Columbia Basin Trust, listing environmental groups, organizations, businesses, and local governments with environmental initiatives, resources and services focused on promoting ecologically sustainable development and environmental practices within the Columbia Basin watershed. The new searchable, updatable, CB Green Directory (www.cbgreen.ca) and networking tool is an opportunity to share information within the Columbia Basin. If you are involved in environmental projects, programs, or research, or offer resources, products or services or products that promote ecological health and sustainability, we would like to list this information in the CB Green Directory. Contact Mona Southron, West Kootenay EcoSociety, earthmeandyou@yahoo.ca or phone 250-354-1909.

Sign CPAWS Pledge to “Make Forests Count”. The Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS) has launched a public campaign inviting you to let decision makers know that in the next U.N. Convention on Climate Change, it’s time to “make forests count”. The campaign is timed to coincide with these final two months leading up to Copenhagen. Since forest and wetland destruction account for more than 20% of the world's carbon emissions, we need to take this threat more seriously than we have in the past. Read more and sign the pledge at <http://makeforestscount.org>

Register with Give Green Canada. Increase your revenue by helping donors & advisors to easily find your organization. Please remember to add or update your listing with Give Green Canada’s Stewardship Canada Directory. It's simple. Click on <http://www.stewardshipcanada.ca/register/index.php/organization> and enter (1) your logo, (2) a one sentence high-impact description of your work, (3) your charitable tax number and legal name, and (4) your contact information. If you're not already listed, just sign up. Give Green Canada is a national project for donors, advisors, and ENGO's to grow green philanthropy. You may know the predecessor of Give Green Canada, Green Legacies. In addition to comprehensive resources on its website for donors, advisors and ENGO's plus many helpful capacity-building tips, Give Green Canada will offer an online distance learning course on Gift Planning. For information contact Nora Layard nora@givegreencanada.ca.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA-BC) is tracking BC government cuts and requests your input. In the absence of comprehensive information from the provincial government about exactly what programs and services will be reduced or eliminated, the CCPA is documenting the cuts and their impact and is calling for repeal. Your help is needed. If a program, organization or service is being cut in your community, let us know by sending a message to cuts@policyalternatives.ca. The more information we have, the better we can raise awareness about the damage that the cuts will do, and offer an alternative plan for our province. Online newsletter at <https://app.e2ma.net/app/view:CampaignPublic/id:33676.2424874292/rid:514899ebbf9238c30c5da06e2ceda6bd>

Upcoming Events

Countdown to Copenhagen: Climate Rally & Info Night. Nov 17, 7:30–9 pm, Victoria. This is the last big climate event in Victoria before the critical global climate conference, and the Green Climate Committee is urging as big a turn-out as possible at this all-important Rally in order to send a very clear message to the Canadian government that we expect strong climate leadership for an effective international climate treaty. Presentations by Canada's foremost climate leaders, such as Elizabeth May, Dr. Andrew Weaver, Guy Dauncey, Jamie Biggar and more. 720 Douglas Street, Victoria Conference Centre Hall, doors open at 6:30 pm, presentations begin at 7:30 pm. By donation. www.bit.ly/countdowntocopenhagen

Vancity's Financial Fitness & Fundraising Workshops. Nov 18, 19 & 20 in Victoria at Burnside Gorge Community Centre; Nov 23, 24 & 24 in Surrey at the Options Surrey Community Services Society; Nov 24, 25 & 26 in Vancouver at the Roundhouse Community Centre. \$250 for all three days (2 day and 1 day rates available). Fee includes lunch and handbook. To register email info@uscoop.com or call 604-718-8292. For more information, visit http://www.uscoop.com/workshop_events_financial.

A Story with two ends. Nov 22, 23, 24, 7–9:30 pm, Victoria. Join Ian McAllister, Conservation Director of Pacific Wild, and journalist Andres Nikiforuk as they describe the beauty and complexity of BC's Great Bear Rainforest and look at how Canada's dirty oil industry threatens BC and our nation. This compelling multi-media presentation will provide an in-depth view along the pipeline and tanker route of the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project from the Alberta Tar Sands to Kitimat's pristine waters. \$5 suggested donation. Alix Goolden Theatre, 907 Pandora Ave, Victoria. More information: Celene Trojand, celene@godwoodinitiative.org or phone 250-370-9930.

MyCharityConnects presents The Five Pillars of Online Fundraising. Nov 23, 9:30 am – 11:30 am in Vancouver, Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre; Nov 25, 2:30 pm–4:30 pm in Victoria, Greater Victoria Public Library Board, Nellie McClung Branch. Join Owen Charters, Executive Director of CanadaHelps, for an engaging workshop on online fundraising fundamentals. Learn how to use your existing fundraising strategies in the online world and build a successful Web 2.0 campaign, enabling you to be a good fundraiser and an even better marketer. Cost: \$20. For the Vancouver session, register at <http://vancouverbc.eventbrite.com>. For the Victoria session, register at <http://victoriabc.eventbrite.com/>

South Okanagan–Similkameen Conservation Program (SOSCP) AGM. Nov 25, Okanagan. Would you like your winning photo on our Annual Report front cover? Do you have a winning shot that captures the uniqueness of the South Okanagan–Similkameen? If so, please submit your entry to SOSCP2@gov.bc.ca with "Photo Contest" in the subject line by November 16th. Information on the AGM at <http://www.soscp.org/>

Sneak Peak of Hollyhock's 2010 Programs now available. Register early and save. http://www.hollyhocklive.ca/show288a/Sneak_Preview_of_2010_Program. You can also support Hollyhock by shopping at their online store. Visit http://www.hollyhock.ca/cms/index.cfm?group_id=386

CRA Charities Information Webinars. Registration for the November 2009 Charities Info Webinars now open. Visit <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/chrts/cmmnctn/wbnrs/rgstr-eng.html>

CharityVillage.com Campus e-Training. Ongoing. Online courses include: Receipting Charitable Gifts in Canada; Strategic Planning; Event Planning; Getting Started in Planned Giving; Building a Great Volunteer Program; Boards that Work; Proposal Writing; Grantseeking and How Fundraising Works. Online, at your pace. Visit <http://www.charityvillage.com>

Unique Habitats, Unique Challenges. January 19–20, 2010, Richmond. Call for posters and registration has begun. The Invasive Plant Council of BC's (IPCBC) 5th Anniversary Celebration and public forum. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in thought-provoking discussions, listen to dynamic speakers during plenary sessions, check out conference displays and posters, and meet and greet others. 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 or email cklym@invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca.

LTABC's 2010 Seminar Series. March 18–20, 2010, Naramata. Voted by members as the Land Trust Alliance of BC's number 1 resource, don't miss this incredible information sharing and networking opportunity. The 2010 Seminar Series will be held at the Naramata Centre. The program is currently being finalized and full details will be broadcast soon. For more information, contact the LTABC at info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca or phone 250-538-0112.

Reading & Resources

A Snapshot of ENGO Biodiversity Activities in Canada. Wonderful biodiversity activities are happening across the country. The RCEN has collected examples from ENGOs across Canada showing their most innovative work related to the conservation, sustainable use and awareness of biodiversity. These submissions were gathered during their "Pan-Canadian Biodiversity Best Practices/Case Studies Contest". Included were submissions from the Galiano Conservancy Association (a winner who will be featured in a new RCEN handbook); Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, Streamkeepers Program; and Comox Valley Land Trust, partnered with the Comox Valley Conservation Strategy Community Partnership. http://www.cen-rce.org/IYB2010/submissions/index.html?utm_source=RCEN+E-Bulletin&utm_campaign=6691b3ea14-e_Bulletin_oct28_Eng&utm_medium=email

The Natural Step Canada: Sustainability at Home Toolkit. David Suzuki Foundation and Light House Sustainable Building Centre have created a toolkit, Sustainability at Home, to make it easier for BC residents to make daily decisions about how to live more sustainably. The toolkit, launched November 7th, offers tips to help people understand the effects of their decisions, and answers questions about the choices and tradeoffs we all make when trying to do the right thing. By taking a room by room, step by step approach, homeowners and renters alike can not only reduce their impact on climate change, they can save money and help BC lead the rest of Canada to a more sustainable future. The Real Estate Foundation supported toolkit production with a \$25,000 grant to The Natural Step Canada and by participating on the editorial committee. Link to <http://www.thenaturalstep.org/en/canada/toolkits>

GOERT reminds everyone that planting season is here. With the fall rains, it is a good time to get your native plants in the ground. It allows the roots time to get established before spring. Fall is also the time to mulch your garden. Gather up the Garry oak leaves in your neighbourhood and use them to mulch up to 15cm (6") deep. For ground preparation tips and garden designs, order your copy of The Garry Oak Gardener's Handbook. If you plan to propagate your own plants from seed or cuttings, check out our Native Plant Propagation Guidelines for information on about 75 native Garry oak plants. For information on these publications and more, visit <http://www.goert.ca/>

30th Anniversary 2010 wilderness calendars now on sale. Celebrate your love for wilderness and wildlife with the purchase of our beautiful 2010 calendars. Featuring striking images of endangered species and wild places, these calendars have been a tradition in 30,000 homes across Canada since 1980. Wilderness Store, 651 Johnson Street, Victoria; or on-line at <http://www.wcwc victoria.org/store>

Wetland Ways – Interim guidelines for wetland protection and conservation in BC. This document is written primarily for people who are planning some form of activity or development near wetlands, as well as those looking for guidance on ways to best maintain the high ecological values in these areas. http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/bmp/wetlandways2009/wetlandways_docintro.html

Salvage logging of dead pine creating large openings in central BC. A new study says government needs to ensure areas are set aside for biodiversity and wildlife before salvage logging of mountain pine beetle timber clears the forests close to roads and communities in the central interior. <http://www.fpb.gov.bc.ca/content.aspx?id=4940>

Instant Expert – The Copenhagen climate change summit. It's being billed as the meeting that will determine the future of humanity. Come early December, we will be inundated with news from the Copenhagen summit. Can it really save us from climate catastrophe? Catherine Brahic and Fred Pearce sift through the mass of science and policy to pick out the key points to watch. <http://www.newscientist.com/special/copenhagen-climate-change-summit?DCMP=NLC-nletter&nsref=instantexpert>

Forest tree genetic conservation status report 1. In situ conservation status of all indigenous BC species. In this document the BC government evaluates how well BC's protected areas meet the goal of conserving genetic diversity of all indigenous tree species in all major biogeoclimatic units in which they occur. <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/pubs/Docs/Tr/Tr053.htm>

Considerations for Forest and range stewardship under BC's Forest and Range Practices Act. Monitoring and effectiveness evaluations are foundational elements of the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) and crucial to its success over time. http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/hfp/external/!publish/frep/reports/CFReport_20091019.pdf

Rare BC abalone easy pickings for poachers. Northern abalone can spend their entire lives within a pond-sized patch of BC coastline. <http://www.timescolonist.com/health/Rare+abalone+easy+pickings+unscrupulous+poachers/2165126/story.html>

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E- the environmental magazine. Now in its 10th year, 'E' is a bimonthly collection of information, news and resources for people concerned about the environment and who want to know "What can I do?" to make a difference. A 13-time Independent Press Awards winner and nominee, E is chock full of everything environmental – from recycling to rainforests. For a free trial issue or to subscribe, visit <http://www.emagazine.com/>

Is it too late? A video interview with Bill Moyers. Renowned journalist Bill Moyers talks to Grist about what it takes to change direction in America, whether it's too late to act on climate, and what he thinks of climate skeptics. <http://www.grist.org/article/2009-10-07-a-video-interview-with-bill-moyers>

A blueprint for restoring the world's oceans to health. In her long career as an oceanographer, Sylvia Earle has witnessed the damage that humanity has done to the Earth's oceans. In an interview with Yale Environment 360, she says there's still time to pull the seas back from the brink. <http://www.e360.yale.edu/content/feature.msp?id=2194>

Marine plant life holds the secret to preventing global warming. Life in the ocean has the potential to help to prevent global warming, a new report concludes. <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/science/earth-environment/article6873403.ece>

The chemical treadmill breaks down and the superweeds did it. Tom Philpott has been tracking the rise of so-called "superweeds"—i.e. herbicide-resistant weeds—for a while now. <http://www.grist.org/article/the-chemical-treadmill-breaks-down-and-the-superweeds-did-it/>

Conservation targets too low to save at-risk species. Conservation biologists may be deluding themselves. An analysis of the minimum number of individuals needed for a species to survive in the long term has found that current conservation practices underestimate the risk of extinction by not fully allowing for the dangers posed by the loss of genetic diversity. <http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn17974-conservation-targets-too-low-to-save-at-risk-species.html?DCMP=NLCnletter&nsref=dn17974>

Not all salmon are created equal: Life cycle assessment of global salmon farming systems. The research outcomes are intended to inform the following: the optimization of supply chain environmental performance by salmon feed producers and salmon farming companies; environmental policy and regulation for the salmon farming industry; eco-labelling and consumer awareness campaigns promoting sustainable seafood production and consumption; and consumers of salmon products. <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/full/10.1021/es9010114>.

Nutrient linkages between freshwater and marine ecosystem. Uptake of salmon-derived nutrients in estuaries. MSc Thesis, University of Victoria. <https://dspace.library.uvic.ca:8443//handle/1828/1231> (download at bottom of page)

Impact of advocacy campaigns with MP's. Ever wonder what impact advocacy campaigns are having on Canadian MPs? Do they prefer hand-written letters over emails? Has a Facebook group ever changed their mind on an issue? Do they Twitter? Until the e-politics project, answers to these questions have been strictly anecdotal. <http://e-politics.ca/>

Job Opportunity

Program Coordinator – The Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program (OCCP). January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Salary: \$35/hour for approximately 20 hours per week. The Coordinator will be retained as an independent contractor by the Allan Brooks Nature Centre (on behalf of the OCCP Steering Committee). The Program Coordinator will implement the day-to-day business of the Partnership, as described by the Strategic Plan, Annual Work Plan, policies and goals of the OCCP. The coordinator will liaise between members, working to improve communication, organize information and resources for members, and collaborate with other contractors and volunteers to deliver on commitments and services for the community; assist and support the Action Teams and Steering Committee, promote, coordinate and monitor implementation of the program, and maintain the integrity of the program. **Application deadline: November 30, 4:30 pm.** Submit resume and cover letter to: OCCP Coordinator Recruitment, c/o Lisa Tedesco, Ministry of Environment, 4607 23rd Street, Vernon, BC V1T 4K7, Phone: (250) 260-3030 Fax: (250) 549-5488, email Lisa.M.Tedesco@gov.bc.ca

Funding Deadlines

The Ivey Foundation 2010 – Conserving Canada's Forests Program. The primary program goals are to increase the amount of protected forest ecosystem in Canada and to expand the adoption of sustainable forest practices. The Foundation's three areas of interest are: Policy and Law, Markets and Applied Science. The application process is twofold: A Letter of Inquiry must be submitted and upon acceptance of the LOI, a full proposal will be due. Letters of Inquiry deadline for the Winter 2010 application is December 11, 2009. The proposal deadline will be January 22, 2010. Full details at <http://www.ivey.org/programs/ccforests.html>

TD Friends of the Environment. Deadline is a minimum of three months prior to start date of project. Many TD FEF Boards do not meet during July, August & December. Eligibility criteria and application at <http://www.fef.td.com/funding.jsp>

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If you have conservation news or events to submit for an upcoming Enews, email us at info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca

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