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LTABC MOVES

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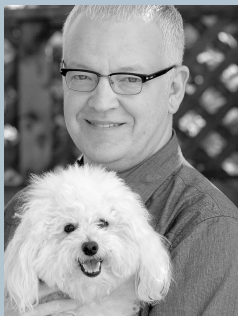
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E-news June 2010

Greetings!

Welcome to the June 2010 edition of the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia's E-news. With a new office location comes a new look for E-news. We hope you enjoy this months' update. Watch for the Summer edition of The Kingfisher coming later this month!

NEWS

Success! Gwaii Haanas NMCA approved by Parliament.

By unanimous vote of the House of Commons and Senate Committees, the proposal has been approved!

This magical 3500 square kilometer seascape surrounding Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve will now conserve, for the first time ever in the world, a spectacular wilderness that extends from the mountain tops of Gwaii Haanas National Park to the deepest seabed of the surrounding National Marine Conservation Area.

Parks Canada has identified the waters around Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site as a potential national marine conservation area reserve. This is one of a number of marine environments across Canada selected to be part of a network of national marine conservation areas.

For the Haida, the marine and terrestrial environments are inseparable, and in the marine wilderness known as Gwaii Haanas, it's clear why this is the case. The boundary between earth and ocean exists only on a map and the cycle of life in the diverse marine ecosystems of Gwaii Haanas encircles land and sea.

LTABC welcomes Paul McNair as new Executive Director while Cassie Holcomb joins LTABC as its new Office Manager. Sheila Harrington assumes the new role of Program Director.



Born in Halifax McNair holds a Bachelor of Public Relations and a Master of Arts in Philanthropy and Development through St. Mary's University of Minnesota. His thirty year career with nonprofits has included work with heritage, health charities, educational facilities and the arts. Most recently he served as CEO of the Parkinson Society Maritime Region and as National Associate Director, Events for Parkinson Society Canada. He has received the Association of Fundraising Professionals Outstanding Fundraiser of the Year Award and his special events have won awards at both the provincial and national levels.

Last summer he relocated back to Victoria with his partner where they live in the heritage development, Dragon Alley.

Cassie has been working in the non-profit sector for the past three years including time with both

Once the National Marine Conservation Area Reserve is established, nearly five thousand kilometres of Gwaii Haanas will be protected. This will be one of the only places in the world where a representative area is protected from mountain top to the great ocean depths.

For the full story, please visit <http://cpaws.org/news/archive/2010/06/parliamentary-breakthrough-for.php>

TAKE ACTION - Show your Support for the proposed **Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area** from the Environmental NGO community. Visit www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca for the background document and sample letter of support.

Columbia Basin Trust Announces Support to 51 Environmental Projects - Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) has awarded \$658,000 to support 51 community-based environmental projects across the Basin through its Environmental Initiatives Program (EIP). To see what made the list, please visit <http://www.cbt.org/uploads/pdf/EIP-BACKGROUND.pdf>.

Giant Hogweed: A Big, Scary, Alien on the Move - BC has a growing network of "Giant Hogweed spotters" coordinated by the Invasive Plant Council of BC and supported by regional invasive plant councils and committees across the province. Giant Hogweed is a larger than life invasive plant that can produce 100,000 winged seeds, crowding out native plants and dominating moist areas. Individuals can report an invasive species in BC by calling toll free 1-888-WEEDSBC. Visit www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca to learn how to identify giant hogweed and to get involved with an invasive plant committee near you.

The Land Conservancy - What's your reason for protecting BC's special places? TLC knows there are a million reasons to become a Member and care about BC's special places. Now they want to know YOUR reason. For more information, or to enter the "Million Reasons Contest", go to <http://blog.conservancy.bc.ca/get-involved-with-tlc/campaigns/million-reasons-membership-campaign/million-reasons-contest/>.

Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement - Environmental groups surprised many people recently by joining with the logging industry to unveil the largest forest conservation agreement in history. The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement covers more than 72 million hectares of northern wilderness stretching from British Columbia to Newfoundland and Labrador. Under the agreement, 21 forestry companies, all members of the Forest Products Association of Canada, will halt logging on 29 million hectares of wildlife habitat while plans for new protected areas and caribou conservation are developed. This habitat is critical to the survival of woodland caribou and other endangered species. To get the full story, please visit http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/life/sci_tech/science-matters-canadas-aboriginal-people-are-the-key-to-boreal-agreements-success--94925329.html

The Land Conservancy (TLC) and the BC Sustainable Energy Association. At both organizations, she specialized in communications and membership development.

Before working with the non-profit sector, Cassie worked at the Centre of the Universe in Victoria providing astronomy programming for kids of all ages. She attended UVIC and has a background in biology with a focus in entomology.

SURVEY SAYS

Does a new **WWF-Canada survey** really reveal Canadians are more likely to give up junk food, sex and coffee before their cars? You be the judge at <http://www.wwf.ca/newsroom/?7280>

SUMMER SPECIAL

SAVE 25%

Until August 31, 2010 mention you received this Enews and you will receive a 25% discount on LTABC's magnificent publication

ISLANDS IN THE SALISH SEA.

Events

Good Neighbours at Island View Beach, Victoria - Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) has partnered with the Tsawout First Nation and CRD Parks, to engage landowners and park visitors in the stewardship of sensitive natural areas at Island View Beach including endangered sand dunes and marsh. This summer HAT will provide over forty free and confidential property assessments for landowners in the neighbourhoods along Island View Beach. They will also be hosting some great family activities including Eelgrass mapping with Nikki Wright (SeaChange) with intertidal touch tank on July 11, Birding at Low Tide (featuring the ScallyWags Dog Agility Training Group performance) on July 25th and Super Dog Day (featuring Wonder Dogs training company show) on August 14. To book your property assessment or for more information on this summer's events, please contact Todd Carnahan at 250-995-2428 or todd@hat.bc.ca.

Conservation Connection - Friday, Sep 17, 2010 HAT's annual forum convenes the conservation community of researchers, managers, educators, business, and government for a fully-catered professional development day of networking, workshops, and collaboration. Highlights from our forum in 2009 included Naomi Klein's fundraising workshop and a fine organic lunch on the patio at Royal Roads. Stay tuned for details including pre-registration, speakers, workshops, and venue at <http://conservationconnection.bc.ca/>

Join the **Coastal Invasive Plant Committee** for their 5th ANNUAL FORUM, AGM & FIELD TOUR "Hitting the Ground" on June 23rd, 2010. For more information, please go to <http://www.coastalinvasiveplants.com>

Celebrity farmers, chefs, and artists are coming together for a stimulating program series at **Foxglove Farm's 'Centre for Arts, Ecology and Agriculture'** this June. Workshops topics include the "New Organic Grower" and "The Art of Wild Crafting". For dates and availability, see <http://www.foxglovefarmbc.ca/>.

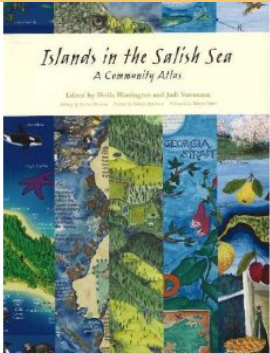
The **Ministry of Forests and Range, in partnership with the Invasive Plant Council of BC and the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee**, is offering a one-day workshop, designed to provide participants with key identifying characteristics of local invasive plant species, as well as an overview of the IAPP database and mapping application. The workshop includes a considerable hands-on component that delivers practical experience in the use of the application - from gathering data in the field to entering this data, running extracts and reports and displaying information, both in the Data Entry and the Map Display modules. For more information or to book your spot, please contact Melissa Noel, Regional Weed Committee Coordinator with the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee at 250.857.2472 or info@coastalinvasiveplants.com Each workshop can only accommodate 10 - 20 people, so space is extremely limited! Reserve your spot now!

August 24-25 - the **Columbia Mountains Institute** is offering a course in Revelstoke to introduce users to R software so they can begin to perform statistical analysis and plot graphs on their own. For this and other upcoming courses/conferences including Statistics For Biologists, Ecological Approaches To Invasive Plant Management, Soil Bioengineering, Public Participation Skills

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250-477-4766.

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For Natural Resource Managers and Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management contact CMI at www.cmiae.org or phone 250 837-9311.

"Gift Planning - All in a Day" - Tuesday, June 29, 2010 Inn at Laurel Point, 680 Montreal Street, Victoria. Thanks to the support of the Vancity Community Foundation and the Victoria Foundation - a special cost of \$125.00 per person is being offered to you - as a member, staff or volunteer of a charitable organization. 8:00 A.M. - 5:15 P.M. Includes Lunch and Refreshment Breaks and All course materials, For more information please visit:

<http://www.cagp-acpdp.org/en/education/allinaday.aspx> Call Sharyon Smith at 613-232-7991 extension 2 or email education@cagp-acpdp.org

Sept 11-12 - **ClearSky Meditation Centre** offers a course on Grassland Reclamation for more info: www.clearskycentre.org 250-429-3929

CANADIAN LAND TRUST ALLIANCE CONFERENCE - September 29 to October 2 Banff, Alberta. Please check www.clta.ca

Funding

Vancouver Foundation- Grants and Community Initiatives Program: Environment supports a broad range of environmental projects. Letters of intent are due by July 23, and if the letter is accepted, grant applications are due September 15, 2010. For the goals and more information, please visit <http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/grants/environment.htm>

MEC Community Contributions- Application deadline is September 10, 2010 for applications for Land Acquisition, Capacity Building, Research, Advocacy and Education, and Access. Urban Sustainability and Grassroots Product Donations are accepted anytime. For more information, please visit http://www.mec.ca/Main/content_text.jsp?FOLDER%3C%3Efolder_id=1408474396038943&FOLDER%3C%3EbrowsePath=1408474396038943&bmUID=1203699307979

Pacific Pilsner and Pureiän Springs Create \$20,000 "BC Waters Clean" Up Challenge Community groups or individuals are invited to apply for funding by sharing their story and clean-up plan. Established in 1957 in Prince George, BC, on a fresh water spring, Pacific Western Brewing Co. is Western Canada's largest and longest established independent, Canadian-owned brewery. Pacific Western Brewery is committed to brewing consistently high quality beers, responsibly stewarding our shared resources and environment, and participating in programs and initiatives that benefit our local community and province. For more information or to download an application form, visit www.pacificpilsner.com or www.pureian.com

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