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Land Trust Alliance of BC Newsletter



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LandFact:

Did you know that 7% of the world's renewable freshwater is from Canada's rivers and lakes? Thanks to our many member organizations who work to protect vital river and lake systems throughout BC.



Funding Deadlines:

Public Conservation Assistance Fund
Due to the low number of submissions this year, the PCAF Committee is calling for a second round of PCAF applications for fish and wildlife conservation projects. Submit your application by August 31, 2010. For further details, click [here](#).

Mountain Equipment Co-op Grants



Hi LTABC Supporter,

We're always excited to connect with our members and supporters. It's great to hear about your successes and your ideas for LTABC. This month, we want you to tell us how we could improve our website. Please take a moment to fill in our [website survey](#) now.



Also, we are looking for great story ideas for the November Issue of *The Kingfisher* and proposals for workshops to be presented at our Annual Seminar Series this coming March at Cowichan Lake. If you have a story or workshop idea, please email us at info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca.

Paul McNair
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Conservation News

Fairy Fen on Bowen Island is now protected as the Islands Trust Fund newest nature reserve - The province of BC recently transferred the 18 hectare parcel of land to ITF through the provincial Free Crown Grant program. The new nature reserve protects a rare wetland ecosystem and undisturbed forested area. ITF and the Bowen Island Conservancy will consult the Bowen community about the area use including discussions regarding boardwalks and viewing platforms. Read more [here](#).



First Group of Western Forest Products Land transferred to CRD - The Capital Regional District (CRD), The Land Conservancy of BC (TLC) and the Province of British Columbia are pleased to announce the

Applications due September 10, 2010. To learn more about MEC Community Contributions, visit the [MEC website](#).

Bullitt Foundation - The Foundation now concentrates on innovative sustainable development issues including ecosystem services and planning, and civic engagement. Letters of inquiries received on or before September 15 will be considered for the November 1 proposal deadline. Consult the <http://bullitt.org/> for details.



first group of Western Forest Products lands have been purchased by the CRD. 2,350 hectares of land are being purchased for a total cost of \$18.8 million, which will be paid in installments over three years. In the first installment, \$3.2 million will go towards watershed lands paid for in full by CRD Integrated Water Services. The balance will be paid through a 65-35% cost sharing agreement, with CRD Regional

Parks contributing \$4 million through its Land Acquisition Fund and its partners contributing the balance, including \$2 million from the provincial government and \$250,000 from TLC. For more info, visit [here](#).

Congratulations to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's Stewards in Training program - they have won this year's Award of Recognition from the British Columbia School Superintendents Association. The program offers a hands-on ecological immersion experience to as many as 700 elementary and middle school children every year. Get the full story [here](#).

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is providing \$160,000 to support ecosystem restoration efforts in the Columbia Basin - With partners The Nature Trust of BC (TNT), The Land Conservancy (TLC) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), three separate projects will restore plant and wildlife habitat on more than 170 hectares of Basin land. Get the full story [here](#).

Draft Pacific Aquaculture Regulations Public Comment Period - In December the federal government takes over regulation of ocean based salmon farming from the province. Fisheries and Oceans Canada has drafted the new Pacific Aquaculture Regulations and sadly they fall short of providing any meaningful protection for wild salmon or the marine environment. Learn more about the problems with the proposed regulations and how to submit your comments by the September 8th deadline at the Georgia Strait [website](#).

BC Nature (Federation of BC Naturalists) has contributed \$70,000 towards TLC's Wild Hills and Beaches Campaign, to help purchase lands in the Jordan River, Sandcut Beach, and Sooke Hills area on Vancouver Island. The donation comes from a bequest to BC Nature from Lillian May Hayden. As specified in her will, the money is to be used for acquisition of land for nature on southern Vancouver Island. Hayden's love was hiking and the outdoors which makes TLC's Wild Hills and Beaches Campaign the perfect fit. Read the full story [here](#).

Call for Nominations - The Real Estate Foundation is proud to present the 2010 Land Awards to recognize initiatives which demonstrate leadership, innovation, and collaboration related to the sustainable use and conservation of land in British Columbia. The awards will highlight dynamic, forward-thinking people and organizations - leaders in creating sustainable communities and making BC a better place to live. Please submit your nomination by September 15, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

Nanaimo's Linley Valley is one of four tracts of coastal Douglas fir ecosystem on Vancouver Island now under a new land use order that will protect them from development. Pat Bell, minister responsible for the Integrated Land Management Bureau, made the announcement. In total, 1,598 hectares of the globally recognized high-priority ecosystem will enjoy increased protection after months of public consultation. Get the full story [here](#).

The Pacific Salmon Foundation and the Fraser Basin Council recently released their roster of 37 projects that are receiving more than \$1.8 million through their collaborative Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program

(FSWP). The source of funds is the provincial Living Rivers Trust Fund and the federal Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Fraser Basin Initiative. In its fifth year of operations, FSWP aims to enable communities to steward their water and salmon resources by building collaboration, fostering leadership and increasing engagement. Read more [here](#).

Information on the HST - Eligible registered charities and qualifying non-profit organizations will be able to claim a 50% rebate of the 5% federal portion of the HST (which replaces the GST in BC) and a 57% rebate of the 7% provincial portion of the HST. Learn more about rebates [here](#).

Society Guide for British Columbia - Produced by the Law Foundation of British Columbia, and written primarily for small non-profit societies who offer benefits and/or services to the public, this guide provides step-by-step procedures for incorporating a Society in British Columbia and maintaining financial records. Find it on Community Legal Assistance Society's [website](#).

Upcoming Events

Introduction to Non-Profit Management Course - Developed by the BC Centre for Non-profit development, the course consists of 10 modules including the following topics: leading and managing, financial management, marketing and public relations, board governance, strategic planning, evaluation and resource development. The Centre has funding for up to 12 agreements with post secondary institutions across the province for the delivery of the course. Each agreement includes a limited number of funded seats that are awarded to staff and volunteers in non-profit organizations. For further course information and how to enroll, click [here](#).

Urban Nature Team Challenge, Saturday, August 28 1 – 5 pm at Burnaby Lake Regional Park. Be amazed by earth's spectacular variety of life while competing for great prizes. In teams of two to six, complete brain teasing, exploratory and adventure check points on a two hour trek through trails, forest and marsh. Bonus points for arrival by bike or transit. Draw prizes for teams completing all check points. This event is free and registration is not required. Bring your camera, phone, water and snacks, and be ready to get dirty. Click [here](#) for more information.

Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust is presenting its 5th annual "A Day at the Farm" community event which will give communities throughout the Lower Mainland the opportunity to reconnect with the land that feeds them. The event will be held on September 11th and hosted by Westham Island Herb Farm and Ellis Farm. DF&WT feels that by raising awareness about the nature and importance of agriculture, the greater community will be more inclined to support local agriculture and the non-market environmental service that it provides. For more details, visit [here](#).

Growing Tree Crops for Home & Market - Join orchardists Harry Burton, Bob Duncan, and Michael Ableman August 31 – September 3 to learn about site selection, fruit varieties, orchard establishment, soil fertility, grafting, pruning, pest and disease control, harvest, post harvest, and marketing of fruit. To register or for information on all Fox Glove Farm program, visit www.foxglovefarmbc.ca or call 250-388-6800.

Applications are now being accepted for Next Up: A Leadership Program for Young People Committed to Social and Environmental Justice. This is an amazing, intensive and transformative program for young social change activists between the ages of 18 and 32. In each province, 13 young people will be selected. Participants will develop life-long relationships, explore different leadership styles, meet some of the province's leading change-makers, learn new leadership and organizing skills, and be exposed to current and topical social justice issues and progressive governance.

The application deadline for Next Up BC is Sunday Sept 12. To apply to get more info, visit [here](#).

The 10th annual Conservation Connection forum in Victoria, BC brings together organizations working on environmental issues in our region to build partnerships and capacity. This full day forum is organized by Habitat Acquisition Trust and sponsored by Royal Roads University and Vancity. There will be mix of topical, facilitated discussions, and capacity-building workshops. Sessions on fundraising and planned giving, land use planning on First Nations land, linking academic research with conservation initiatives and "big picture" politics will be offered. For more info or to register, click [here](#).



Looking for the perfect volunteering opportunity? If you are in Vancouver, come to the Roundhouse on September 23rd at 7pm for the 3rd annual Timeraiser. It works like a silent auction – the difference is you pledge how many hours you want to give to the featured charities. For more information or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

World River's Day is September 26th - It's a celebration of the world's waterways that includes events all over the world ranging from stream enhancement projects, educational outings and riverside celebration. Visit their [website](#) to find an event in your area.

CLTA Annual Conference - Registration for the CLTA annual conference held in Banff Sept 29th to Oct 1st, 2010 is now available. The conference promises three days of learning, field trips and social events amongst some of the world's best scenery. Register now at <http://www.clta.ca/en/events/>.

Job Opportunities

Looking for a "Green" Job or a place to post your "Green" Job announcement? Head to GoodWork Canada. With "pay what you can" pricing, this is a great place to post any upcoming positions in your organization or to browse opportunities. Visit them [here](#).

Stewardship Officer, TLC - The Land Conservancy, Penticton - The Stewardship Officer will work as an employee of TLC, within the Okanagan Region of BC to ensure the effective delivery of TLC's SOS Stewardship Program and will assist with TLC activities and administration. The Stewardship Officer will work with TLC's Okanagan Stewardship staff, landowners, and partners in the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program (SOSCP) to strategically plan, administer and implement landowner contact and stewardship through the SOS Stewardship Program. For more info, visit [here](#).

Administrative Assistant, Georgia Strait Alliance, Nanaimo - The Georgia Strait Alliance is a solutions-focused non-profit organization working to promote awareness of the importance of the Georgia Strait marine environment and ways to protect it. We require an Administrative Assistant to join our team working out of our Nanaimo office. The ideal candidate will have experience in a non-profit environment, enjoy being in a key support role working on a wide variety of tasks in a dynamic environment, be detail oriented, and able to work independently as well as part of a regionally based team. To learn more, click [here](#).

Farm Manager, Foxglove Farm and The Centre For Arts, Ecology, and Agriculture Location, Salt Spring Island - Farm Manager needed for 2011 season for 120 acre mixed fruit, vegetable, and grain farm on Salt Spring Island, BC. Click [here](#) if you are interested in this job.

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