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## Land Trust Alliance of BC Newsletter



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## LTABC News

**The Kingfisher – Volume 22, Winter Spring 2010-11 will be released by late November – in time for Christmas!**

Deadline for articles and event listings or ads is October 18th. Spread the good word about your conservation work and events, or

your green products and services. All LTABC members receive a 15% discount off advertising rates with Land Trust members receiving a 30% discount. Ads to be sent to [info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca) and articles to be sent to [sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca).



### Seminar Series 2011 – Call for Proposals is now open!

Please send in a one page description of your seminar / workshop / site tour idea by November 20th. Please include your name, email, phone, and any other suggestions to make this Seminar Series the best ever! Suggestions for Plenary speakers are also welcome. Contact [sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:sheila@landtrustalliance.bc.ca).

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**October 2010**

Hi,

Happy fall!

LTABC is pleased to welcome 4 new members - [Southern Interior Bluebird Trail Society](#), Land Sense Ltd, [Clear Sky Meditation and Study Foundation](#), and [Living Forest Communities](#). A big welcome to our new members and a big thank you to all members for creating such a strong network to protect and restore BC's unique landscape!

The deadline for articles, event listings and submissions for the next *Kingfisher* is fast approaching - see the sidebar! Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or comments by calling 250-477-4766 or emailing [info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca](mailto:info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca).



Sincerely,  
Cassie Holcomb  
Office Manager

### Conservation News

**The Islands Trust Fund** invites applications from Islands Trust Area residents and landowners interested in sitting as members on **Regional Conservation Plan Advisory Panels**. For more information, please visit them online at <http://www.islandtrustfund.bc.ca/rcp2011-2015.cfm> and [http://www.islandtrustfund.bc.ca/news/pdf/itfn\\_ewsoc132010.pdf](http://www.islandtrustfund.bc.ca/news/pdf/itfn_ewsoc132010.pdf).



**The Species at Risk Task Force will provide recommendations to the BC government to help it update its vision for the conservation of species and ecosystems** at risk and ensure British Columbia remains a leader in environmental sustainability. It is currently accepting submissions until November 15 on defining vision, principles and outcomes including: Where should our conservation efforts be focused? What principles should guide future development of a species at risk program in B.C.? What are the measurable outcomes that best address the fundamental threats to biodiversity in B.C. and help us achieve our vision? For more information, or to submit your comments, click [here](#).

**Through the Wild and Blue School Youth Project program,**

## LandFact Did you know...



...94% of the land in BC is Provincial Crown land, 1% is Federal Crown land and 5% is privately owned.

### Funding Deadlines

**Wildlife Habitat Canada, November 1** - WHC offers grants supporting habitat conservation, restoration and enhancement of wetlands and waterfowl habitat.

**EcoAction Community Funding Program, November 1** - Environment Canada program encouraging action focused projects that will protect, rehabilitate or enhance the natural environment and address either clear air, clean water, climate change or improving natural habitat.

**HCTF Enhancement Projects, November 2** - The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation supports projects that focus on freshwater fish, native wildlife species and their habitats; have the potential to achieve a significant conservation outcome; and maintain or enhance opportunities for fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing and associated outdoor recreational activities.

**Canadian Wildlife Federation is inspiring and supporting creative and critical hands-on learning through wildlife habitat projects**, like plantings focusing on native species. Educators can apply to certify a wide range of projects, like developing butterfly gardens, shelterbelts or duck nesting boxes. Educators, if you're looking for hands-on opportunities for students to actively participate in wildlife conservation, then a habitat project is for you. Find out more [here](#).



**The Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team (GOERT) announced a four year contribution agreement with Parks Canada Agency** at their October Annual General Meeting. This agreement provides a total of \$852,500 over four years to support the charitable society's work to protect and restore habitat for species at risk. Get the full story [here](#).

**Land swap expands BC's parkland** - The B.C. government has acquired about 15 per cent of Denman Island for preservation in a land swap involving a private landowner and a German carbon trading company. Get the full story [here](#).

**New WWF Report shows Living Planet index has decreased 30% in past 40 years** - World Wildlife Federation recently released their Living Planet Report for 2010. This report is the world's leading, science-based analysis on the health of our only planet and the impact of human activity. The results of the report are shocking and provide a clear case for preserving the long-term health of our Earth. For more information or to read the report, click [here](#).

**Grasslands in British Columbia: a Primer for Local Governments is a new publication and companion to the Green Bylaws Toolkit** - The Primer discusses the ecosystem services provided by grasslands, summarizes the status and trends of grassland ecosystems in BC, and describes some of the legislation being used in different parts of BC to protect grasslands. Download this document [here](#).

**Surveying the Bequest & Legacy Landscape** - opportunity to participate in an international bequest and legacy survey (and have a chance to win an iPad) Give Green Canada (a project at Tides Canada Initiatives) and CharityVillage® have launched an international survey to explore the current landscape of legacies and bequests. If you work in the nonprofit sector, and you are an executive director/CEO, development or advancement director, fundraising and marketing director, gift planner and/or an estate administrator, then you are invited to participate. Trust officers at financial institutions are also very welcome to take the [survey](#).

**Harmonized Sales Tax for Ontario and British Columbia – Questions and Answers for Public Service Bodies** can be

**Environment Canada: Habitat Stewardship Program, November 15 -**

The Habitat Stewardship Program allocates funds to projects that conserve and protect species at risk and their habitats and help to preserve biodiversity. Promoting the participation of local communities to help with the recovery of species at risk and prevent other species from becoming a conservation concern.

**North American Wetlands Conservation Act Proposals, November 22 -**

NAWCA encourages partnerships to protect North America's wetlands as habitat for waterfowl and other wetland-associated migratory birds, fish and wildlife. It should be noted that the proposals must involve multiple partnerships and support the purposes of the Act. Projects must be coordinated through Tasha Sargent [tasha.sargent@ec.gc.ca](mailto:tasha.sargent@ec.gc.ca), Coordinator, Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture and Pacific Coast Joint Venture.

**Interdepartmental Recovery Fund, November 22 -** To provide funding for implementing recovery activities and conducting surveys on species at risk that occur on federal lands or under federal jurisdiction. The program fosters partnerships among federal organizations and other organizations interested in the recovery of species at risk.

**Environment Canada:**

found [here](#).

**TLC Works Behind the Scenes to Help Secure Malamute -** As

a popular climbing destination and valuable falcon nesting bluff, the Malamute was recently protected and added to the Stawamus Chief Provincial Park. It was a multi-level initiative which involved the Province of BC, the District of Squamish, several First Nations, various climbing associations, and the landowner, Malamute Holdings Ltd. From the beginning TLC played a vital role in the land acquisition as the mediator. Read more [here](#).



**An innovative new initiative aims to better protect a stretch of the Fraser River, one of the most productive stretches of river anywhere in the world -**

The growing pressures of urbanization, agricultural expansion, resource extraction, and land development are rapidly claiming the remains of this once extensive ecosystem. To counter this, a number of organizations such as the Nature Trust of British Columbia, the North Growth Foundation, the Rivers Institute at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), the Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council, and the BCIT Fish and Wildlife Program are leading an initiative to bring together political, corporate, and public interests to restore and protect what's left of these aquatic habitats and landscapes for future generations. Read more [here](#).

**Two key resolutions initiated by the Islands Trust to protect the marine environment were endorsed at the annual convention on September 30 attended by more than 1000 representatives of local government throughout BC. The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) endorsed both a resolution to deal with derelict vessels and another supporting a National Marine Conservation Area over the southern Strait of Georgia. Read the announcement [here](#).**

**Moorecraft Camp might have found salvation from development -** The Regional District of Nanaimo has agreed to partner with the Nature Trust of British Columbia in a potential bid for the Nanoose camp. If successful, the 34-hectare oceanfront property, now owned by the United Church of Canada, will be preserved as a regional park. Find out more [here](#).

**The Cowichan Land Trust seeks Valley residents with "naturescaped" properties who want to be part of a "native garden tour." Call 250-746-0227.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk, November 29**

- For the recovery of species at risk on Aboriginal lands, supporting species recovery planning, habitat protection, and conservation and capacity-building-initiatives by Aboriginal people.

**Howe Sound Islands Ecosystem Mapping with Islands Trust Fund**

- Join Kate Emmings of the Islands Trust Fund as she introduces draft ecosystem mapping of the Gambier Local Trust Area (including Anvil, Keats, Passage, Bowyer, etc). Stop by to learn about the world of ecosystem mapping and to comment on the content of the new maps. For dates and locations, click [here](#).

**The Economics of Private Land Conservation – October 27th East Kootenay Conservation Program Workshop and AGM.**

Topics include carbon credits, tax incentives, government initiatives and ecological goods and services, all of which can be important in providing financial benefits to landowners for keeping land for conservation. This workshop is free thanks to support from the Real Estate Foundation of BC, the Columbia Basin Trust and BC Ministry of Environment. Pre-registration is required by contacting [cranbrookCE@cotr.bc.ca](mailto:cranbrookCE@cotr.bc.ca) and further information can be found [here](#).

**Coastal Invasive Plant Committee Sunshine Coast Stakeholders Meeting, October 28th.**

The objectives of this meeting are to: increase awareness of invasive plant issues and coordinated management approaches along the Sunshine Coast, share information about invasive plant activities already occurring in region, discuss areas for improvement and identify the level of interest in joining with or forming a regional invasive plant committee. For more information or to RSVP contact Melissa Noel at: [info@coastalinvasiveplants.com](mailto:info@coastalinvasiveplants.com).

**Fundraising- Get Over The Fear** - Are you an "accidental fundraiser for a charity or community organization?" If you find yourself in that role with little training or experience, this interactive workshop is for you. Learn how to raise more money and enjoy yourself in the process. Learn how you and your organization can fundraise more effectively, to further your mission. Presented by Lorna Visser in Castlegar on **October 29** and Nakusp **November 6**. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

**Vancouver Maritime Museum Vanier Park, StewardshipWorks! Funding for Success November 3 11:30 am to 4 pm** For the past three years, Stewardship Works!, through the Stewardship Centre for BC, has pilot-tested a core funding and capacity-building model based on feedback from front-line organizations. Join us and other key BC organizations that are involved in supporting stewardship to celebrate the successes of the Stewardship Works! program and to help set the course for increasing the capacities of the broader stewardship community. We want to hear your ideas for the next phase of Stewardship Works! Please RSVP by October 20 to Naomi Tabata at [naomi@stewardshipcentre.bc.ca](mailto:naomi@stewardshipcentre.bc.ca) or 250-204-4773.

**Celebrate 20 years of protecting the Strait with the Georgia**

**Straight Alliance, November 6** at The University Club of Victoria (University of Victoria campus). This cocktail party will feature great drinks and appetizers, a live jazz trio, along with a fun silent auction and raffle. For more information, or to RSVP, click [here](#).

**Ducks Unlimited Annual Penticton Fundraiser, November 13.** Dinner, auction and raffle to help raise funds for the preservation and maintenance of South Okanagan wetlands. Penticton Golf & Country Club. For tickets contact 250-495-4434.

**“Fostering Sustainable Behaviour,” with renowned speaker, Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr, November 16 and 17.** This valuable workshop will be held in Richmond. This workshop will provide participants with a comprehensive introduction to community-based social marketing and how it is being applied to foster sustainable behaviour, as related to invasive species awareness, inventory, and management. This training will provide participants with the tools and knowledge to apply community-based social marketing to local programs. For more information please contact Gail Lucier at 250-392-1400 or [g lucier@fraserbasin.bc.ca](mailto:g lucier@fraserbasin.bc.ca).

**The Helping the Helper series, presented by Coast Capital Savings and the Centre for Non Profit Management**, provides top notch affordable training to non profit managers and board members. This series of workshops is designed to provide leaders in the non profit sector with the skills and knowledge they need to be more successful. The training is relevant, timely and affordable. Workshops will be offered in Victoria, Nanaimo, Burnaby and Langley from March to November 2010. For upcoming session, please click [here](#).

## Job Opportunities

**Pacific Carbon Trust** is looking for a Managing Director of Finance and Operations. The full posting can be viewed [here](#).

**Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada** is seeking experts from both the public and private sectors to produce a status report. COSEWIC status reports summarize the scientific, community and Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) that is the basis for status determinations. Each report is an up-to-date compilation and analysis of all available biological information concerning a wildlife species' status in Canada, including its distribution, abundance, habitat availability, and factors or threats limiting the wildlife species. For more information, click [here](#).

**The Stewardship Centre of BC** is seeking proposals for a Coordinator. SCBC is issuing a seven month contract with good potential for renewal for a skilled, collaborative individual to fill the position of the SCBC Coordinator. The Coordinator will

coordinate the operations and activities of the organization, providing oversight for the administration, governance and performance obligations of the organization including project management and fundraising, board and committee secretariat services, and partnership development. Deadline for proposals is October 31, 2010. For view the complete RFP, click [here](#).

**Officer Manager, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Victoria -** Working closely with the Regional Vice President (RVP) and the Associate Regional Vice President (ARVP) for the BC Region, the Office Manager is responsible for anticipating, planning and coordinating the upcoming activities and deadlines of the region itself as well as the RVP and the ARVP, consistent with the organization's goals, objectives, and policies; and providing organizational support for the primary mission of conservation objectives. For more information, click [here](#).

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