



**BC Nature AGM and Conference 2022
May 26 to 28, 2022 - “Nature in your backyard”
Hosted by Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club, Kelowna**



It has been almost three years since we were able to invite you to come join us at the AGM and Conference. Full details will be available in the spring *Bcnature* magazine and on the Central Okanagan Naturalists' [website](#). Registration opens up on March 1, 2022.

Great speakers, great outings, and lots of birds to see at the early morning birding! Dust off your hiking boots, your scopes, load up the car with your fellow club members and join us, for what is sure to be a fabulous weekend of Nature Education by our great hosts Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club!

BC Nature Awards

Every year, BC Nature encourages member clubs and their members to nominate a worthy volunteer from their club for recognition of their efforts in conservation and education.

Our awards are traditionally presented at our AGM in May of each year.

Award nominations accepted to March 18, 2022

Nominations forms for 2022



Roberts Bank Terminal 2 - Invitation for Public Comment

To all members throughout BC - Even though the Fraser River Estuary is hundreds of miles away from you or your club is inland, you will be affected if this development goes through. Whether it's birds that do not make it back to your area as the flyway has been disturbed, or salmon that cannot make it back to their spawning grounds, Nature is all linked!



The Fraser River Estuary cannot withstand any more industrial or port development, but this is exactly what the Port of Vancouver plans to do with the addition of RBT2. Roberts Bank is recognized as one of the top Important Bird Areas in Canada. It is recognized as providing critical wintering grounds for the highest number of waterfowl and shorebirds found anywhere in Canada. Southern Resident Killer Whales, whose prime habitat is the Fraser Estuary, will be further endangered by vessel noise and further degradation of their major food source - Chinook Salmon. Why put all of this at risk?

We ask that you take a few minutes out of your day and send a letter to the [Impact Assessment Agency Canada](#) we attached a template for you at: [RBT2 objection letter template](#) Please sign it, include your address and your email when you send it in. Or if you prefer, see the below article on the open letter from 12 scientists.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to send your letter in.

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FWCP Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program Events:

[Recovery of Vancouver Island marmots February 25](#)



Recovery of Vancouver Island marmots

[Murphy Creek Spawning Channel: partnering to support rainbow trout March 4](#)



Murphy Creek Spawning Channel: partnering to support rainbow trout

[Salmon futures: science, stressors, and stewardship of salmon watersheds March 10](#)



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[Conserving at-risk Stone's sheep in the Peace region March 30](#)



Conserving at-risk Stone's sheep in the Peace region

NATURE ON THE HILL 2022



We're going to Ottawa to raise our voices for Nature. Join us!

Canadian laws and policies for protecting nature are falling short, and we continue to lose nature faster than we can recover it.

You can join us and dozens of groups from our Nature Network as we call for an action plan to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030. We're bringing Nature lovers' voices to Parliament Hill as we meet with Members of Parliament and decision-makers at our annual Nature on the Hill event. Add your voice! [Read and raise your voice here:](#)

Scientists submit letter calling for rejection of Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project

Letter from 12 scientists urges Minister of Environment to reject the VFPA's proposed shipping expansion in the Fraser River Estuary

VANCOUVER, BC, Feb. 10, 2022 /CNW/ - A group of leading scientists have written to Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, urging him to reject the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's (VFPA) proposed Roberts Bank Terminal II (RBT2) project if the government is committed to the recovery of threatened and endangered species that rely on the Fraser River Estuary. [Read more here.](#)



Heart of the Fraser



THE HEART OF THE FRASER IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO PROTECTION!

With your support this precious stretch of the river between Mission and Hope, less than two hours drive from Vancouver, has narrowly avoided the threat of development. **We have been successful in ensuring the permits for bridges to Herring and Carey Islands have been denied.** This region provides prime spawning habitat for salmon and white sturgeon and serves as a nursery for millions of baby salmon every year. Herring and Carey Islands not only provide a large amount of vital fish habitat but are an important area for fishing and outdoor recreation.

Developers cleared massive amounts of forest on both islands and applied to build bridges to these islands which, if approved, would have led to the destruction of critical fish habitat for agriculture. As of June 2019, the bridge permit for Herring Island has been denied and the owners of Carey Island have withdrawn their application.

There is now a major effort by BC's conservation community to secure, protect and restore these islands. **Three actions are needed:**

1. Acquire key private properties with sensitive habitats
2. Push DFO to consider these islands for protection as Canada's first Ecologically Sensitive Area
3. Work with the Province to create a comprehensive process of collaboration

The future of the Fraser as one of the world's great salmon rivers depends on its success.

WILL YOU CONTINUE TO STAND WITH US? [SIGN THE PLEDGE TODAY!](#)

The Salish Sea - A Single Body of Life

Message from *Bob Turner*

If you understood that the Salish Sea might function like a tree, a single living organism, would you appreciate the Salish Sea more? That question is the idea behind my new movie ["The Salish Sea - A single body of life"](#).

Scientists say that the entire Salish Sea, from Campbell River, BC in the north to Olympia Washington in the south, is a single ecosystem.



Life on the Narrows



[Great video on life: terrestrial, aerial, and marine, in False Narrows](#)

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