

Nature's Voice

THE PERIODICAL NEWSLETTER FROM BCnature

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Upcoming Events

TWO MORE DAYS - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS STILL OPEN

June 23, 2023 - We are still accepting scholarship applications for both BC Nature Scholarships – Bert Brink (Graduate Scholarship) and Rene Savenye (Post Secondary Scholarship). Don't delay, get your scholarship applications in now. [LINK](#)

Summer 2023 BCNature

Hello members, the Summer edition of our fine magazine will be available on Monday to digital readers (you will get notification on Monday) and the print edition is in the line up to get printed this week and should start hitting mail boxes end of next week. We hope you enjoy this issue!

NOTE: As of January 1, 2024 - all members wishing to continue to receive the magazine in print form via Canada Post will need to add a surcharge of \$5.00/year to their fees. Costs continue to escalate with the associated costs of production, printing, and mailing. You will not be charged extra to receive the interactive digital version. We apologize in issuing this surcharge, but felt that we did not have another choice but to recoup some of the costs.

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Ecojustice Case Against the Federal Government re: Roberts Bank Terminal 2



The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project (RBT2) was recently approved—despite the advice of scientists and the protests of many. Four environmental groups (the Wilderness Committee, the David Suzuki Foundation, the Georgia Strait Alliance, and the Raincoast Conservation Foundation) have engaged EcoJustice to

file in Federal Court for a judicial review of the April 2023 decision by the federal government to allow construction of RBT2. BC Nature has long campaigned against the RBT2 project and we encourage members who want to support the work of Ecojustice to use the following link, which allows you to contribute directly to this case. Contributions of \$20 or more are tax deductible. As others have noted “This is where we live and share the environment with other species which this project would threaten. Please, Let’s look after our own ‘backyard’”.

[LINK TO DONATE](#)

Environment and Climate Change Canada - Survey



Environment and Climate Change Canada has begun developing a National Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. They have just released a discussion paper called “Towards a 2030 National Biodiversity Strategy” along with an open survey for input from the public, which we encourage anyone interested to fill out. The survey is mostly multiple-choice questions with a final portion of

optional written responses. Responses can be made by individuals or representatives of an organization.

Please note the deadline for survey responses is July 14.

If you would like help answering any of the questions, please reach out to our [email](#).

Overview: [Link](#)

Discussion paper: [Link](#)

Survey: [Link](#)

Weird, Rare, and Everywhere



Courtesy of Hakai Magazine

In the bogs of Hecate Island, British Columbia, a writer and novice naturalist joins researchers for a glimpse of a multiyear biodiversity mission—and gets acquainted with some odd organisms. [LINK](#)

Protect Habitat for Nesting Marbled Murrelet



There are two separate petitions listed below for the Marbled Murrelet. Please sign either the direct to the Canadian Federal Government, or sign this one directed to the British Columbia Government and the Pacheedaht First Nation (Or sign both!)

1. Since industrial logging began on Vancouver Island in 1860, no new tree has grown large enough to meet the nesting requirements of the threatened Marbled Murrelet!

Please support efforts to establish enlarged Wildlife Habitat Areas for nesting Marbled Murrelet on Southern Vancouver Island by asking your members to sign this petition to the Canadian Federal Government: [LINK to SIGN](#) Deadline June 27, 2023

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2. Suitable nesting habitat for threatened Marbled Murrelet (low elevation old growth forest) is being progressively destroyed on Southern Vancouver Island and in Tree Farm License 46 near Fairy Creek.

Marbled Murrelets are in danger of extirpation unless more habitat is protected.

We call on the government and the Pacheedaht First Nation to protect Marbled Murrelet in the Bugaboo and Fairy Creek watersheds in perpetuity by creating new Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas OR Wildlife Habitat Areas in Tree Farm License 46 [LINK to SIGN](#)

