

# Nature's Voice

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## Upcoming Events

### AGM - BC Nature

#### BC NATURE CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL

AGM - Saturday May 6, 2023 - 1:30 pm

“Nature where city and country meet” Hosted by  
Langley Field Naturalists

Langley Golf & Banquet Centre - 21550 - 44 Ave, Langley

All members welcome - no registration required.

Full AGM Notification with agenda's etc. will be sent to  
All Members on April 21, 2023

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### AGM - BC Naturalists Foundation

2023 Notice AGM BC Naturalists' Foundation

The BC Naturalists' Foundation Annual General Meeting  
shall take place commencing at 16:15 Friday 5 May,  
2023 at the Langley Golf & Banquet Centre.

All are welcome. A zoom link shall be provided in

Please contact Stephen Partington (778-237-3274; [sparting84@hotmail.com](mailto:sparting84@hotmail.com)) to receive a link.

The BC Naturalists' Foundation currently has openings on the board. All applicants will be given due consideration.

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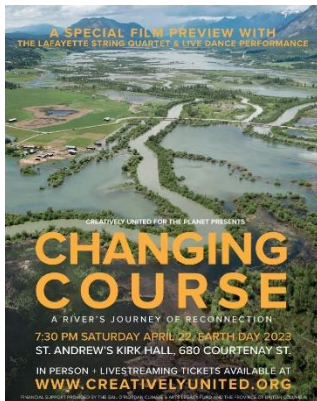
## BC Nature Scholarship Applications

Scholarship Deadlines for 2023 Bert Brink Scholarship and Rene Savenye Scholarship

Details and application at this [LINK](#)

Please let your children, grandchildren and friends and other family members know.

## Creatively United for the Planet



Creatively United for the Planet (Jon O'Riordan and Frances Lipman) have produced this beautiful film and it will have its public release on April 22, 2023. It focuses on the Columbia River System and describes, often through the eyes of Indigenous people the past present and possible future of this huge system. As you know new negotiations between the US and Canada are under way and the film is designed to highlight the importance of future sound ecological management of this amazing water system.

It's public release is on April 22, 2023 and if you're able to attend in person please do. If you wish to link in via internet that is possible too. [LINK](#) for more information, location, time etc.

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## JOBS....JOBS.....JOBS.....

1) **The Elders Council for Parks in BC** is an independent non-profit society. Their members are retired parks system employees and conservation advocates who have dedicated a significant portion of their lives to Provincial Parks and Protected Areas

in BC. The society provides a way for their members to continue to lead and participate in projects aimed at ensuring the long-term well-being of BC's world-class park systems. A \$4000 seasonal contract position is available for an Outreach Nature Program Coordinator from June to September based out of their Heritage Centre at 1620 Mt. Seymour Rd. in Mt. Seymour Provincial Park, North Vancouver, BC. Candidate plans programs from home office and attends programs at Heritage Centre. SEE [LINK](#)

2) **CPAWS - Location:** Anywhere in BC, with a preference for the Lower Mainland/Metro Vancouver. *This position can work out of our Vancouver office, or you may choose to work remotely elsewhere in British Columbia. We usually strive for 1 to 2 all-staff meetings per year in Metro Vancouver for those who work remotely.*

The Conservation Campaigner will join the small but mighty terrestrial conservation team at CPAWS-BC. They will play a key role in terrestrial conservation campaigns and programs, with a primary focus on public communications and engagement, government relations, and coalition building. This position will be instrumental in raising awareness about rapid biodiversity loss, advancing government commitments to protect 30% of lands by 2030, and supporting Indigenous-led conservation and stewardship. [LINK](#) to Further information

3) **Break the Divide** - Break the Divide, which recently received a small grant to connect high-schools across Canada to talk about climate change. The Executive Director, Abhay, is looking for some staff help and was wondering if anyone at BC Nature would be willing to do some paid work for a few hours a week or month. Abhay is looking for someone who has skills in planning, scheduling, meeting deadlines, program creation, and curriculum creation, and can think about how budgets are spent and manage a team of volunteers. Email [Here](#) to get further information

4) **Scout Island Nature Centre Executive Director in Training** - Creative, exciting work coordinating, designing, supporting nature education and the Nature Centre with a team of educators, the Williams Lake Field Naturalists Directors and many volunteers

The executive director has primary responsibility for day-to-day operations of the Nature Centre under general direction and support by the WL Field Naturalists board of directors and the Scout Island Nature Centre Management Plan. Principal responsibilities are Scout Island Nature Centre fundraising and financial management, staff and volunteer supervision, education program administration, liaison with outside agencies, and reporting to funders. [LINK](#) for further information

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## FROGS....FROGS.....FROGS.....



Wildlife ecologist Ian Adams and Leigh Anne Isaac, BC Small Mammal and Herpetofauna Specialist with BC Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship are working on a project to determine if there are two species of treefrog, *Pseudacris sp.*, in southern British Columbia. Currently, only one species, Northern Pacific Treefrog, *Pseudacris regilla* is recognized to occur from the coast to the Rocky Mountains. However, recent evidence suggests that treefrogs in at least the Kootenay region belong to Sierra Treefrog, *Pseudacris*

*sierra*. Ian and Leigh Anne are looking to collect treefrog tissue samples from the southern interior for genetic testing to determine if there are two species and, if so, where that change might occur.

If you know of a site where treefrogs breed in British Columbia that is east of the Cascade and Coast Mountains, please be in touch with them via [larixecol@gmail.com](mailto:larixecol@gmail.com)

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## PETITION: Marbled Murrelets on southwest Vancouver Island



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 petition

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## MANNING PARK - Bird Blitz



Hosted by Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning:

This year is the 40th anniversary of the Manning Park Bird Blitz. The dates are June 16-18, 2023. Manning Park Bird Blitz webpage -

<https://hopemountain.org/programs/manning-park-bird-blitz-40th-anniversaryjune-16-18-2023/>

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## ADVOCACY TRAINING



If your club has members who missed our advocacy training webinar in late March, we now have the capability to deliver this training on our own, facilitated by BC Nature members. Therefore, if members of your club still would like to get this training, please send a note to Ben van Drimmelen, [ben@barristers4bears.com](mailto:ben@barristers4bears.com). He will collect names on a “waiting list”; if there is enough demand, we’ll do a repeat or two.

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## OPEN LETTER - Logging Emissions has been sent to President Biden and Prime Minister Trudeau

From Nature Canada

The open letter on logging emissions has been sent to President Biden and Prime Minister Trudeau and is now public.

Here is a link to the [final letter](#).

We're just getting the media release posted - I will share that shortly.

**Please share the letter (and release when I send it) on social media to maximize our impact!**

Here is a sample tweet you can use or adapt:

Today we joined 80+ US & Canadian groups in urging @POTUS & @JustinTrudeau to transparently report GHG emissions from logging - a critical step towards effective climate action, forest protection & climate-safe forestry.

#cdnpoli @s\_guilbeault

@JonathanWNV <https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/carbon-accounting-letter-biden-trudeau-20230323.pdf>. (Or you can also retweet my [tweet](#)).

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## **HUMPBACK COMEBACK - The Return of the Humpback Whales to the Salish Sea**



I've just posted a new short movie on my YouTube channel: *Humpback Comeback - The Return of Humpback Whales to the Salish Sea*. The movie is a tribute to these remarkable animals, and the wonderful, hopeful electricity they spark in us. The movie starts with what I saw from a beach on our island in December, when three young whales played for several

hours just offshore. It then switches to a week I spent off northern Vancouver Island watching the most energetic humpback feeding I have ever witnessed. Of course both are part of the remarkable, inspiring surge of humpback visits into the Salish Sea in recent years. Hope you enjoy it.

<https://youtu.be/XvCuL-coVOM>

Please share the link to this movie with anyone you think might be interested. If you are interested in more Salish Sea nature movies, check out my 'Bob Turner' [YouTube channel](#) and [Our Salish Sea website](#). If you don't wish to be on this email list, my apologies. Just let me know and I will take you off.

Bob Turner





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