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# **BC Nature's Periodical "E" News**

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Harrison Camp Nov 26 Nov 29, 2015 We have had a cancellation, two spots are now available. Please email manager@bcnature.ca for more information or visit this link
- Resolutions Submission February 26, 2016 deadline visit link
- Club Support Grants 2016 deadline February 28, 2016. Please go to 2016 form download
- Mitlenatch Camp May 8-11, 2016 Preliminary Information available at this link
- AGM 2016 hosted by Comox Valley Naturalists May 12 15, 2016
- Rene Savenye Scholarship deadline June 3, 2016. Application <u>Link</u>
- FGM 2016 Prince George, September 2016

#### Join us in the fight for Nature

The Federation of British Columbia Naturalists (BC Nature) in partnership with the University of Victoria Law Centre have started a crowdfunding campaign with Fundrazr to financially assist with potential legal costs, related to the Northern Gateway project.

This is a one time appeal to help us legally block the Northern Gateway Project, and is quite separate from our annual appeal. With our Fall *BCnature* magazine in early October, you will receive our annual appeal to help the BC Nature Foundation as well as BC Nature. The crowdfunding campaign is directed to the BC public, to help us specifically in our fight with Enbridge to stop the Northern Gateway project.

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What we stand to lose

#### BCnature Fall Magazine is available

The BCnature Fall Magazine is now available for download in the "members only" area. If you do not have your password or access name, please email the office for your information (manager@bcnature.ca). For those that receive the magazine via Canada post mail, your name as it is written and your password (top left corner) are your access to the members only area.

We ask that you spread the word about our Fundrazr to your friends, family and Colleagues.

How can you help even if you can't donate? Do you have a Facebook Page? Please go to our Fundrazr <u>Page</u> and "share" the video and page with all of your contacts in your own Facebook, same with Twitter. Ask your friends and family to share in their own Facebook and Twitters account. The more we spread around the word, the easier it will be to meet our goal.

Please view our appeal and the video that accompanies our appeal. <u>Fundrazr Page</u>

# South Okanagan Similkameen Protected Areas Framework

After over two years of no negotiations regarding a national park in the SOS, the Province in mid August released its Intentions Paper. This is a framework for longterm protection of these critical lands. National park status is proposed for two areas (White Lake Basin/VAseux and Chopaka/Kilpoola south of Highway 3), with a provincial conservancy in between. The release of the Paper is good news and the Province is asking for our views on their proposal, what else should be considered, and reasons for these. The deadline for public comment is Oct. 31. The website for the proposal and comments Link For backgrounder information, please view the link on our website - http://www.bcnature.ca/

# **Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative - Update**

We wanted to share the news that all of the Sea-to-Sky communities from Lillooet to Squamish have now voted in support of recovery planning for the threatened grizzly bear populations of southwest BC. The resolutions cite many reasons, including cultural, social, economic and environmental, for maintaining grizzly bears on the landscape. All the resolutions can be found on the C2C website These communities calls mirror those of the St'at'imc and Squamish Council Chiefs and the Okanagan Nation Alliance who are also supporting the need for on the ground action to safeguard these bears. Find out more at this Link

### **Interesting Sites and News Tidbits**

"Old Planet, Young People" - "Old Planet, Young People" is a series of 8 prerecorded documentaries on the subject of environmental work in the Lillooet area. The show is put together by young people who will be talking to people of all ages working in the environmental field and to young people in general about their environmental concerns. These documentaries are produced by Fraser Adolph and Leif Douglass with assistance from CHLS-FM and generous financial support from the Community Radio Fund of Canada. <u>Listen here</u>

Britannia Creek: back from the brink watch video here

Ever wondered what goes on when you're not there? Great "Live" cams from Johnson Strait and the orca - <u>links</u>

Butterfly enthusiasts - check out this <u>Link</u> for butterfly transformations.

Are you on Facebook? Look up this great "Bat" - site - there are some great videos on bats - Link Here

### **About Town**

**5th annual - Living with Wildlife!** October 16, 2015 - Across Canada, municipalities are reporting an increase in the number of interactions between humans and wildlife. These interactions can present a public health and safety concern and conflicts can result in the death or suffering of wildlife. In particular, animals such as coyotes, beavers and raccoons are often perceived to be a nuisance or pest.

To address this problem, the 5th annual Living with Wildlife conference brings together experts in their field to discuss a wide variety of solutions of how we can coexist with urban wildlife. Link

# Is your club applying for grants?

**Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program** - 2015 Regional Grant Deadlines and Information: Coastal Region - Coastal Region grant applications are due November 6, 2015 Columbia Region - Columbia Region grant applications are due November 13, 2015 Learn More

Wildlife Habitat Canada Call for Proposals for the 2016/2017 Grant Program. The deadline to submit applications is Monday November 2, 2015 for projects that will take place in fiscal year 2016/2017. Grant application forms are available at this Link Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation - In 2015, the May proposal intake resulted in the Fund being fully subscribed, so there will be no September intake. The next deadline for submitting a PCAF proposal will be May 15, 2016.

**Aviva Community Fund** - Not much time left on this one, but put it in your "rolodex" for next year to include your funding ideas! Link <u>Here</u>

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