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Upcoming Events

June 15, 2026 - Last day for Rene Savenye and Bert Brink Scholarship applications

Further information and [LINK](#) for applications

BC Nature hosted webinar: MycoMap BC

Please see this [LINK](#) for registration link

Public Input Sought on the Mt. Seymour Expansion Plan



Mt Seymour Resorts Ltd.'s vision is to be “Metro Vancouver’s starting gate to mountain recreation”, creating memorable experiences in a mountain environment for people of all skills and abilities. The resort wants to offer more activities year-round while staying true to its stated commitments to the local community and the environment.

The phased development proposed in the SRDP (‘the plan’) includes expansion of the Controlled Recreation Area (the land in Mount Seymour Park the resort can use) to add about 100 hectares of new terrain at higher elevation to make the resort more resilient to climate change. In winter, the plan proposes expanding from 41 to 90 ski trails and increasing the number of lifts from 4 to 14. The plan also proposes snow making for more reliable snow conditions, especially at low elevations. In summer, the plan proposes new activities, including a Learn to Ride mountain bike area, accessible hiking trails, a skywalk bridge, and family adventure activities.

The plan also proposes new on-mountain lodges and warming huts, yurts and cabins for overnight stays, and expanding restaurants, retail, ski school, and rental space in

the base area. If all proposed developments are built, the resort's capacity would be 5,950 visitors during the busiest times, compared to just over 2,600 today.

To help visitors get to the resort and park, the plan proposes 40% more parking area and better organized parking, reservations, increased shuttles, more bus parking, and a gondola with a base at the foot of the mountain.

Online Survey Open from May 26 to June 26

Canada's environmental safety net is under attack and we need your help

From our friends at WestCoast Environmental Law - Please help!

The federal government is proposing a sweeping attack on our environmental safety net and we must put a stop to it. On May 8th, Canada published a discussion paper on major project deregulation that includes proposals to eviscerate our main tools for making sure that major projects don't harm the water, nature and climate we rely upon.

If approved, the changes would amount to an unprecedented deregulation of projects like mines, dams and pipelines. Among the proposals are:

- "Pre-approval" of pipelines and other energy projects before any environmental or safety reviews;
- Giving the federal Cabinet authority to allow projects like a pipeline or port expansion to cause species like southern resident killer whales to go extinct;
- Introducing more carve-outs from legal protections for our waterways and fish habitat;
- Exempting the vast majority of major projects from environmental impact assessments;
- Imposing arbitrary timelines for project reviews that will significantly undermine the ability to identify and avoid project harms; and
- Creating special exemption zones where the normal rules won't apply.

The government has extended the deadline for comment to July 22nd. To ensure the proposed changes are scrapped altogether, we need to keep up the pressure. [Use this action tool](#) today to get your message to the Prime Minister, Cabinet ministers, and your own MP.

Mia-yaltwa Ha'lidzogm hoon announcement a huge achievement for marine conservation



This past May, WCEL was happy to celebrate [a major achievement for marine conservation](#) on the BC coast. Six First Nations, along with the federal and provincial governments announced the establishment of the “Mia-yaltwa Ha'lidzogm hoon” (phonetically, Me-ah-yall-twa Ha-lee-joh-gom hOH-own) National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR) and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA).

An NMCAR is a type of federal marine protected area (like a protected park in the ocean) and this NMCAR will also benefit from recognition in Indigenous law. The NMCAR/IPCA will [protect up to 6,700 km²](#) of ecologically rich coastal waters on the Central Coast of British Columbia.

Mia-yaltwa Ha'lidzogm hoon is a key component of the [Great Bear Sea MPA Network](#), which has been rightly praised as a model of how governments can discard old colonial models and work together to achieve conservation objectives.

In that spirit of inclusivity, the governance partners will now create a co-management board as well as a stakeholder advisory committee to develop the management plan for the area.

Hamilton Marsh is secured - the entire 360 hectares!



Congratulations to one of the BC Nature Federated groups, **Hamilton Marsh Forest and Wetlands Preservation Society** - great work!

After decades of advocacy, education, presentations, tours, meetings, setbacks, and perseverance, we are thrilled (although a little late!) to share the news:

Hamilton Marsh and the surrounding 364 hectares of forest are now protected.

What once seemed like an impossible dream has become a reality. This remarkable

achievement ensures that one of the most ecologically significant wetlands in the French Creek watershed will be protected for wildlife, water, climate resilience, and future generations.

Please see this [LINK](#) to read the press release

Congratulations to M.P.A.P. Team and the District of Summerland



Your BC Nature M.P.A.P. has been hard at work with the District of Summerland. Read all about the conservation of the Adams Creek Sanctuary. [LINK](#) (Under June 2026 Update)

Summer 2026 *BCnature* Coming to Your Inbox and Mailbox Soon



Your summer edition of our fine magazine will be going to print next week and you will also get notification when the e-version is uploaded to the website. Some impressive articles and a lot of information to keep your Nature and Conservation education flowing.

Interesting Nature Related Items

[The Art of Adventure](#)

Kindle version available now - Soon to be accompanied by a movie "The Art of the Adventure.

[The Society of Crows](#)

A beautiful story of our favourite Corvids. Soon to be accompanied by a movie of the same name.

[An Interesting Watch - A Bridge for Bighorns](#)

A short film on Radium Hot Springs Wildlife Overpass

[A nice watch - Marnie's Muse](#)

Restoration of the West side of the Little Qualicum River Estuary

