



This year's BOW weekend at Zajac Ranch in Mission was attended by 70 women from across BC.

BOW Camp Offers Women Hunting, Shooting, Fishing Opportunities

Seventy women from all over BC attended this year's "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" (BOW) camp held June 11–13 at Zajac Ranch in Mission. The program is designed for women 19 years or older and provides them an opportunity to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed non-competitive atmosphere.

Host Committee Chairs, Ed George and Dale Vidulich, and numerous volunteer instructors offered a variety of shooting, hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation workshops .

The program was also supported with donations from the following organizations, businesses and individuals:

- **Italian Sporting Goods** for their continued support and their donation of ammunition for the Trap Shooting course.
- **Carter Motorsports**, Vancouver, BC, for supplying 4 Honda ATV's
- **Greater Vancouver Powersports**,

Surrey, BC for supplying two Can-am ATV's

- **Ski & Trail Powersports**, Aldergrove, BC, for supplying one Can-am ATV
- **Violet Ledingham**, member of the Lower Mainland ATV Club, for supplying 1 Honda ATV
- **John Sloan**, member of the Lower Mainland ATV Club, for supplying one Can-am ATV
- **Darren Day**, Canada Safety Council ATV Instructor, for giving his in-depth ATV 101 instruction

We will soon be in the planning stages for the 2011 BOW weekend in Winfield. If you have an outdoor interest and you would like to share your knowledge at either the Winfield BOW or any of our BOW weekends or host a mini course, please contact BCWF Provincial BOW Coordinator, Darlene Clark dclark8@shaw.ca.



“Our Rivers: From Peaks to Ocean” Theme of 2011 AGM

“Our Rivers from Peaks to Ocean” has been chosen as the theme as the BCWF’s 2011 Annual General Meeting and Convention set for next April 13–16 in Surrey, BC.

BCWF President Rod Wiebe said the Board of Directors chose the theme because the AGM is being held in the Fraser Valley, the culmination of one of BC’s premier river systems. “The Fraser River is such a dominant feature historically, economically, socially, culturally,” he said. The Fraser is also a significant target on the conservation radar screen. The Cohen Inquiry is the fifth review process to examine the reasons for the disappearing Fraser River Sockeye.

“The reason we added the ‘Peaks to Ocean’ line was to reflect our holistic approach to the natural landscape,” he said. “Rivers start in the peaks and alpine and are fed by sources constantly on their way to the sea. What happens in the alpine or anywhere upstream impacts what is happening downstream, whether it is flow rates, temperatures, biota, contaminants or nutrients.”





Participants of Wetlands Institute.

BCWF Wetlands Institute Restores Kamloops Wetland

On June 4, 2010, participants of the Wetlands Institute, a pillar event of BC Wildlife Federation's Wetlands Program, members of the Tk'emlups Indian Band, and community members joined forces to restore a wetland on Stud Pasture, a piece of property on the Tk'emlups Indian Reserve.



The Stud Pasture wetland has suffered soil compaction due to livestock grazing. With the help of an excavator and 15 committed environmental stewards, the surface of the wetland was re-contoured within less than 24 hours, exposing the groundwater to the open air, loosening up the soils and thereby providing more habitat for the Spadefoot Toad and other amphibian species. A fence was also erected around the wetland to prevent further soil compaction by livestock. However, in order to accommodate the needs of livestock, the fence was shaped to retain a point of water access for sheep, cattle and horses.

Participants of the Wetlands Institute observed the rehabilitation of the wetland from start to finish, and were

directly involved in the planting of native species around the wetland.

Is wetland restoration actually effective? Absolutely. During the same week, Wetlands Institute participants had the opportunity to visit a similarly constructed series of wetlands on a nearby property in Barnhartvale called Tree Flats. Since restoration in 2007, a population of Spadefoot Toad has started using the wetlands for breeding—one of the hopes for the new wetland on Stud Pasture also!

The Wetlands Institute teaches the necessary skills, knowledge, and confidence to make effective and long-lasting changes in each participant's own community. Empowering communities to build, monitor and protect their own wetlands is a cost-effective and long-term solution for ecosystem stewardship. It is up to us to safeguard our environment!

The Wetlands Institute could not run without the generous contributions of its donors. This includes the ongoing support from BC Wildlife members, Tk'emlups Indian Band, RBC Blue Water Community Grant, and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation.

For more information or to get involved in future wetland courses, email wetlands@bcwf.bc.ca





Mark Forsythe (left), posing with his daughter, Shauna, won a five-year hunting license in the Hunters' and Angler's Lottery, which was made possible through a partnership between BC Wildlife Federation and Ministry of Environment. All proceeds went towards funding BCWF's Wetlands Education Program. In addition to the hunting license, Mark also received a framed, limited-edition print and an assortment of other prizes including hunting clothing and equipment. The winner of the five-year angling licence was Chris Kinsey.

Kristianson Receives Fisheries Award

BCWF member Gerald Kristianson was one of five Canadians to receive a 2010 Recreational Fisheries Award from the Federal Government at a special ceremony in Ottawa June 14. The annual award recognizes Canadians who have helped to improve and protect the recreational fishery. Kristianson has made a considerable contribution to recreational fishing on the Pacific coast. He is the chair of the Sport Fishing Advisory Board and is a Salmon Commissioner for Canada. In addition, he was instrumental in work done on the Allocation Polices for Pacific salmon and for Pacific halibut, the Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations and the Vision for Recreational Fisheries in British Columbia.

Rosenau Earns CWF Michener Award

The Canadian Wildlife Federation has honoured BCWF member and long-time conservationist Dr. Marvin Rosenau with its Roland Michener Conservation Award. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to conservation through responsible activities that promote, enhance and further conservation of Canada's natural resources.

Throughout his career, Dr. Rosenau has studied angling, fish farming and most recently, the impacts to habitat that are associated with human development, primarily on streams, riparian habitats and flood plains. Not only is Dr. Rosenau an accomplished conservation advocate, but he is also an author, teacher, academic and researcher. His concern with and focus on the irrevocable acts of human activities on fish and watershed ecosystems have allowed him to succeed tremendously as an advocate for wildlife conservation.

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

Call For Grant Proposals

Each year since 1974, the Province of British Columbia and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (formerly Habitat Conservation Fund) have made grants available to organizations and individuals who wanted to carry out a conservation project but needed some financial help to get going. To assist as many groups as possible, grants are modest, averaging about \$2,500 each and not exceeding \$10,000. Due to the low number of submissions this year, the PCAF Committee is calling for a second round of PCAF applications for fish and wildlife conservation projects. The new deadline is August 31. A grant application form is available on Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation website (www.hctf.ca).



Oak Bay Marine Group Member Discount

Oak Bay Marine Group and the BC Wildlife Federation are proud to announce a special partnership. Now BCWF members can save 20% on any Oak Bay Marine Group package. Plus, when you book your package, OBMG will donate 5% of the price to the federation. Book a package on-line by visiting the following website (<http://www.obmg.com/specials/bcwf/>).



We're looking for a new home.

BC Wildlife Federation has outgrown its current office and needs to find a new home to support its vital work of protecting, enhancing and promoting the wise use of the environment for the benefit of present and future generations.

If you have a building, land or other property to donate, please call BCWF at 604-291-9990 ext 223. BCWF is a registered charity, and all donations are tax deductible.

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Participants of Fishing Forever gather for a day of fishing.

Over 100 people with Special Needs attend Fishing Forever Event

Approximately 100 children, youth and adults with special needs attended a BCWF sponsored Fishing Forever event at Green Timbers Lake in Surrey June 5. Program coordinator Donald MacDonald said 30 BCWF volunteers helped to make the event an outstanding success. The event was also supported by Stillwater Sports, Army & Navy, Highwater Tackle, Tim Horton's and Save-On-Foods.

Fishing Forever was established in 1989 to create a venue through which people with disabilities could learn to, or continue to, fish and enjoy the outdoors. Fishing Forever wants all of the BC clubs to recognize that there are people in their community that could benefit greatly from a day out fishing, if they could only get there...

BCWF Granted Official Standing at the Cohen Inquiry Commission

BC Wildlife Federation was recently granted official standing in the Cohen Commission Inquiry, the federal commission set up to investigate the decline of sockeye salmon in the Fraser River. BCWF's Executive Director Patti MacAhonic and long-standing BCWF member Bill Otway will be appearing before the Honourable Bruce Cohen in September to attend the First Hearing where official investigation and witness examination will begin. BCWF hopes to bring

about major reorganization to the management structure and philosophy of the current Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), which will promote an increased commitment to enforcing regulations surrounding the destruction of sockeye habitat along the Fraser River. Additionally, BCWF hopes to lobby for further funding from the government that will finance stock assessment and catch data evaluation.

Volunteerism Leads to Employer Donation

There are many ways to support BC Wildlife Federation conservation work. Some people volunteer their time and others give money. Sometimes the time spent volunteering can lead to a cash donation. That is what TELUS employee Gordon Asselin found out when he learned about the company's matching gift program.

Asselin volunteered 50 hours of his time, and through the program "Dollars for Doers" at TELUS, he was able to select BCWF as his choice of registered charity to which the company will donate \$200.

Asselin is a BCWF member, and is looking forward to taking his Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) course in the upcoming months and is also an avid supporter of conservation.

Check with your employer to see if they provide donations that match charitable giving of employees.



Take your Boater exam online from the link on BCWF's website (www.bcdf.bc.ca) and part of your registration fee will be donated to support BCWF conservation efforts.

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