

BC Nature, A Fifty-Year History, 1969-2019

Appendix 1. AGM and FGM Locations, Host Clubs, Themes

BC Nature Council

AGM 1963. Victoria. Meeting not as a society but rather organizing to become one, in Dr. Carl's office, BC Provincial Museum (now Royal British Columbia Museum)

AGM 1964 May 9. Penticton, host South Okanagan Naturalist Club

FGM 1964 Oct 10-11. Victoria, host Victoria Natural History Society

AGM 1965 May 8. Kelowna, host Central Okanagan Naturalists

FGM 1965 Oct 16. Vancouver, host Vancouver Natural History Society at UBC
Attendance 50

AGM 1966 May 7-8. Duncan, organized by Cowichan Valley Natural History Society
Discussion began on the process of incorporation as a society

FGM 1966 Oct 15-16. Penticton, host South Okanagan Naturalists
Attendance 13+

AGM 1967 May 6-7. Vernon, host North Okanagan Naturalists
Attendance 30+

FGM 1967 Oct 21-22. Victoria, host Victoria Natural History Society and Thetis Park Nature Sanctuary Association. Held in Thomas Francis (King) Nature Park, plus private home

AGM 1968 May 11. Vancouver, host Vancouver Natural History Society at Agriculture Canada Research Station, Burnaby
Proposed constitution for BC Nature Council ongoing review

FGM 1968 Oct 12. Kelowna, host Central Okanagan Naturalists at Aquatic Club Hall
Three constitution terms approved.

AGM 1969 April 26-27. Comox, host Comox-Strathcona Naturalist History Society
Voted to incorporate under Societies Act as Federation of British Columbia Naturalists.
Attendance 20+

Federation of British Columbia Naturalists

FGM 1969 Oct 18-19. Penticton, host South Okanagan Naturalists at Apex Lodge

AGM 1970 Apr 25. Duncan, host Cowichan Valley Naturalists
Attendance 40+

FGM 1970 Oct 10-12. Prince George, host Prince George Naturalists
Attendance 35

AGM 1971 May 1. Vancouver, host Vancouver Natural History Club
AGM 1972 Apr 15. Vancouver, host Vancouver Natural History Club
Attendance 21+

FGM 1972. Parksville, host Arrowsmith Naturalists
Attendance 50

AGM 1973 Apr 14. Kamloops, host Kamloops Naturalists at Cariboo College Buildings
Attendance 66

FGM 1973 Oct 6-7. Golden
Attendance 50

AGM 1974 Apr 12. Kamloops, host Kamloops Naturalists
Attendance 70

AGM 1974 Oct 26. Port Moody, host Alouette Field Naturalists

AGM 1975 Apr 19. Kamloops, host Kamloops Naturalists
Attendance 86

CNF Canadian Nature Federation AGM 1975 June 12-16. Host Victoria Natural History Society

AGM 1976 April 9-11. Kamloops, host Kamloops Naturalists

AGM 1977 Apr 22-24. Vernon, host North Okanagan Naturalists
Attendance 97 representing 35 clubs

AGM 1978 Apr 28-30. Williams Lake, host Williams Lake Field Naturalists
Theme: "A Naturalist's Intro to the Cariboo". Workshops on geology, forest ecology and range ecology. Paul St. Pierre banquet speaker on anecdotes from Chilcotin characters he has known.
Attendance 130, approximately 100 members at business meeting

AGM 1979 May 11-13. Vancouver, host Vancouver Natural History Club
Theme: "Fraser River Estuary and its Importance to Wildlife".
Attendance 120

AGM 1980 May 16-18. Castlegar, host West Kootenay Naturalists at Selkirk College
Registration \$25, banquet included. Attendance 140

FGM 1980 Oct 16. Squamish, host Evans Lake Forestry Centre

AGM 1981 May 14-16. Parksville, hosts Arrowsmith Naturalists and Nanaimo Field Naturalists
Workshop: "Pros and Cons of Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation".
Attendance 85+

FGM 1981 Oct 10-11. Prince George, host Prince George Naturalists
Workshops: "Impact of the Northeast Coal Development" and "Site C Hydro Development"

AGM 1982 May 14-16. Naramata, host South Okanagan Naturalists
Attendance 102+

FGM 1982 Nov 6-7. Maple Ridge, host Alouette Field Naturalists at Timberline Ranch

Workshop: "Role of Naturalists on Advisory Committees" and tour of Pitt Polder.
Registration \$40 including meals

AGM 1983 May 13-15. Sechelt, host Sechelt Marsh Protection Society
Attendance 98

FGM 1983 Oct 21-23. Grand Forks, host Boundary Field Naturalists

AGM 1984 May 25-27. Vernon, host North Okanagan Naturalists at O'Keefe Ranch Restaurant
Registration \$31 including banquet. Attendance 86+

AGM 1985 April 18-21. Crescent Beach, Surrey, host White Rock & Surrey Naturalists at Camp Alexandra
Registration 3-day package with dormitory & food \$70. Attendance 100+

FGM 1985 Oct 12-14. Oliver, host Oliver and Osoyoos Naturalists

AGM 1986 Apr 25-27. Kamloops, host Kamloops Naturalists at The Place Inn
Registration \$15, banquet \$16. Attendance 29+

FGM 1986 Oct 11-13. Chilliwack, host Chilliwack Field Naturalists at Chilliwack Cottonwood Inn
Registration \$10, banquet \$15

AGM 1987 Apr 24-26. Courtenay, host Comox-Strathcona Natural History Society at the Washington Inn
Registration \$20, banquet \$14.95. Attendance 38+

FGM 1987 Oct 9-11. Kelowna, host Central Okanagan Naturalists at Senior Citizens Activity Centre
Registration \$14, banquet \$15.50

AGM 1988 May 5-7. Williams Lake, host Williams Lake Field Naturalists
Round Table and slide show "An Introduction to Cariboo Landscapes".
Attendance 29+

FGM 1988 Oct 7-10. Duncan, host Cowichan Valley Naturalists, Inn at the Water, Cowichan Bay
Theme: "Forestry".
Registration \$17, banquet \$16

AGM 1989 May 4-7. Victoria, host Victoria Natural History Society at University of Victoria
Round Table by invitation
Registration \$20, banquet \$20

FGM 1989 Oct 6-8. Langley, host Langley Field Naturalists at Aldergrove Motor Inn
Education Committee Workshop: "Sharing Nature in Your Community".
Registration \$25, banquet \$15

AGM 1990 May 10-13. Kelowna, host Central Okanagan Naturalists at the Capri Hotel
Workshops: "Sharing Nature in Your Community" and "Project Wild: A Workshop for the Naturalist".
Each workshop cost \$25. Registration \$20, banquet \$21

FGM 1990 Oct 11-14. Salmon Arm, host Shuswap Naturalists at Salmon Arm Motor Hotel

Theme: "River Deltas and Marshlands of the BC Interior".

Land for Nature Workshop: "Old Growth Forests – Interior and Coastal". Cost \$10

Registration \$25, banquet \$15

AGM 1991 May 9-12. Prince George, host Prince George Naturalists at Esther's Inn
"Rivers and Forest Management Forum".

Registration \$25, banquet \$20

FGM 1991 Oct 4-6. Courtenay, host Comox-Strathcona Naturalists at Westerly Hotel
Workshops: "Wildlife Watch Program" and "Education – A Discussion of FBCN's Role".

Registration \$20, banquet \$20

AGM 1992 April 16-19. Maple Ridge, host Alouette Field Naturalists at Loon Lake UBC Malcolm
Knapp Research Forest. Discussion: "The Structure of the Federation".

Registration \$50 per day food and accommodation

FGM 1992 Oct 16-18. Kimberley, host Rocky Mountain Naturalists at Kimberley Ski & Summer
Resort

Workshops: "FBCN Restructuring Proposals" and "Land Use in the Kootenays: A Perspective on
the Future".

Registration \$27, banquet \$12

AGM 1993 May 13-16. Vancouver, host Vancouver Natural History Society at UBC

Workshop: "Fraser River Basin Management Program".

Registration \$26, banquet \$24

CNF 1993 July 22-25. Vernon, host North Okanagan Naturalists at Vance Creek Hotel, Silver Star
Mountain 22nd Annual Canadian Nature Federation Conference

Theme: "From Desert Sands to Alpine Slopes".

FGM 1993 Oct 21-24. Kamloops, host Kamloops Naturalists Club at University College of the
Cariboo

Workshop: "How to include Natural Areas in Land for Nature Projects".

Registration \$27, banquet \$15

AGM 1994 April 21-24. Chilliwack Field Naturalists at Columbia Bible Camp, Cultus Lake

Registration \$27, banquet \$15

FGM 1994 Sept 29-Oct 2. Salt Spring Island, host Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club at Cedar Beach
Resort, St Mary Lake.

Workshop: Land for Nature Initiatives.

Registration \$30, banquet \$17

AGM 1995 April 27-30. Naramata, host South Okanagan Naturalists at Naramata Centre

Theme: "Habitat Loss & Protection: Earth, Fire, Water".

Registration \$40, banquet \$15

FGM 1995 Sept 28-Oct 1. Quesnel, host Quesnel Naturalists Club

Theme: "Water – Lake, Stream, River and Marsh Stewardship".

Registration \$35, banquet \$15

AGM 1996 April 25-28. Abbotsford, host Central Valley Naturalists at Matsqui Auditorium

Theme: "Celebration of Naturescape BC - Caring for Wildlife Habitat at Home".

Registration \$40, banquet \$20

FGM 1996 Oct 17-20. Celista, host North Shuswap Naturalists at Quaaout Lodge & Celista Hall
Registration \$55, banquet \$12

AGM 1997 May 8-11. Princeton, host Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists at Legions Hall
Theme: "Grasslands, Forests & Riparian Habitat – A Biodiversity".
Registration \$40, banquet \$20

FGM 1997 Sept 25-27. Creston, host Naturalists Clubs of the Kootenays: Nelson Naturalists, West Kootenay Naturalists, Rocky Mountain Naturalists, Boundary Naturalists and Arrow Lakes Naturalists
Creston Valley Wildlife Area – BC's 2nd largest Ramsar Site for Migratory Birds.
Registration \$30, banquet \$20

AGM 1998 May 7-10. Kelowna, host Central Okanagan Naturalists at Lake Okanagan Resort
Theme: "Urban Wildlands".
Registration \$50, banquet \$25. All registrants 103, with 65 people for entire AGM

FGM 1998 Sept 24-27. Vernon, host North Okanagan Naturalists at Bella Vista Winery
Registration \$30, banquet \$25

AGM and CNF 1999 May 13-16. Qualicum Beach, host Arrowsmith Naturalists
joint AGM with Canadian Nature Federation
Theme: "Where the Mountains Meet the Sea: Opportunities in the Next Millennium".
Registration \$60, banquet \$25. Attendance 236 people including day registrations, 38 out of province, banquet registration 180

FGM 1999 Sept 24-27. Princeton, host Vermilion Forks Naturalists at A & P Ranch
Theme: "Fire and Water – Regeneration and Life".
Registration \$50, accommodation and meals \$150, banquet \$25

AGM 2000 May 18-21. Osoyoos, host Osoyoos Desert Society assisted by Oliver-Osoyoos Naturalists
Theme: "Endangered Desert: Wildlife and Habitats at Risk".
[Note: this has been the only AGM or FGM hosted by a non-federated club and timed with Meadowlark Festival]
Registration \$55, banquet \$25

FGM 2000 Sept 21-24. Chilliwack, host Chilliwack Field Naturalists at Charis Camp
Theme: "Living by Water".
Registration \$50, shared residential camp accommodation and meals \$140, banquet \$25

AGM 2001 May 24-27. Williams Lake, host Williams Lake Field Naturalists
Theme: "Experiencing the Cariboo-Chilcotin Grasslands".
Registration \$50, banquet \$20

FGM 2001 Oct 18-21. Surrey, host White Rock and Surrey Naturalists at Camp Alexandra, Crescent Beach
Theme: "Birds, Bogs and Beyond".
Registration \$45, meals and accommodation \$150, banquet \$15

AGM 2002 May 9-12. Victoria, Victoria Natural History Society at University of Victoria
Theme: "Discover Island Diversity".
Registration \$60, banquet \$22

FGM 2002 Sept 19-22. Whistler, host Whistler Naturalist Club
Theme: "Peak to Valley – The Ups and Downs of Life in a Mountain Environment".
Registration \$70, banquet \$25

AGM 2003 May 8-11. Kamloops, host Kamloops Naturalist Club, University College of the Cariboo
Theme: "Fire & Water: Landscape Sculptors". Symposium: "Dry Forests Ecosystems".
Registration \$55, banquet \$26

FGM 2003 Sept 18-21. Kimberley, host Rocky Mountain Naturalists, Kimberley North Star Centre
Theme: "Learning Your Natural World: Mildred White's Legacy".
Full registration \$90 including banquet

AGM 2004 May 13-16. Vancouver, host Vancouver Natural History Society at UBC
Theme: "Where the River Meets the Sea". Symposium: "Restating the Case for Marine Reserves".
Registration \$55, banquet \$30

FGM 2004 Sept 30-Oct 2. Kelowna, host Central Okanagan Naturalists at Ramada Lodge
Theme: "Splendour of Fall".
Registration \$70, banquet \$30

AGM 2005 May 12-15. Salmon Arm, host Shuswap Naturalists at Prestige Harbourfront Resort
Theme: "Dancing in the Bay: A Study of Wetlands in an Urban Setting".
Registration by \$65, banquet \$27. Attendance 145, banquet 138

FGM 2005 Sept 29-Oct 2. Lillooet, host Lillooet Naturalists at Lillooet Friendship Centre
Theme: "Canyon to Alpine".
Full registration, including banquet \$80. Attendance 150

AGM 2006 May 4-7. Courtenay, host Comox Valley Naturalists at Coast Westerly Hotel
Theme: "Comox Valley: Sustaining the Land of Plenty".
Registration \$68, banquet \$30. Attendance 165, banquet 170

FGM 2006 Sept 28-Oct 1. Coquitlam, host Burke Mountain Naturalists, at Best Western Coquitlam Inn
Theme: "Weaving Nature and Communities Together".
Registration \$65, banquet \$35. Attendance 96

AGM 2007 May 3-6. Vernon, host North Okanagan Naturalists at Okanagan University College
Theme: "Conserving our Watersheds and Grasslands".
Registration \$65, banquet \$35. Attendance 117, banquet 107

FGM 2007 Oct 11-14. Chilliwack, host Chilliwack Field Naturalists at Executive Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs
Theme: "North Cascade Ecology – Sasquatch Country!".
Full registration including banquet \$100. Attendance 87

AGM 2008 May 29-June 1. Penticton, host South Okanagan Naturalists, at Penticton Lakeside
Theme: "A Century of Change".
Full registration including banquet \$100. Attendance 121, banquet 165

FGM 2008 Oct 2-5. Sorrento, host North Shuswap Naturalists at Sorrento Centre
Theme: "Preserving the Spirit of the Shuswap".
Registration \$80 with all meals; including banquet \$110. Attendance 68

AGM 2009 Apr 30-May 2. Duncan, host Cowichan Valley Naturalists at Quw'utsun' Conference and Cultural Centre.

Theme: "Nature in the Warm Land".

Registration \$110, banquet \$35. Attendance 163

FGM 2009 Sept 10-13. Sunshine Coast, host Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society at Iris Griffith Nature Centre.

Theme: "The Value of Nature: Summit to Sea"; Workshop on "Five Year Strategic Plan".

Registration \$85, banquet \$25. Attendance 69, banquet 107

AGM 2010 May 13-16. Kamloops, host Kamloops Naturalists at Thompson Rivers University

Theme: "Grasslands: Past, Present & Future". Pre-conference tour: Highland Valley Copper.

Registration \$90, banquet \$40. Attendance 118, Friday Social 152

FGM 2010 Sept 30-Oct 3. Langley, host Langley Field Naturalists at Langley Golf & Banquet Centre

Theme: "Nature on the Urban Edge".

Registration \$110, banquet \$35. Attendance 130, banquet 91

AGM 2011 May 12-15. Williams Lake, host Williams Lake Field Naturalists at the Williams Lake Campus of Thompson Rivers University

Theme: "Enjoying Nature in the Cariboo-Chilcotin".

Registration \$90, banquet \$40. Attendance about 180, banquet 145

FGM 2011, Sept 29-Oct 1. Tsawwassen, host Delta Naturalists at Coast Tsawwassen Inn

Theme: "Nature on the Move – Fall Migration Through Delta".

Registration \$95, banquet \$40. Attendance 195, banquet 148

AGM 2012 May 10-13. Kelowna, host Central Okanagan Naturalists at Okanagan College

Theme: "The Future of Nature in the Central Okanagan".

Registration \$100, banquet \$35. Attendance 178, banquet 160

FGM 2012 Sept 27-30. Parksville, co-hosted by Arrowsmith Naturalists and Nanoose Naturalists at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville

Theme: "Nature by the Salish Sea".

Registration \$90, Friday BBQ \$20, banquet \$40. Attendance ~132, Friday BBQ 93, banquet 114

AGM 2013 May 2-5. Abbotsford, host Abbotsford-Mission Nature Club at Ramada Inn

Theme: "Along the Fraser – Adapting to Change".

Registration \$100, banquet \$48. Attendance 91, banquet 84

FGM 2013 Sept 19-22. Cranbrook, host Rocky Mountain Naturalists at Prestige Inn

Theme: "Earth, Wind, Fire & Water: The Spirit of Nature".

Registration \$90, banquet \$37. Attendance 107, banquet 101

AGM 2014 May 1-4. Victoria, with co-hosts Victoria Natural History Society & Rocky Point Bird Observatory at Harbour Towers Hotel

Theme: "Coastal Connections". Pre-conference tour to Botanical Beach/Avatar Grove.

Registration \$110, banquet \$40

FGM 2014 Sept 25-28. Salmon Arm, host Shuswap Naturalists at Prestige Harbourfront Resort

Theme: "Salmon & Shorebirds – Incredible Journey".

Registration \$90, banquet \$35. Attendance 133, banquet 107

AGM 2015 May 7-10. Salt Spring Island, host Salt Spring Island Trail & Nature Club at ArtSpring Theatre

Theme: "Living by the Salish Sea: Protecting our Ecoregion".

Registration \$110, banquet \$40. Attendance 206

FGM 2015 None; September, BC Nature Board joined with Nature Canada's AGM in Sidney.

AGM 2016 May 12-15. Courtenay, host Comox Valley Naturalists at the Florence Filberg Centre

Theme: "Celebrating Nature for Fifty Years and 100 Years of Conservation".

Registration \$135, banquet \$45. Attendance 251, banquet 150

FGM 2016 Sept 22-25. Prince George, host Prince George Naturalists at Coast Inn of the North

Theme: "Northern Treasurers: Fish, Fur and Feathers".

Registration \$150, banquet \$50

AGM 2017 May 4-7. Lillooet, host Lillooet Naturalist Society at Reynolds Hotel and REC Centre

Theme: "Canyon to Alpine".

Registration \$125, banquet \$30. Attendance 158, volunteers and presenters bringing total to 200

FGM 2017 Sept 21-23. Vernon, host North Okanagan Naturalists at Village Green Hotel

Theme: "Lakes, Grasslands, Forests".

Registration \$125, banquet \$45. Attendance 125

AGM 2018 May 10-13. Vancouver, host Vancouver Natural History Society at UBC Forest Sciences Centre

Theme: "Promoting Health in Nature: Past, Present and Future".

Registration \$125, banquet \$50. Attendance 150

FGM 2018 Sept 20-23. Kelowna, host Central Okanagan Naturalists at Ramada Lodge

Theme: "Connections" (to the Okanagan grasslands and the world around us).

Registration \$125, banquet \$45. Attendance 75

AGM 2019 May 2-4. Duncan, host Cowichan Valley Naturalists at Ramada Hotel

Theme: "Nature in Quw'utsun, the Warmland".

Registration \$125, banquet 45

FGM 2019 Oct 3-5. Pitt Meadows, host Burke Mountain Naturalists at Pitt Meadows Golf Club

Theme: "Celebrating the Joys of Nature", celebrating the 50th Anniversary of BC Nature and the 30th Anniversary of the Burke Mountain Naturalists.

Registration \$125, banquet \$50. Attendance 160 from 34 clubs

AGM 2020 May 28-31. Princeton, Vermilion forks Field Naturalists at Riverside Community Centre

Theme: "Similkameen Spring".

Full registration \$125, banquet \$50.00

AGM cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.