

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

### **Appendix 10. Roundtables, Conferences and Workshops**

#### **1975. Workshop on Need for Sanctuaries in the Fraser River Estuary**

**1977. Fraser River Conference** sponsored by Fraser River Coalition of which FBCN was a founding member

#### **1980. Symposium on Threatened Species in British Columbia and the Yukon.**

Sponsors: FBCN, Institute of Environmental Studies of Douglas College, Fish and Wildlife Branch

Purpose: an in-depth review of the current status, and speculation on the future status of threatened species and habitats in BC and the Yukon.

Keynote speaker: Dr Ian McTaggart-Cowan

Highlights/Outcomes: recommendations for immediate and future action in publication.

World Wildlife Fund donated \$4,000 for proceedings publication.

#### **1981. British Columbia Land for Wildlife – Past, Present and Future,** February 17-19.

Sponsors: FBCN, SFU, Fish and Wildlife Branch

Purpose: To identify concerns with regard to securing a land base for wildlife; to review past and present land use, and to move toward legislation in securing habitats; to discuss how to maintain wildlife within a society based on industrial development.

Keynote speaker: Yorke Edwards

Highlights/Outcomes: 25 resolutions. 25<sup>th</sup> resolution made specific reference to education, proposing “that the Government of British Columbia be urged to intensify their public relations and education efforts to ensure ongoing support of conservation and the education efforts to ensure ongoing support of conservation and the education of Canadians to a conservation ethic.”

#### **1984. Symposium on Parks in British Columbia**

Sponsors: FBCN, UBC Forestry Recreation, National and Provincial Parks Association of Canada.

Purpose: to conduct a public assessment of 1) The past, present and future roles of Canada’s national parks within BC; 2) The past, present and future roles of the provincial and regional park systems of BC.

Highlights/Outcomes: Recommendations from proceedings publication. Need for coordination among levels of government regarding parkland and use of both master plans and management plans; dwindling role of interpretation in parks, threats of privatizing parks-related services; tourism overshadowing other values such as conservation and heritage.

Organizer: Dick Stace-Smith

### **1987. Bits and Pieces Symposium**

Sponsor: FBCN, part of the anniversary of Wildlife Conservation in Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service.

Purpose: to discuss the natural diversity of BC from the conservation perspective. The province, administered in 'bits and pieces', needs a strong interagency structure.

Highlights/Outcomes: publication of proceedings.

### **1987. Second Fraser River Conference**, Richmond, March 6-7.

Sponsor: Fraser River Coalition of which FBCN was a founding member.

### **1987. Minnekhada Roundtable**

Sponsor: FBCN Education and Recreation Committee.

Purpose: to discuss the directions public groups should, or could, take in the support of the parks, reserves, conservancies and crown-held lands and water roughly designated north of the Fraser River, north of Burrard Inlet. Specifically, how can the natural features of the parks and Crown Lands and waters serve in an educational context, as opposed to, for example, in the purely sports context? How can the naturalist of the Lower Mainland best fit into the educational patterns over the next quarter century?

Highlights/Outcomes: VNHS to produce brochure on physical features of Vancouver area.

### **1988. Williams Lake Roundtable**

Sponsor: FBCN Education and Recreation Committee.

Purpose: to review the natural features of the Williams Lake area and the Cariboo-Chilcotin as part of the FBCN AGM Conference, and to ask the question, "What can the naturalists do?"

Highlights/Outcomes: Attendance from all over the province; so good that it was considered to make the roundtable a regular feature of the AGM. Discussions held with Parks, Fish and Wildlife, Tourism and Forestry with tour of specific local natural sites.

### **1990. Old Growth Forests (Interior and Coastal) Workshop.**

BC Nature FGM, October 14 in Salmon Arm.

Purpose: Workshop to inform FBCN members about the stages of growth of forests. In particular, the workshop focused on the complex questions about Old Growth Forests, current events, decision-making processes, and potential future directions for the FBCN. Presenters: Ray Travers, Ken Lertzman, Jim Pojar, Juergen Hansen, Randy Chan, Dr Phil Haddock, Alison Nicholson. Moderated by Dick Stace-Smith.

Organizer: Nora Layard.

Field Trip in afternoon to Old Growth Forest coordinated by Alan Vyse and Dennis Lloyd.

### **1991. Toward A Provincial Land and Water Use Strategy**, Dunsmuir Lodge, Sidney, BC, May 1-3.

Sponsors: Association of BC Professional Foresters, BC Forestry Association, BC Wildlife Federation, Council of Forest Industries of BC, FBCN, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Forests, and Outdoor Recreation Council of BC.

Purpose: to prepare a provincial land use strategy plan, to determine and identify the inventory and resource needs necessary to implement a land use strategy, and to develop approaches and action steps for implementation.

Highlights/Outcomes: Fifty-six individuals representing 38 agencies and/or groups attended. Proceedings available. (See Appendix 9. Publications).

**1991. Community Action for Endangered Species – A Public Symposium on B.C.’s Threatened and Endangered Species and their Habitat.** Vancouver, September 28-29.

Sponsors: FBCN and Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society

Purpose: creating public awareness on the status of the endangered species in British Columbia. Intentions were to create public dialogue on the need for proper legislation which would serve to protect these species, with hope that in the five years following the symposium, BC would have a thorough, meaningful and effective Endangered Species Act that was lacking at the time of this publication.

Highlights/Outcomes: Causes of Endangerment, Freshwater Ecosystems, the Southern Interior Ecoregion, Marine Ecosystems, High Altitude and Northern Interior Forest Ecosystems, Coastal Forest Ecosystems, Strategies to Bring About Change, and Legislative Change for Endangered Species. (See Appendix 9. Publications. Report edited by Susanne Rautio).

**1991. Workshop on Golf Courses in the Lower Mainland.**

**1993. Annual Conservation Day**, January 30.

Highlights/Outcomes: Ski development in provincial parks, commercial backcountry development, Land for Nature, reports on hot spots.

Organizer: Dick Stace-Smith.

**1994. “Stewardship ‘94”.** Vancouver, March 3-6.

Sponsors: FBCN cosponsored with eight other organizations.

Highlights/Outcomes: Focused on the voluntary conservation of nature on private land, with two streams: “Revising the Land Ethic” and “Caring for the Land”.

**1997. “Working Together: Sustaining our Parks and Protected Areas”.** April.

Sponsors: CPAWS and GVRD assisted with this workshop.

**1990 to 1998. Land for Nature Symposium and Workshops.**

Several meetings and workshops were held around the province including:

1991, November 23. Endangered Spaces Workshop sponsored by FBCN and Kamloops Naturalists

1991. Shoreline Workshop.

1991. Matsqui Ensuring Livability

1996. Caring for our Rivers and Streams.

(See Appendix 9. Publications for descriptions).

**2003. Dry Forests Ecosystems Symposium.** Kamloops, May 8.

Pre-FBCN AGM conference coordinated by Frances Vyse, Kamloops Naturalist Club, together with Biology Department, University College of the Cariboo, and Forest Research Extension Partnership.

Purpose: After naturalists brought attention to the need for dry forest ecosystem management, the symposium was organized to bring together experts to discuss management options.

Presenters: Dr. Lori Daniels, Thomas Veblen, Frances Vyse, Dennis Lloyd, Richard Howie, Andre Arsenault, Walk Klenner, Steven Carr and the symposium moderator, Dr. Ken Lertzman.

Highlights/Outcomes: Publication of presentations. Summary of presentations in Fall 2003 issue of BC Naturalist Magazine.

**2003. Ecological Reserve Wardens Provincial Gathering.** Kamloops.

September.

Organized jointly FBCN and Friends of Ecological Reserves.

**2004. Marine Protected Areas Symposium - Restating the Case for Marine Reserves.** Vancouver. May 13-14.

Presenters: Daniel Pauly, Bernard Hanby, Sabine Jessen, Rod Fujita, and Richard Carson.

Highlights/Outcomes: Collaborative and productive conversations amongst members of the Federation of British Columbia Naturalists, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Marine Life Sanctuaries Society of BC, and Vancouver Natural History Society.

Organizer: Jeremy McCall as part of the FBCN pre-conference. Included field trip up Indian Arm.