

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

## **Appendix 8. Archival Records**

### **Files stored at University of Victoria Archives, together with summary examples of Conservation Issues and Committee Representation**

*Compiled by Bev Ramey when organizing files for storage at UVic Archives.*

This Appendix has three sections.

- Part One: Record of Minutes in Archives—four boxes of (unscanned) files.
- Part Two: Conservation Files in Archives—five boxes of files. Note these files are scanned and available on BC Nature website: members-only section under “Archives” (lower right)
- Part Three: Summary examples of Conservation Issues and Committee Representation

#### **Part One: Federation of British Columbia Naturalists (BC Nature) Archival Record of Minutes**

Four boxes of minutes (unscanned) deposited in UVic Archives November 2013

##### Minutes BOX 1 of 4

Minutes and Correspondence, including BC Nature Council 1958 – 1968  
Minutes include AGM, FGM, Directors and Regional Committees

##### Minutes BOX 2 of 4

Minutes and Correspondence 1987 – 1994  
Minutes include AGM, FGM, Directors and Regional Committees

##### Minutes BOX 3 of 4

Minutes and Correspondence 1995 – 2001  
Minutes include AGM, FGM, Directors and Regional Committees

##### Minutes BOX 4 of 4

Minutes and Correspondence 2002 – 2010  
Minutes include AGM, FGM, Directors and Regional Committees, including files from Vancouver Island Regional Directors

#### **Part Two: Federation of British Columbia Naturalists (BC Nature) Archival Record of Conservation Letters and Briefs**

Five boxes of (scanned) conservation letters and briefs deposited in UVic Archives November 2013

The following list identifies the titles of file folders (from #1 to #21) and includes the topic of letters within each of the numbered files, line by line. The numbered

files are approximately in chronological order, although many issues and topics span more than one year. In that case they are usually grouped in the critical year of the topic. The 21 files by year are listed according to the box where they are stored (Box numbers 1 through 5). Some topics for which there were many letters and papers, are indicated with one line only, but with an "\*" in front of the description, *which is in italics*. The "\*" and *the description of the topic in italics*, indicates that the topic has a mini file on this issue within the larger numbered file.



The nine file storage boxes delivered to archivist librarian at UVic.

## **Conservation BOX 1 of 5**

### **1. BC Nature Council: Conservation Issues 1963 – 1969**

(correspondence and some papers)

- Pollution
  - Soil, Air, Water; Biocides, Insecticides, Pesticides, Chemical Use, Herbicides, Fungicides, Biological Control, Bush-killers along highways
  - Roadside Tables (Department of Highways)
- Litter
  - Beverage Bottles: outlaw non-returnable ones
  - Roadside garbage cans and other means to reduce littering
  - 'Outdoors Unlittered'
- Grazing: Winter Grazing Areas for Wildlife and Domestic Grazing
- Snowshoe Plateau (near Barkerville)

- Fraser River Estuary and Boundary Bay:
  - Roberts Bank and Sturgeon Bank and proposed Roberts Bank Superport and coal loading
  - Need for a Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Plan
- Firearms
  - their indiscriminate use (from any highway)
  - objection to licensing of Shooting Reserves
  - Harbour seals: shooting along BC Coast as no restrictions
- Fisheries and Forestry (Brief to Select Standing Committee)
- Burns Bog and protection of bogs
- Burnaby Lake: opposition to plans to permit motor-boating
- Land Management (Access and Protection Committee)
  - protection and improved management
  - marina development, Blue Heron Basin of Tsehum Harbour, Saanich Peninsula
  - Reservoir Clearing: clear proposed reservoirs prior to flooding: BC Hydro at Duncan and High Arrow reservoirs, Mica Reservoir; Brief for Clearing by Slashing forests within the Mica Reservoir
- Snowmobiles: disturbance and abuse of wildlife
- Mining: laws to outlaw strip mining and "cat roading"
- Parks, Provincial and National
  - establish Cathedral Lakes Park
  - opposition to logging, old blocks within Glacier National Park
  - concerns re mine establishment in Strathcona Park (Cream Silver Mines and Western Mines, both in Class B areas)
  - to acquire property for sale at Brandywine Falls
  - Hamber Provincial Park: restore lands to park where size reduced in 1961
  - Establish park at Brent Mountain
  - proposal for Edziza Plateau
  - access to Garibaldi Conservancy, leave volcanic areas natural
  - praise to Deputy Minister and staff regarding work in Provincial Parks, including Nature Houses and trails
  - recalling leases in Banff
  - need for new provincial park legislation
  - establishment of small Ecological Conservancies or Ecological Reserves outside existing parks (e.g., Whitebark Pine in Shulaps Mountain, portion of dry zone in South Okanagan)
  - Tenquille Lake
  - create more roadside camping areas
- Falcons
  - peregrine and prairie: dramatic reduction in breeding success
  - falconry and capture of wild birds
- Predator Control Committee: established to keep informed on kind and number of predators destroyed by provincial government, costs of program, effects
- Threatened Species Report: Vancouver Island Wolf, Trumpeter Swans, Peregrine Falcons, badgers, grizzly bears in Tweedsmuir Park given protection from hunting along their feeding grounds of the major rivers, sea otters, Vancouver Island Marmots

- Mica Reservoir: Brief for Clearing by Slashing, BC Nature Council 1967-1968

## **2. Conservation Committee Minutes 1969 – 1991**

- Minutes from meetings 1969-1982, and notes from 1975 tour of Hat Creek proposed BC Hydrothermal-Electric Project
- Minutes from Annual Conservation Committee Meetings 1986-1991

## **3. Conservation Committee Correspondence 1979 – 1993**

- Conservation Committee Annual Reports
- Letters covering resolutions not listed here (See separate booklets on website listing resolutions)
- Letters on numerous issues, some noteworthy topics include:
  - Sidney Island purchase 1971
  - Thetis Lake Nature Sanctuary 1976
  - Trail Bikes and 4WDs, need for regulations
  - Snowmobiles, need for designated areas 1976
  - Poisoning of lakes to remove 'trash-type' fish 1976
  - Widgeon Slough, power boating 1978
  - Vancouver Island Marmot, request for no hunting area designation 1981
  - Caribou Herd, Telkwa Mountains, restrict snowmobiling 1981
  - Thompson River water quality 1982
  - Wolf Management 1983
  - Old Growth Forest, northern Vancouver Island, protection 1983
  - Fish Farms, Aquaculture, and concerns with importation of Atlantic Salmon, September 1986
  - Site C Dam, opposition 1986
  - Wells Gray Provincial Park and boundary expansion to include Trophy Mountains 1986
  - Mud Bay proposed wildlife sanctuary 1986
  - Mount Klappan Coal Project 1986
  - Long-billed Curlew in East Kootenay 1987
  - Support to reduce beverage container litter
  - Great Blue Herons nesting near Chemainus River mudflats 1987
  - Stein Valley, protection 1987
  - Uranium mining and expiry of moratorium 1987

## **4a. Conservation Issues 1971 – 1986**

- *\*Parks Issues 1969-1985*
- *\* Wilderness: Proposal for Wilderness Legislation 1974, Wilderness Advisory Committee 1986*
- *\* Spatisizi 1977-1980*
- *\* Problem Wildlife Advisory Committee: Lower Mainland report 1974-1975, Minutes of meetings, Re-introduction of use of Compound 1080, Wolf Poisoning 1978, FBCN Presentation to Western Guides & Outfitters 1980, Vancouver Is Wolf Management, Annual Report 1986*

- Provincial Caves
- Trail: Lifesaving Trail section of Pacific Rim National Park, width of corridor 1971
- Ministry of Forests: Wilderness Recreation
- Mud Bay land acquisition, Serpentine & Nicomekl
- Surrey Bend protection
- Manning Park Issues 1971
- Mackenzie Valley Pipeline: submission to Berger Hearings 1976
- Offshore Oil Exploration and Drilling 1981
- \* *Hudson's Bay Brigade Historic Trails Hope to Tulameen in Hozameen Mountains to north of Manning Park including Sowaqua Valley 1971-1974*
- Litter: standardized pop bottle for refunds
- Kettle River protection
- Fish & Wildlife Branch review, Brief 1976
- Hunting of Furbearers
- Sea Island, impact from military exercises on north part of island
- Golden Bear Mine Proposal
- Genetically Engineered Organisms
- Estuaries: southeast coast of Vancouver Island, tour and protection 1978
- Energy, Brief 1979
- Diamond Head Lodge, Garibaldi Provincial Park
- Coquihalla Highway proposed route
- Cherry Point Oil Refinery
- Burns Bog
- Uranium Exploration and Mining, call for moratorium
- Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association and Vandusen Gardens 1972-1986
- Agricultural Land Reserve, Brief 1980
- Stanley Park, support for Nature Centre 1986
- Rare and Endangered Species Committee 1978
- Save our Parkland Association correspondence
- Wolf Kill discussion paper and correspondence 1978-1983
- Forest and Forest Management in BC 1979
- Landfill at Cache Creek 1987
- Chemical Weed Control, resolution 1978
- PCBs, control
- Uranium Mining Public Inquiry: presentation 1979
- Pollution Control Objectives for mining 1972
- Agricultural Land Reserve letter of support 1979
- Bogs of Richmond: letter of support for preservation to Township of Richmond 1980
- Fraser Valley Wetlands letter 1980
- Mineland Reclamation letter 1981
- \* *Tsitika Watershed protection, 1978-79, Resolution opposing Tsitika Resource Management Plan and Further Extending the Moratorium on Logging, Tsitika River Integrated Resource Planning Committee, Brief from United Fisherman and Allied Workers Union 1978*
- Old Growth Timber reserve for wildlife on northern Vancouver Island 1983
- \* *Sidney Island Appeal for Purchase 1979*
- \* *Manning Park Extension, Cascade Wilderness Study 1976-1981*

- \* *South Moresby 1978*
- \* *Skagit (Ross Committee) 1973-1983*
- \* *Burrowing Owl Recovery 1981-1988*
- \* *Fish & Wildlife Branch and Wildlife Management 1973-1983*

#### **4b. Conservation Issues 1971 – 1986, Fraser Lowlands, Wetlands and WMAs**

- \* *Serpentine Fen 1975-1993*
- \* *Fraser Valley Wetlands Habitat Committee 1980*
- \* *Pitt Wildlife Management Area Advisory Committee, Sandhill Crane 1975-1982*
- \* *Fraser River Estuary Forum 1980-81*

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#### **5. Conservation Issues 1987 – 1991**

- \* *Save the Stein Coalition (efforts from 1976-1995 when Provincial Park established). (See also separate Box 5 for files on Save the Stein Coalition)*
- Land for Nature Project
- Environmental Education Workshop
- Uranium Moratorium
- Mining Environmental Impacts
- Future Hydroelectric Power Development
- Oil Scarcity and Security
- Oil Tanker Safety and Spills
- Wildlife Viewing and Contract for Viewing Guide in southwest BC
- Bats: Survey in South Okanagan
- Sustainable Development 1989
- Nature Interpretation proposal for Vaseux Lake 1988
- British Columbia Round Table on Environment and Economy 1991: submissions from Lower Mainland
- Provincial Green Plan: response from FBCN 1991
- Marbled Murrelets Old Growth Forest Haven 1991
- Interior Old Growth
- Hudson's Bay Company Heritage Trail 1989
- Nahmint Watershed Plan Review
- Animal Transplants: pros and cons 1988
- \* *Forests, Management Wilderness and Old Growth, Wilderness for the 1990s*
- \* *Vancouver Island Estuaries and Wardens 1988-1989*
- \* *Kemano Completion Project 1987-1991: letter from Federal Minister of Oceans and correspondence regarding workshop and Rivers Defense Coalition*
- \* *Wildlife, Hunting, Guide Outfitters 1987-1989*
- Tree Farm Licences: comments by FBCN, letter to editor 1989
- Off-Road Vehicles: damage to environment 1989
- "Managing Wildlife to 2001": comments from FBCN on Discussion Paper 1991
- Boundary Bay, Mud Bay conservation lands: importance of wildlife values. (See separate file within Conservation 2000)

- Ecological Reserves: support for Pacific Spirit Regional Park Reserve
- Fraser River Estuary Management Plan secretariat: letter supporting recreation work group report 1988
- Galiano Island: Forestry lands and clearcutting 1990
- Native Plant: proposal for Roadside Reserve for orchids near Kamloops 1990
- South Okanagan: request for geology report 1990
- South Okanagan: a viewing plan for Vaseaux Lake 1990
- Martindale Flats
- Salt Spring Island: letter supporting park or reserve status for 12 parcels of Crown Land 1990
- Wetlands acquisition and support for North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- Royal BC Museum: letter in support of increased funding and reply
- Land Use plan for Mountain forested lands of north side of Fraser Valley: letter to BC Forest Resources Commission and to GVRD requesting such a study 1990
- Upper Fraser Valley: letters requesting conservation of key lands, regional planners to review 1990
- Brief to Fraser/Cheam Regional District Board urging designation of parkland, brief joint FBCN and Chilliwack Field Naturalists 1990
- Harrison-Chehalis Wildlife Management Areas: proposal for protection in correspondence to Fish and Wildlife Branch and replies 1990-1991
- Trapping and request for statistics from Fur Carnivore Specialist 1990
- Peace River wetlands: letter to Ducks Unlimited
- Thacker Mountain Hope: two letters to Regional District of Fraser-Cheam explaining the lands were donated by Mr. Thacker to UBC to be used as a nature preserve and for biological studies 1990-1991
- Debris Control program on lower Fraser River
- Tsawwassen Nature Park forest: letter of support for preservation 1991
- Similkameen River Dam proposal near Princeton 1991

## **6. Conservation Issues 1992 – 1995**

- *\*Ecological Reserves 1979-1995: including exclusions for hunting, educational use, Ambrose Lake, Yale Garry Oak, Thacker Mountain at Hope, greater support for program*
- *\* Mitlenatch Island Viewing Platform 1992*
- Commission on Resources and Environment (CORE): comments re Vancouver Island, includes Clayoquot Sound, Cariboo-Chilcotin
- MOD Squad Meetings 1993-1994: environmental groups comments to government land use planning
- Explanation to FBCN Executive on PAS, CORE, LRMP and LRUP planning 1993
- Boundary Bay management
- Hunting and discharge of firearms in Surrey, Boundary Bay, Lower Mainland
- Meeting with Rod Silver, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks to discuss: Land for Nature Project, Environmental Education Workshop, Boundary Bay Special Wildlife/Agriculture Reserve, or Biosphere Reserve 1992

- Meeting with Ray Halladay, Wildlife Branch to discuss: Habitat Conservation Fund, South Okanagan Land Acquisition support, Chilcotin Junction, Stanley Park Biosphere 1992
- Support to BC Minister of Environment, John Cashore, for South Okanagan land purchase, Pacific Coast Joint Venture, South Chilcotin Mountains support for park, Stikine River Basin special management area support, Project Wild, Public Conservation Assistance Fund, and Widgeon Valley Reserve protection 1992
- Parks Canada: establishment of marine protected areas and Churn Creek 1992-1993
- Wetlands protection and management 1993
- Wildlife Trees, guide for users
- Kamloops Silt Cliffs proposal for Ecological Reserve 1993
- East Kootenay Land Use Plan through CORE
- Ashnola Wildlife Management Area: support for designation
- Vancouver Island Lands: Goal 2 protection 1995
- Northern Rockies Conservation Coalition 1995
- Creston Skyway feeding station and trophy hunting of wildlife
- Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area: cuts to funding 1995
- Thompson-Okanagan Encyclopedia of Human and Natural History (RBCM): two-year project 1994-1996
- Ecological Reserves program: need for higher profile
- Canadian Standards Association: Sustainable Forest Management and Certification comments
- Swan Lake, Vernon: opposition to water-skiing 1993
- South Okanagan Conservation Strategy (CORE): comments 1993
- Purple Loosestrife 1993
- Lillooet LRMP meeting 1996
- Pacific Water Shrew recovery team 1995
- Resolutions: letter responses
- Park Act and Ecological Reserve Act amendments: comments 1994
- Lower Mainland Nature Legacy Program: press conference 1995
- Protected Area Process
- Jumbo Creek ski resort proposal 1995
- Red Chris Mine Project 1995
- Ministry of Forests and District staff: thank you letters for LRMP Agreements
- BC Habitat Conservation Fund
- Grasslands: Chilcotin, letter supporting inventory 1992
- Kootenays: Shell land donation for Mount Broadfoot/Wigwam area conservancy
- Greenhouses in Boundary Bay area and diminish waterfowl use on backup lands
- \* *Nechako, Kemano Project, correspondence and briefs 1991-1998, including Rivers Defence Coalition, letters and replies from federal and provincial Ministers*
- *Parks Canada and Federal Budget: brief from Canadian Nature Federation 1995*
- \* *Cypress Provincial Park Special Planning 1994-1995*
- Canadian Nature Federation comments on Parks Canada
- Tsawwassen Forest
- McGillivray Creek Game Reserve: recommendation for protection
- Wolf Control in Northeast BC

- \* *Conservation Network representatives 1989-1998: including Environmentally Sound Packaging, Environmental Network Fund, Nootka Resources Board, Naturescape*
- \* *Gravel Removal Fraser River, Hope to Mission 1992-1995*
- \* *Parks Issues 1991-1995: including submissions to Parks Plan '90 and Wilderness for the 1990s, Strathcona, Tweedsmuir, Clayoquot Sound, Cypress, Babine Mountains, Tatshenshini, and Caren Range*

## **7. Protected Areas Strategy in Lower Mainland 1993 – 1997**

- Land for Nature sites identified in Lower Mainland as Environmentally Important Sites and Fraser Lowlands Ecosection
- Public Advisory Committee for Lower Mainland Protected Areas Strategy
- Memorandum of Understanding of Southwestern BC "Wildlands Alliance"
- FBCN: 12-page brief regarding Priority Sites in Fraser Lowlands Ecosection recommended for Protected Area Status, February 1995
- Letter to Minister of Environment regarding important wetlands on Lower Fraser
- Lower Mainland Public Advisory Committee recommendations, August 1996

## **8. Conservation Issues 1996 – 1998**

- FBCN Initiatives re Parks 1996
- Brief Report re Cassiar Issue by Bert Brink
- Protected Area Strategy and dry Southern Interior
- Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy and support to acquire lands
- Ryder Lake, Chilliwack: comments on Area Plan, letters and responses
- Pitt Meadows and dredged sand dumping: letter of complaint and reply
- Golden Ears Park: proposal to expand and include hillside on east side of Alouette Lake; response under evaluation
- Vancouver Island Regional Naturalists letters from Tony Embleton: regarding Vancouver Island Resource Targets, 'push over' logging, revitalize volunteer Ecological Reserves Warden program and reply, comments on Juan de Fuca Provincial Park draft Master Plan
- Thompson-Okanagan Region comments on protected areas
- Salt Spring Island Mill Farm and support for acquisition
- Protected Areas Strategy and letter advocating more acquisition of ecosection in Kamloops LRMP (12% representation in all ecosections)
- Letter to new Minister of Environment expressing greater support for creation and management of parks
- Invitation to participate in Central Coast LRMP
- Reply to FBCN resolution requesting amendments to the Park Act to set out strict and clearly defined limits on commercial operations and services in Class A provincial parks
- Regional Directors meetings
- Itcha-Ilgachuz Provincial Park background document
- FBCN Initiatives re Parks, 1996 compilation of Land for Nature project and Resolutions Dunsmuir III – Grass Roots Review of Moving Forward Together on Provincial Land Use Strategy 1996

- Wildlife Management Areas: Harrison-Chehalis and McGillivray Slough
- Grasslands Restoration and BC Grasslands 1996
- Wildlife Watch and future funding
- Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy: support 1996
- Nancy Green Provincial Park: concern re removal of land
- Meeting with Minister of Environment 1998: topics covered concerns regarding BC Parks budget decline, no BC Endangered Species Legislation, Forestry and Range management, Aquatic Habitat Conservation, Nechako River water flows, Agriculture
- Okanagan Mountain Park: hunting and guide outfitting
- Coho Crisis Enquiry 1998
- Beehive burners and air quality 1998
- BC Parks Legacy Project Panel discussion paper 1998
- FBCN comments on Interim Report from Parks Legacy Panel 1998-1999
- FBCN comments to Forum on Sand and Gravel in Fraser River
- Forest Biodiversity Research Council 1996
- *\* Parks Forum: Working Together to Sustain Parks and Protected Areas – public forum, with support from FBC 1997*
- Cypress Provincial Park: support for management principles 1997
- Ecological Reserves: reply to letter requesting penalties for infractions and support for Warden program
- BC Parks: Memorandum of Understanding between BC Parks and FBCN for a cooperative relationship and comments from clubs 1997
- Resolutions: reply from Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks on topics including increase in penalties for illegal possession of bear parts, and that the Ministry is identifying candidate areas for designation as Grizzly Bear Conservation Areas 1997
- Fraser River North Arm: barge berthing facility
- Telkwa: support for land acquisition 1997
- Granet Lake Logging licence on Lang Creek, Wolfson Bay, Powell River, letter regarding abuse and reply 1997
- Vancouver Island Regional Directors letters regarding Lazo Marsh and Beckton Estate Development, Groundwater
- *\* Mount Arrowsmith: plan for Regional Park, approval of ski development proposal and legal opinion, purchase of Mount Cokely and Mount Arrowsmith 1998*
- *\*Vancouver Island Conservation Issues 1998-1999: proposed development Mount Arrowsmith, proposed quarry Metchosin, purchase of South Winchelsea Island, Sooke Road rock quarry, Islands Trust Natural Areas Tax Incentive, Forest Renewal BC, Englishman River Estuary and gravel pit proposal, Special Management Zones, support for Pacific Marine Heritage Program, Jedediah Island management plan, and herring depletion of stocks*
- Resolutions: response letters regarding federal endangered species legislation, Riverview Lands
- Agricultural Land Reserve: letter of support
- Six Mile Ranch development on prime farmland: letter response
- Vancouver Island Marmot
- Lower Fraser River: sand and gravel removal, letter of concern and reply 1998

- BC Parks Legacy Project: views and response 1998
- Mara Meadows: province refuses water diversion application 1998
- Burns Bog (See file under Conservation 2004)
- Do We Value our Parks – Opinion Editorial and Backgrounder, November 1998
- Alpine Environment Discussion
- Game Farming
- Alaksen National Wildlife Area Advisory Committee
- Fisheries Survival Coalition and comments 1997
- Francis Point Marine Park Society: proposal for protection 1998
- Parks Legacy Panel: Interim Report by FBCN, September 1998
- Gravel removal from Fraser River: reply from Federal Fisheries Minister 1998
- \* *Fraser River Coalition 1977-1999, including minutes to 1988*

## **9. Conservation Issues & Letters File Summary, October 1998 – early 1999**

- \**Notes prepared for meeting with Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks, Honourable Cathy McGregor, October 16, 1998: covering BC Parks, Recreation and Access, Endangered Species, Forestry Range Lands, Aquatic Habitat Conservation, Nechako River, Agriculture, Resource Extraction and projects Land for Nature and Living by Water*
- Agriculture and Food: Brief to BC Government Select Standing Committee, December 1999
- Conservation Priorities for 1998-1999
- Fraser Lowlands
- Nechako
- Islands Trust
- Burns Bog
- Provincial and Regional Parks: Entiako Proposed Protected Area, Access to 18/20 Mile Creek through Manning Provincial Park, Sale of Boundary Bay Greenbelt Lands, Pitt Wildlife Management Areas, Park Legacy Panel Final Report, Seymour Demonstration Forest, Okanagan Mountain Park hunting and guide outfitting, West Vancouver Madrona Ridge/Telegraph Hill, Riverview Property, Sooke Hills
- Agriculture/Wildlife Conflicts: including mesh netting on grape crops, use of Compound 1080 poison, Provincial Interest in Agricultural Land Commission Act
- Crown Lands: Off-Road Vehicle use and need for Act to manage, Taseko Mines Prosperity Project, BC Assets and Lands Corporation and sale of Crown Lands, transfer of MacMillan Bloedel forest lands to Weyerhaeuser
- Marine Protected Areas
- Water Act

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### **10. Conservation Issues & Letters 1999**

- \**Yale Garry Oak Ecological Reserve 1996-1999*
- Regional Directors meetings
- FBCN News Release in support of Parks Legacy Panel 1999

- Fraser Lowlands Working Group: support for recommendations
- Manning Provincial Park: timber access to 18/20 Mile Creeks
- Resolutions response from government to:
  - Sturgeon Bank and Roberts Bank WMA
  - Gravel Management in Fraser
  - Tranquille WMA
  - Parks Legacy
  - Nechako River
  - Grizzly Bear Management
  - Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy
  - Identified Wildlife, Special Management Zones 1999
- Environment Minister Honourable Joan Sawicki, notes prepared for meeting, December 1999
- Burnaby Mountain interpretive panels
- Forest Renewal BC
- Forest Policy Review
- Ski Resort Proposal "Garibaldi at Squamish"
- \* *Ski Resort Proposal "Cayoosh- Melvin Creek" near Duffey Lake: Comments from FBCN 1999*
- \* *MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. Parks Settlement Agreement, public hearings and background*
- Grizzly Bear Management
- Telegraph Hill/Madrona Ridge in West Vancouver
- Nanaimo River Estuary
- Carp Lake Provincial Park: Forest Road Access through Entiako Protected Area – beetle-killed trees salvage operations
- South Peace: protection for Red and Blue-listed birds
- South Slokan Perry Ridge Water Users
- Nature Canada letter regarding National Park establishment
- Meeting with Minister Joan Sawicki coordinated by FBCN with conservationists to discuss Parks Involvement, December 1999
- Puget Sound/Georgia Basin International Task Force
- \* *Seymour Demonstration Forest, North Vancouver 1998-1999*
- \* *Grasslands and Grasslands Conservation Council 1996-2000*
- \* *Endangered Species Coalition 1994-2000*

## **11. Conservation Issues and Letters 2000**

- Regional Directors meetings
- \* *Grizzly Bear Hunt 1999-2002*
- Telkwa Mountain Caribou Recovery
- Anderson's Fur Brigade Trail, Fraser Canyon
- Sumas Energy 2 Power Generating Plant
- Berg Lake trail, Mount Robson Provincial Park, helicopter disturbance
- Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park, acquisition priority
- Ecological Integrity in Provincial Parks
- Fraser Lowlands, Proposed Parks and WMAs
- Pitt River, stopping gravel mine in Upper Pitt

- Southern Gulf Islands National Park Reserve
- Kamloops Highway Bypass route and impact on Silt Cliffs
- \* *Jones (Wahleach) Lake, Chilliwack: Mountain Beaver and proposed Jones Lake Wildlife Habitat Area*
- Ministry of Environment funding HELP MELP campaign
- Cassiar Iskut-Stikine Land Resource Management Plan
- Eagle nest trees and Wildlife Act
- Lillooet Land and Resource Management Plan
- Cayoosh Mountain/Melvin Creek Ski Resort Development proposed
- Nature Canada completing National Park system
- Agriculture Wildlife conflicts
- Ashnola WMA establishment
- Marine Protected Areas: Strategy for Canada's Pacific Coast, comments
- Cassiar Iskut-Stikine Land and Resource Management Plan: support
- \* *Gravel Pit Review of policies by Government, and FBCN Submission*
- Tsitika Valley: Claud Elliot area boundary review
- Strathcona Park Public Advisory Committee and Master Plan Update
- Riverview Property, Coquitlam, preservation
- Squamish Estuary: agreement to preserve
- Burns Bog: support for preservation
- Okanagan Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan: completion
- \* *BC Assets and Lands Corporation: Government Commitment to principles respecting Crown Land management, issuance of commercial outdoor recreation licenses*
- \* *Boundary Bay Conservation Lands: Importance of Wildlife Values 1988-1989 and more recent concerns regarding sale of Mud Bay Greenbelt Lands, Robert Bank Back-up 1988-2000*
- \* *Marine Protected Areas 1998-2002, including FBCN Marine Policy*

## **12. Conservation Issues 2001**

- Regional Directors Meetings: agendas and minutes
- Koksilah River Provincial Park: comments on draft management plan and protection for Eagle Heights pocket grassland
- Strathcona Provincial Park Master Plan update issues of snowmobiling and hunting
- Nootka Island public access
- Logging roads: impact from accelerated construction due to mountain pine beetle
- Resolutions covering letters and replies:
  - Burns Bog, Riverview property in Coquitlam
  - Provincial Ministry of Environment need to increase budget
  - Heritage trail designation for Anderson's Fur Brigade Trail
  - Eagle Heights Grasslands near Duncan See also 2004
  - Mandatory licensing for All Terrain Vehicles
  - Ban on selling purple loosestrife by nurseries
  - Hunting on Nature Trust Lands on Vancouver Island

- Crown Lands on Southern Gulf Islands, Log Booms on Nanaimo River Estuary, Cowichan Lake Weir
- Landstrom Provincial Park Proposal, District of Hope
- Moratorium on hunting grizzly bears (See also mini file in year 2000)
- Meeting with Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, Stan Hagen, June 2001
- Park Interpretation in BC Parks cut for 2001: proposal to request government to increase camping fees by \$1 per night in parks where interpretation is offered
- Updates from Conservation Chair on Lillooet LRMP, National Park for Natural Region Three, HELP MELP campaign for funding provincial Fish & Wildlife and Parks
- Harrison Knob letter from Scowlitz First Nations
- Nature Canada Resolution regarding settlement of Treaty Negotiations
- Rath Trevor Park: concern regarding Calypso Orchids
- "Grasslands" FBCN Conservation Policy
- Southern Gulf Islands National Park: support
- \* *Bowron Lake, Cariboo Mountains and Cariboo River Park Management Plan, 2000 to 2001, and comments submitted*
- ATVs responsible use
- BC Assets and Land Corporation: disposition of Crown Land near Mud Bay
- Burns Bog (See file for 2004)
- British Columbia Wildlife Watch Provincial Viewing Program, business plan
- Bella Coola: adjacent to Tweedsmuir Park, proposal for heli-skiing
- Bowron Lake/Cariboo Mountains/Cariboo: comments on Park Management Plan
- \* *HELP MELP Campaign: letters, updates, newspaper clippings*

### **13. Conservation Issues 2002**

- Regional Directors meetings
- ATV use for hunting
- Streamside Protection Regulations
- Questions for Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection for May AGM: Why was Park Interpretation Cut, Proposed changes to BC Parks Act, Staff cuts to Wildlife, Fisheries, Habitat and Parks Program, Establishment of Marine Protected Areas, Support for boundaries of Spruce Lake Protected Area, Groundwater Legislation, ATV Improved Management, Commercial backcountry use
- Recreation Stewardship Panel, comments re recommendations
- Mountain Caribou Emergency Recovery Plan
- Conservation Notes for Directors' Meetings: South Chilcotin Mountains, Kyoto Accord, Recreation Stewardship Panel, National Park proposal in South Okanagan, ATV legislation, Forest Road Access to 18/20 Mile Creeks through Manning Park panhandle
- South Chilcotin Mountain Park (See separate file #15b)
- Ambrose Lake Ecological Reserve: letter requesting addition, and reply
- Resolutions covering letters and replies:
  - Crown Land Leases
  - Pesticide Use in Urban Areas
  - Indicators of Economic Health
  - Staffing for Parks

- Wildlife, Fisheries, Habitat and Forestry
- Fraser River Debris Trap
- Snowmobiling in Provincial Parks
- Mandatory Licensing for All-Terrain-Vehicles
- Management of Fraser River Hope to the Sea
- Crown Land Tenure and Sales
- Tyax Air Service: comments on application for landing permits
- Wind Farm proposal for Boundary Bay
- Columbia River Wetlands: Regulations to Manage Vessels
- Species at Risk Act Bill C-5: urging federal government to pass this legislation
- Nanaimo River Estuary and hunting
- Forest Recreation Sites: meeting notes and government brief titled "Divesting MOF Recreation Sites and Trails"
- Environmental Cuts: What we are Losing?
- Response from Premier Campbell regarding government restructuring and its effects on natural resources
- North Cascades Grizzly Bear Recovery Team
- Blue Mountain Provincial Forest
- Clendinning Provincial Park Management Direction Statement
- Species at Risk, Bill C-5
- Caren Range Park Proposal, Sunshine Coast (Spipyus)
- Manning Provincial Park: forest access road through panhandle
- *\*Elk Creek, near Chilliwack, proposed logging (See separate file in 2003)*

#### **14. Conservation Issues and Letters 2003**

- *\*Recreation Stewardship Panel 2002-2003: Brief and meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister*
- Working Forest initiative, Working Forest Legislation and Discussion Paper
- Riparian Area Regulations
- Lannan Forest (Comox area) sale by Land and Water BC
- Graham-Laurier Provincial Park: removal of land
- South Chilcotin Mountains Park (See separate file 15b)
- Gladys Lake Ecological Reserve (Spatsizi): commercial use
- Stikine Country Management Plan: submission from FBCN
- *\* Elk Creek, near Chilliwack: proposed logging*
- McGillivray Wildlife Management Area: proposed
- Blackie Spit, South Surrey: birds and dogs
- Sale of Crown Land
- Strathcona Provincial Park: not to siphon water from Carwithen and Greenview Lakes
- Eagle Heights Grasslands: protection
- Resolutions covering letters and replies:
  - Moratorium on Oil and Gas Exploration and Marine Protected Areas
  - Reinstate Nature Interpretation and Education
  - Phase Out of Single Hulled Tankers
  - Fish Farming

- Provincial Protection for Species at Risk
- Marbled Murrelet Recovery
- Integrity of Ecological Reserves
- Lower Fraser River Dykes and Shoreline
- Sale of Crown Land Lake Lots on Okanagan Reservoir Lakes
- Spotted Owls and Lillooet Land and Resource Management Plan
- GVRD Sustainable Region
- \* *West Nile Virus, FBCN Brief, municipal information and presentation*
- \* *Muskwa-Kechika Wildlife Management Plan and comments*
- Ecological Reserves Wardens Gathering September 2003
- Off-Road Vehicles
- Hotel Lake and Sunshine Coast Regional District's water licence application and concerns regarding stickleback
- Mitlenatch Island Volunteer Warden program
- Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Team and Foundation's work
- Roberts Bank Container Expansion Project: proposed third berth
- Cuts to Provincial Environment staff: letter of concern
- Falconry: Government paper on options for management and FBCN comments
- Pacific Water Shrew Recovery
- \* *Vancouver Island Marmots 1981-2003*

### **15a. Conservation Issues and Letters 2004**

- \**Park Interpretation: Efforts to reinstate 2001-2004*
- Meeting March '04 with Minister of Water, Land & Air Protection, Bill Barisoff, Briefing and Discussion Notes: Integrity of Parks and Protected Areas and Bill 84, Lodge Strategy, South Chilcotin Provincial Park, Nature Interpretation, Species at Risk, Marine Protected Areas
- Stickleback and Hotel Lake letter to Sunshine Coast Regional District
- Delegation to GVRD comments re Barnston Island ALR Application
- Lannan Forest sale letter to Minister of Sustainable Resource Management and reply from Land and Water BC and Minister
- Graham Laurier Provincial Park land removal reply from Minister
- Burns Bog purchase: congratulations to governments, March 31, 2004 and replies
- Riparian Area proposed regulations: letter to Minister and reply
- Species at Risk Report Card: joint with Canadian Nature Federation and failing grade F for British Columbia, letter explaining reasons to province and reply
- Codd Island Wetlands, Pitt Polder (Aquilini Conservation Reserve), dedication
- Muskwa-Kechika Management Plan letter to government and reply
- Float plane landings in provincial parks: letter to Minister and response
- Senator Fitzpatrick letter regarding start of feasibility study for South Okanagan Similkameen National Park
- Offshore Oil and Gas Moratorium: submission to Federal Public Review Panel with six-page presentation, May 25, 2004
- Valemont to Blue River Winter Recreation Plan: comments
- Okanagan-Similkameen-Shuswap LRMP and designation of Goal Two Areas: letter to Minister

- Resolutions: response letters sent, following May AGM:
  - Water conservation initiatives and water supply in Okanagan
  - GVRD commitment to Fraser River Estuary
  - Spotted Owls
  - Marine Protected Areas establishment
  - Mountain Caribou management
  - Breeding birds of Boreal Forest
- Aircraft landings in Provincial Parks: reply from Minister
- Provincial Park Boundary Adjustment Policy
- West Nile Virus Control Regulation letter to Minister of Health
- Point Roberts Heron Colony letter of concern re impacts and reply
- Submission to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services regarding Funding for BC Parks, October 13, 2004
- Meeting with ADM, Water, Land and Air Protection, Nancy Wilkin, November 2004, regarding issues: Funding for BC Parks, Identified Wildlife, Mountain Caribou and Marbled Murrelet, Ecological Reserve Warden commitments
- Grizzly Bear Conservation strategy: request from government for representative
- \* *Coalbed Methane Extraction: recommendation that all further projects be suspended; background information*
- Kakwa Park Management: draft comments from FBCN
- Boreal Birds and Identified Wildlife: need for protection for warblers
- Cultus and Sakinaw Lakes Sockeye salmon listing as Species at Risk
- Tsawwassen First Nations Treaty Negotiations: letter outlining vital importance of conservation lands in Delta
- Eagle Heights near Shawnigan Lake: need for protection of this Goal 2 Area
- Provincial Park Boundary Adjustment Policies and Guidelines
- \* *Burns Bog 1998-2004*

### **15b. Conservation Issues – South Chilcotin Mountains, Lillooet LRMP 1979 – 2004**

- Support for South Chilcotin Mountain Provincial Park, South Chilcotin Mountains, Lillooet Land and Resource Management Plan 1979-2004
- Integrated Resource Management Planning 1980-1985, South Chilcotin Mountains Wilderness Society

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### **16. Conservation Issues and Letters 2005**

- Abbotsford request to remove land from ALR
- Abbotsford Official Community Plan and Sumas Mountain
- Species at Risk and Community Plan for McKee Peak, Abbotsford
- Boreal Forest Birds: warbler protection
- Mountain Caribou: news release re threats from heli-ski tenure
- Species at Risk Act: comments on listing new species, including White Sturgeon
- Species at Risk: listing of Cultus and Sakinaw Lakes sockeye salmon

- South Okanagan-Similkameen National Park proposal: support (See separate file)
- Lead Sinkers and Jigs: support letter to federal Ministry of Environment to prohibit
- Deltaport Expansion and Protection of Fraser Estuary (See separate file end of #17)
- Mountain Caribou in Hart Ranges and opposition to BearPaw heli-ski tenure
- Okanagan: protection of Goal 2 Areas
- Resolutions passed at AGM, covering letters and responses received on:
  - Off-Road Vehicles
  - Coal-Fired Electric Power Plants
  - Groundwater Resources
  - Nanaimo Estuary Management Plan
- Manning Provincial Park Fuel Reduction, salvage logging, tree removal guidelines
- White Rock Pier Expansion
- North Thompson Trail Project: comments
- Barnston Island: opposition to application to exclude land from ALR
- Train Derailments: need for better regulation and penalties and sending two resolutions passed at FGM on the derailment and damage to Lower Cheakamus
- Funding for BC Parks and Conservation Officers: presentation to Select Standing Committee of Government
- Columbia Lake Provincial Park: opposing application to remove land
- North Thompson Off-Road Vehicle Trail
- Mountain Caribou and Heli-Ski application northeast of Prince George
- \* *Nechako 1998-2005: including White Sturgeon Recovery Team and Action Planning Group*

## **17. Conservation Issues and Letters 2006**

- \**Species at Risk Act 2001-2006 (See Endangered Species Coalition in File #10)*
- Mountain Caribou Recovery and heli-skiing tenures (See separate file)
- Off-Road Vehicle regulation (See separate file)
- Fixed Roof Accommodation (see mini file under 2007)
- Listing of Coho Salmon under Species at Risk Act
- Lower Mainland Roosevelt Elk Recovery
- \* *Northern Spotted Owl 2002-2006*
- Columbia Lake east side: support for Agricultural zoning of District Lot 48
- Jumbo Lake Resort proposal: comments against resort development
- Birch trees, burning, in Mackenzie Forest District
- Resolution Covering letters and replies regarding:
  - Spotted Owl Habitat
  - Cathedral Grove By-Pass Road
  - Goal 2 Areas for parks in Southern Interior
  - Gilpin Grasslands protection
  - Commercial Lodges in Parks, Roofed Accommodation in BC Parks and Declaration on Park Principles
  - South-Okanagan National Park Reserve proposed feasibility study
- BC Nest Records data

- Boreal Forest Birds: support for listing of species as Identified Wildlife and request to set aside more Wildlife Habitat Areas and reply from government on WMAs
- Barnston Island: presentation to ALR Panel regarding removal of agricultural lands
- Echo Heights, above Chemainus: need for protection
- Violin Lake in West Kootenays and management as natural area
- Riparian Area Regulations
- Princeton Wood Residue and Coal Power Generation Project
- Submission to review of BC Government's Raw Log Export Policy
- Sustainable Aquaculture: Submission to Panel October 18, 2006
- Batholiths Project: proposed seismic testing in inside passages, concerns
- Kakwa Provincial Park Management Plan: concerns with extensive and intensive use allotted to snowmobilers within the park
- Support for acquisition of Mission Point on Sunshine Coast
- Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area: concerns with proposed logging plan as part of Corn Creek Habitat Restoration; reply regarding undertaking environmental impact
- \* *BC Parks Funding, submissions to Select Standing Committee on Finance 2004-2006*
- \* *Deltaport, Roberts Bank, Proposal for Third Berth; also National Wildlife Management Area Proposal 2004-2006*

## **18. Conservation Issues and Letters 2007**

- Mount Klappan Coal Project: comments on draft terms of reference to EAO
- Deltaport Third Berth Project: letter from Port Vancouver that has been approved
- Fisheries Act: comments on proposed amendments (Bill C-45), January 2007 and sign-on letter from Environmental organizations; reply from Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
- \* *Mountain Caribou and government's commitment to recovery 2003-2007*
- Cariboo Chilcotin Land Use Plan: implementation and forest stewardship
- Mountain Pine Beetle: concerns regarding salvage logging and reply
- Kakwa Provincial Park: reply to concerns with extent of snowmobile use
- Okanagan Proposed Goal 2 candidate areas: second letter re protection
- Galore Creek Copper-Gold-Silver Mine Project: comments on CEAA Comprehensive Study Report
- \* *Fixed Roof Accommodation proposed within BC Parks, including meeting to improve tenure system and renewal system; letter expressing BC Nature's concerns with proposal to provide fixed-roof accommodation facilities in 12 Provincial Parks; review by Public Service Employees for Environmental Ethic; ENGO response to proposal; notes from meeting between ENGOs, Industry and Adventure Tourism; Campaign for BC Parks launched; candidate proposal summary; BC Parks Policy re Fixed-Roof Accommodation and Development Guidelines*
- ATVs in sensitive habitats: support for penalties
- Partnership Award presented to BC Nature from Ministry of Environment

- \* *Mount Robson Provincial Park Management Plan*
- Pinecone Burke Provincial Park: proposed boundary adjustment for transmission line from Independent Power Project on Upper Pitt River
- Scallop Culture Facility (shellfish management) near Bowser: submission to CEAA
- Roberts Bank Wildlife Management Area designation: urgent need and reply
- Resolution Covering Letters and Replies:
  - Management of Forests: proposed amendment of Forest and Range Practices Act
  - Agricultural Self-Sufficiency
  - North Okanagan Grasslands protection
  - Brunswick Point Farmlands and ALR protection
- Moose Conference
- Bamberton development: proposal and concerns regarding impact on rare ecosystems
- Wildlife Act: comment on Discussion Paper of proposed changes
- Shuswap Lake: comments on application for marina at mouth of Adams River and government reply
- Canadian Wildlife Service budget cut
- Provincial Government Standing Committee on Finance: email submission to increase BC Parks budget, Conservation Officers, and programs to improve health such as getting youth outdoors
- Rath Trevor Provincial Park: proposal for biosphere reserve building within the park
- South Fraser Perimeter Road environmental assessment and Burns Bog
- Celebration of Life of Dr. V.C. (Bert) Brink: tributes and messages regarding his conservation and education contributions 2008

## **19. Conservation Issues and Letters 2008**

- Parks Canada letter regarding feasibility study, South Okanagan
- Blue Mountain Gravel Quarry: impact on wetland, letter to Maple Ridge
- Climate Change Mitigation: joint letter to Premier's Advisory Committee on Adaptation to Climate Change
- Osoyoos Lake oxbows and proposed Willow Beach development: letter to Okanagan Similkameen Regional District
- Species at Risk: need for provincial legislation letter to Premier Campbell and reply from Minister of Environment
- Clean Energy Call: joint letter to BC Hydro regarding Tender Evaluation process and reply
- Incidental Take of Migratory Birds: submission re regulatory approach to Canadian Wildlife Service
- Site C pre-consultation: comments to BC Hydro
- Vernon proposed western by-pass highway: letter opposing route through grasslands to City of Vernon
- Recreation Trail Strategy: support for non-motorized trail designations and reply
- Gilpin Grasslands Wildlife Management Area: letter of support for proposed designation to Ministry of Environment

- South Fraser Perimeter Road: reply from Minister of Transportation
- DeltaPort Terminal 2 proposal: letter with concerns to APM Terminals as a major potential user
- Peachland Creek, Finlay Creek and Antlers Saddle area: letter to Integrated Land Management Bureau expressing concerns with tenure request for ATV tours
- Coquihalla Pass Resort proposal: letter to provincial Environmental Assessment Office requesting that terms of reference be expanded to consider potential impacts on adjacent Coquihalla Summit Recreation Area
- \* *Independent Power Projects, including letter to Premier regarding Squamish River watershed, Fries Creek, presentation to public meeting on Upper Pitt proposal*
- Nature Canada: letter explaining their Board's decision not to accept resolution on economic growth and BC Nature's letter requesting reconsideration
- Garibaldi at Squamish Project: letter submitting comments to Environmental Assessment Office
- Shuswap Lake, Adams River West Beach Marina Development: letters to Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board and provincial Minister of Environment expressing BC Nature's opposition to this proposed development
- Adams River private land at mouth: letter to Minister of Environment encouraging purchase
- White Lake Basin, St. Andrews area: letter to Regional District Okanagan Similkameen requesting reversal of recent decision to designate as Secondary Growth Area
- Morkill River: letter to Integrated Land Management Bureau opposing application of Rocky Mountain adventures to develop three additional hunting camps
- Resolutions Covering Letters and Replies
  - Garibaldi at Squamish
  - Brunswick Point Lands on Fraser River Estuary
  - First Nations and South Okanagan National Park Reserve feasibility study
  - Ocean Dumping in Howe Sound
  - Natural Values Commission
- Strathcona Provincial Park and horse use in Bedwell Creek: letter to BC Parks and reply
- Compensation limits when restricting or cancelling tenures on public land: letter of regret that government is withdrawing this proposal
- BC Nest Records Scheme letter to Biodiversity Centre for Wildlife Studies and remaining cards to scan
- BC Conservation Framework: letter of congratulations to Ministry of Environment for publication of Taking Nature's Pulse and launching Conservation Framework
- Finance and Government Services, Select Standing Committee: presentation, September 15
- Mount Robson Provincial Park Management Plan: comments to BC Parks Planning Section Head
- Salmon Arm proposed SmartCentre: comments of concern to City of Salmon Arm

- Garibaldi Provincial Park: letter to Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Arts, Major Projects, expressing concerns with snowmobilers suggesting possible use as part of Garibaldi at Squamish development proposal and reply
- South Fraser Perimeter Road and Burns Bog Covenant: letter to Delta in support of covenant
- Shuswap Lake Integrated Planning Process: letter to Premier Campbell urging funding for this process to implement and reply

## **20. Conservation Issues 2009**

- *\*Agriculture-Wildlife Advisory Committee 1998-2010*
- Ecological Reserves Wardens funds for another Gathering: letter to Friends of Ecological Reserves
- Trail Strategy: letter to BC Recreation Sites and Trails Branch
- Bute Inlet Hydroelectric Project (Plutonic Power) IPP: comments to BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)
- Nechako White Sturgeon and support for conservation fish culture program: letter to provincial and federal Environment Ministers and replies
- Federal Budget Implementation Act relating to Navigable Waters Protection Act: email letter to Senators
- Response from Nature Canada regarding position statement on economic growth
- Shanker's Dam on Similkameen: thanks to Province for requesting intervenor status
- Active Pass Important Bird Area: letter to BC Ferries CEO re partnership
- Northwest Transmission Line Project: comments on draft Terms of Reference to provincial Environmental Assessment Office
- Kakwa Provincial Park: comments to Omineca Region, BC Parks, regarding proposed change to agreement on snowmobile seasonal closure
- Crown Lands in south Okanagan Similkameen lands disposal: joint letter to Minister of Agriculture and Lands, Forests and Range, and Environment requesting meeting to discuss sale of Crown Lands in sensitive habitat areas
- Resolution Cover Letters and Replies
  - Gravel Removal in Lower Fraser
  - Deltaport BC Development and Terminal 2
  - Coarse Woody Debris management
  - Local Conservation Fund of East Kootenay Regional District
  - Thompson River Steelhead
  - Open net-cage salmon farming
- NaiKun Wind Energy proposal for wind farm near Rose Spit, Haida Gwaii: letter regarding concerns to Premier Campbell and response
- NaiKun Wind Farm: submission to Provincial Environmental Assessment Office
- Sunshine Valley All-Seasons Resort: letter regarding concerns with proposed new tenure
- Climate Action Network Canada: sign on to KYOTO plus petition
- Bear Bay Forest, Sunshine Coast, near Pender Harbour: letter to Regional District with concerns for auction sale of timber and replies from BC Timber Sales

- Finance and Services: submission to BC government Select Standing Committee urging increased funding to BC Parks and Environmental Stewardship
- *\*Enbridge Northern Gateway Proposal: invitation from Enbridge to Marine Community Advisory Board inaugural meeting and invitation to one day meetings, Enbridge discussion guides. Background information prepared by BC Nature for members, Letter to Prime Minister requesting an Independent Public Inquiry and reply, Letter of Support for Participant Funding for Nature Canada*

## **21. Conservation Issues 2010**

- *\*Park Interpretation: letters, proposals for increased funding, summer student park placement reports and program content 2004-2010*
- Fish Farming and impacts on wild salmon: letter to Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and reply
- Response form supporting ban on cosmetic use of pesticides
- Nanoose Bay District Lot 33 and proposed logging: letter of concern to Integrated Land Management Bureau
- Salmon farming: letter of concern to Federal Minister of Fisheries & Oceans, and reply
- Agenda for March 17, 2010 meeting with Minister Penner, Minister of Environment
- Wolf Kill: letter to Minister Penner, Minister of Environment, expressing BC Nature's opposition to proposed killing of wolves to supposedly protect mountain caribou
- Northern Gateway Project: Community Advisory Board Membership stating that BC Nature declines the invitation to participate or to be an observer in the CAB
- Off-Road Vehicles proposed use in Capital Regional District Parks, BC Nature's opposition to this proposal and reply from CRD that their Regional Parks Committee voted unanimously that there be no motorized use permitted in regional parks
- Ministers of National Defence and Environment, encouraging the federal government to close the door on further industrial development in CFB Suffield National Wildlife Area, Alberta; from the Canadian Nature Network, including BC Nature, and coordinated by Nature Canada
- Water Act: submission from BC Nature on the modernization of BC's Water Act to Living Water Smart
- Sign-on Letter to federal government, together with Nature Canada, to protect Suffield National Wildlife Area, Alberta
- Federal Bill C-9: letters to Finance Committee expressing concerns that this Bill would weaken Canadian Environmental Assessment Act; letter to opposition party leaders requesting that their parties commit to restoring and reforming the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act; sign-on letters spearheaded by Sierra Club, West Coast Environmental Law and Ecojustice
- Minister Pat Bell, Forests and Range: letter expressing concerns with staff cuts and impacts on research; reply regarding funding for Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem classification program
- Resolution Cover Letters and Replies
  - Funding for BC Provincial Parks (lack thereof)

- Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Plan: implementation
- Open Net-Cage Salmon Farming
- Nature Canada notification of "Affiliate Award" to BC Nature for IBA Caretaker Network
- BC Parks, Upper Fraser River and east of Prince George: letter providing comments on draft management plans
- City of Salmon Arm Mayor and Council: letter reiterating BC Nature's concerns with proposed development in the Salmon River's floodplain
- Crude Oil tanker moratorium and Northern Gateway Project: letter to Honourable Michael Ignatieff, Leader of the Opposition expressing support for moratorium
- Harrison Hot Springs Official Community Plan: letter to Minister Barry Penner, Ministry of Environment, regarding Official Community Plan for East Sector, that it be preserved for nature, and reply
- Joint letter with Nature Canada to Joint Review Panel for Enbridge Northern Gateway Project: sent as interveners, stating that proposed review is limited in scope and should be broadened as detailed in letter
- BC Parks and Protected Areas: letter to Select Standing Committee of Provincial Finance Committee urging more funding
- Solid Waste Management: brief on Metro Vancouver's Draft Integrated plan presented to Environment Minister Coell
- Experience the Fraser Ideas Forum
- Park Interpretation: letter with funding request to Environment Minister Coell
- Off-Road Vehicle Trails: comments to Provincial Trails Strategy, Recreation Sites and Trails
- Species at Risk: submission of brief to the BC Species at Risk Task Force
- \* *Wetlands Stewardship Partnership 2003 – 2010*
- \* *Off-Road Vehicles: FBCN submissions to Minister of Recreation and Conservation, Coalition for Licensing and Registration and Off-Road Vehicle Joint Advisory Group, 1971-2010*
- \* *South Okanagan Similkameen National Park Reserve proposal 1999-2010*

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### **Save the Stein Coalition 1977-1986**

- Background documents, brochures, minutes of "Save the Stein Coalition" of which the Federation of BC Naturalists (BC Nature) was a founding partner. Also, the government's Public Liaison Committee
- Government 1995 establishment of Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Heritage Park following 25 years of conservation efforts

## **Part Three: Summary examples of 3 Park Issues and 4 Committees**

### Skagit (and Run Out Skagit Spoilers)

In 1967, the BC government signed an agreement with Seattle City Light to raise the height of the ROSS dam situated on the Skagit River in Washington State. The proposed addition of 122.5 feet to the existing height of the dam would have flooded 6000 acres of Canadian land and destroyed 10 miles of the Skagit River on the Canadian side. A coalition of groups, including FBCN, formed the "Run Out Skagit Spoilers" or ROSS Committee. In 1984, the High Ross Treaty was reached which stopped the proposed flooding into Canada and led to the creation of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Committee (FBCN and Vancouver Natural History Society participants: Bert Brink, Dick Stace-Smith, Norm Pursell).

### Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Heritage Park

Government moratorium on logging the Stein concluded in 1976. Environment and Land Use Committee of Cabinet decided the Stein would be logged. Conservation groups became active in late 1976 and early 1977. "Save the Stein Coalition" was formed. A meeting of the Conservation Committee of the FBCN, chaired by Dick Stace-Smith and held at his house on January 21, 1977, decided to become active in efforts to protect the Stein, becoming a founding member of Save the Stein Coalition.

In 1976 a lake in the Stein Watershed had been named "Elton Lake" in memory of Elton Anderson (1907-1975), who had contributed a great deal to FBCN as president and newsletter editor. (The location of the lake in the Stein Valley was thought fitting as one to name in his memory, not only for its beauty, but also because it is located close to Anderson Lake which had previously been named in memory of his grandfather, Alexander Caulfield Anderson, 1814-1884). In 1977 and 1978, two Exploratory Backpacking Trips to the alpine areas of the Stein Watershed were organized by FBCN President, Norman Pursell, through the Vancouver Natural History Society.

FBCN member and Office Secretary, the late Adeline Nichol, was especially involved in efforts to protect the Stein and the Save the Stein Coalition, served as its treasurer, and wrote several letters. Bev Ramey, former BC Nature President, also was also involved in the Save the Stein Coalition, at that time representing the Sierra Club. Bev served as Secretary to the Save the Stein Coalition and produced the several flyers and newsletters. The Save the Stein Coalition was actively involved in the Stein Public Advisory Committee, which completed its final report in 1984. Government staff and non-profit groups, including FBCN, participated on this Committee.

The work of the Save the Stein Coalition was essential to spread awareness early in the fight to protect the unlogged, entire Stein watershed. The Coalition also drew attention to the question of the economic viability of logging the Stein, due to the anticipated bridge crossings and road construction. By 1985, First Nations became

actively involved and carried the effort forward, first with the Lillooet First Nations, and then in 1986 with the Lytton and Mount Currie Bands. Ruby Dunstan was an effective spokesperson for the Lytton Indian Band.

In 1986, the government-appointed Wilderness Advisory Committee recommended that a road should not be constructed through lower Stein Canyon without a formal agreement between the Lytton Indian Band and the Province, due to the heritage and spiritual value of the Stein.

Major festival events like the "Voices for the Wilderness" were organized by Western Canada Wilderness Committee. These events greatly publicized the value of the Stein Wilderness and public support for its protection.

- 1985 Labour Day: alpine setting, sponsored by Lillooet Tribal Council, 500 people attended
- 1986 Thanksgiving: mouth of the Stein River, sponsored by Lytton & Mount Currie Bands, 700 attended
- 1987 August: alpine setting, 2000 people attended including big name celebrities
- Huge festivals continued in summers 1988 through 1992, held in the Pemberton - Mount Currie area
- 1986: start of Stein Rediscovery Youth Program to reconnect with nature
- 1987: Lytton and Mount Currie Bands sign the Stein Declaration: "We will maintain the Stein Valley as a wilderness in perpetuity for the enjoyment and enlightenment of all people."
- 1995, November 22: Government establishes the Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Heritage Park, following 25 years of debate.

#### South Okanagan Lower Similkameen National Park Reserve feasibility study

A resolution was passed at the 1999 General Meeting in support of the establishment of one or more National Parks in the "Natural Region Three" located on the Interior Dry Plateau. FBCN followed up with letters and meetings with Parks Canada staff.

Following completion in 2001 of the Okanagan Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan (with Harold King as BC Nature's representative) and a 2002 resolution from the Thompson-Okanagan-Shuswap Region of FBCN, FBCN wrote to the federal government in support of establishing a national park in the South Okanagan.

- 2003: Canada and BC signed a Memorandum of Understanding to pave the way for creation of this new national park reserve
- 2004: FBCN letters written to provincial government to establish the Goal Two areas (smaller parks) identified in the Okanagan LRMP
- 2006: AGM in Comox passed resolution in support of establishing the South Okanagan Similkameen National Park Reserve. Wrote letters and encouraged Parks Canada staff to take a broad approach to grazing and recognize the potential role of grazing in managing the grasslands

- South Okanagan naturalist Doreen Olson was very active in this cause. Jim Bryan, representative to South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program and Eva Durance worked on the South Okanagan Similkameen (SOS) National Park Network of environmental organizations (Eva Durance)
- 2007 in fall BC Nature Magazine, featured the petition to establish the park
- Presentations made at our 2008 AGM in Penticton with update on feasibility study and encouragement of members to write letters
- Presentations at our 2010 AGM in Kamloops (Doreen Olson) to encourage members to write letters in support of establishing this park
- Efforts continue.

### Agriculture-Wildlife Advisory Committee

A committee formed as the "Problem Wildlife Advisory Committee" in the 1974 was renamed in 1998 as the "Agriculture-Wildlife Advisory Committee". It was abandoned by government in 2010 due to staff cuts.

The Committee was co-chaired by staff from Ministries of Agriculture and Fish & Wildlife and included representatives from industry, ranchers, farmers, BC Wildlife Federation and BC Nature, to identify and seek solutions to issues between wildlife and the agriculture sector of the province. The Committee focused on ways to minimize and compensate impacts of wildlife on agriculture and to promote better management practices that benefit both sectors.

Meetings were held three or four times a year at rotating locations, e.g., Vancouver, Kamloops, Kelowna, Williams Lake, Dawson Creek. BC Nature representatives alternated, depending on location: Joan Best, Harold King, Pat Westheuser and Bev Ramey. Topics have included Starling Control, Deer Fencing, Stack Yard Fencing (around feed yards), forage compensation from waterfowl damage, bear/orchard conflicts, etc.

### Off-Road Vehicle Coalition and Joint Advisory Group

As Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) proliferated and their damage to the environment became more visible, concerned organizations such as the Grasslands Conservation Council, ATV/BC (Quad Riders of B.C.), and others established a group comprised of a wide representation of outdoor recreation interests in 2002. BC Nature was a founding member of this group, called the "Coalition for the Licensing and Registration of Off-Road Vehicles in British Columbia". The Coalition worked for five years to reach consensus on a document setting out points for government to consider what would result in better management of ORVs. This document was presented to government in January of 2006. (See the BCgrasslands.org website for more BC Grasslands Conservation).

In 2008, work commenced by Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations staff to create the necessary legislation. A committee of Cabinet Ministers and MLAs, the Implementation Committee, was struck to oversee the

work of the Off-Road Vehicle Management Framework. At BC Nature's AGM in Kamloops in 2010, we were promised by MLA Kevin Krueger that this new legislation would be enacted by November 2011.

Still working towards legislation, BC Nature participates in the government appointed Joint Advisory Group (JAG) to advise and consult on this process. The JAG group included a wide range of stakeholders: representatives from ATVs (quads), motorized trail bikes, snowmobilers, dealership representatives, Union of BC Municipalities, the Conservation Officer Service and ICBC. The FBCN representatives were Joan Best and Bev Ramey.

See more information at the BC Province websites on Off-Road Vehicles and Off-Road Act and Regulations.

#### Rivers Defense Coalition Steering Committee, Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund Management Committee and Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative

The FBCN has been well represented on these three related committees through June Wood. In the 1990s, June was the FBCN representative on the Rivers Defense Coalition Steering Committee. The Rivers Defense Coalition succeeded, at least temporarily, with its goal to halt the Kemano Completion Project. The government halted this project in 1995.

June then represented BC Nature on the Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund Management Committee that was established as part of the 1997 Settlement Agreement between Alcan and the Province of BC. This Committee was disbanded in 2001, following completion of its final report which recommended that a cold-water release facility be constructed at the Kenney Dam.

June continued her work as a BC Nature representative on related committees, especially the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative Action Planning Group, from 2003 onwards. June is a Co-chairs of this Committee, now known as "Community Working Group", and is based in Prince George. As a member of the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Team, June has advocated for recovery initiatives. She drafted a resolution which BC Nature members passed at AGM 2010, urging the federal and provincial governments to adequately fund implementation of the recovery plan for sturgeon.

#### Wetlands Stewardship Partnership

The Wetland Stewardship Partnership (WSP) is a group of government and non-government organizations dedicated to the conservation of wetlands and other sensitive ecosystems. BC Nature was a founding partner in 2009, but the groups and agencies had been working together on an *ad hoc* basis since about 2002. The purpose of the partnership is to ensure that the functions and values of BC wetlands are appreciated, conserved, restored, and managed.

The partners work collaboratively to maintain, restore and protect wetland ecosystems throughout BC by implementing the Wetlands Action Plan (2010) that

outlines specific objectives and actions, and evaluates current conservation initiatives.

Resources produced by the WSP included:

- The Green Bylaws Toolkit for Conserving Sensitive Ecosystems and Green Infrastructure
- Wetlands in BC: A Primer for Local Government
- Grasslands in BC: A Primer for Local Government
- Wetland Action Plan for BC
- Wetland Ways: Interim Guidelines for Wetland Protection and Conservation in BC

Current partners include BC Hydro, BC Nature (Federation of BC Naturalists), BC Ministry of Environment, BC Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited Canada, and Environment Canada Canadian Wildlife Service.