



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

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BCLSS Founder Honoured

Michelle Boshard, BC Lake Stewardship Society founder, has been honoured by Okanagan College with the first-ever Young Alumni Award. Michelle graduated from Okanagan University College in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Freshwater Science. She spent three years working with community organizations to address fisheries issues in the Okanagan Similkameen Boundary as a Regional Stewardship Coordinator.

Michelle has taken on positions within various levels of government, non-profit societies and advisory committees. Born and raised in the Okanagan, Michelle's work has taken her all over British Columbia and more recently, Washington State where she is a partner in Rural Resource Associates Ltd., a consulting company working on the interfaces between agriculture, environment and economy. She recently co-authored a policy prescription for recovering salmon to the west coast. Her most current appointment has been to the Okanagan Basin Water Board's Stewardship Council.

"The quality of the staff and programming at OUC and the interest the faculty took in my personal growth stands out in my mind as the most memorable aspect of my experience," says Boshard. "I am honoured and proud to have been selected as the first recipient of the Young Alumni Award."

Congratulations Michelle!

Special Announcements



Thank-you! to all BCLSS volunteers for collecting data for the BC Lake Stewardship & Monitoring Program, Ice On/Off and Secchi Dip-In. We appreciate your dedication and hard work!



Seasons greetings to all BCLSS members and sponsors. The BCLSS staff and board of directors would like to extend our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to working with you all in the new year!



Holiday schedule - Please note that the BCLSS office will be closed from December 23rd to January 2nd.

Holiday Watershed Poem

The following watershed related poem is courtesy of F.X. Browne Inc. Lake and Watershed News (December 2006). For the entire original newsletter please visit: http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/December_2006/news_dec06.htm

Deck the Streams

(Sung to the tune of Deck the Halls)

Deck the streams with lots of green, Fa la la la la la la la la
Trees and shrubs will keep them clean, Fa la la la la la la la la
Willow twigs build hearty buffers, Fa la la la la la la la la
So our watersheds won't suffer, Fa la la la la la la la la

See the flowing streams before us, Fa la la la la la la la la
Thanks for helping to restore us, Fa la la la la la la la la
BMPs can make a difference, Fa la la la la la la la la
Stormwater is blocked by siltfence, Fa la la la la la la la la

Fast away the runoff passes, Fa la la la la la la la la
Over fields but slowed by grasses, Fa la la la la la la la la
Streambanks holding strong together, Fa la la la la la la la la
Regardless of the rainy weather, Fa la la la la la la la la

Invitation for January Newsletter Submissions

The BCLSS welcomes submissions of articles to our quarterly newsletters. Any member groups interested in having their group and its efforts profiled in an upcoming newsletter are encouraged to send an article to the BCLSS office. Information can include current projects, monitoring or restoration efforts and/or a general description of your group.

If you have a story or group profile, please contact the BCLSS office. The next newsletter will be sent out in January. The deadline for article submission is January 3, 2007.

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