



# BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

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## International Decade for Action Water for Life, 2005 - 2015

The primary goal of the 'Water for Life' Decade is to promote efforts to fulfill international commitments made on water and water related issues by 2015.

Among the themes that are central for the 'Water for Life' Decade are: scarcity, access to sanitation and health, water and gender, capacity building, financing, valuation, Integrated Water Resources Management, trans-boundary water issues, environment and biodiversity, disaster prevention, food and agriculture, pollution and energy.

UN-Water, the United Nations inter-agency mechanism of all related agencies, departments, and programs involved with water related issues, is coordinating the 'Water for Life' Decade.

For more information visit: <http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/>

[thinkwater.ca](http://thinkwater.ca)

Although Canadians know a great deal about integrated water resource management, there is a need to better link the scientific community with the broader community in ways that result in more effective and timely decision making. One way of accomplishing this goal is to create a common vision that will inspire movement in the direction Canada must go to protect its water resources successfully over the long term. The United Nations 'Water for Life' Decade allows us to do just that; and to help establish a clear timeline for delivering on the promise of integrated water management.

By extrapolating what we already know onto the larger Canadian landscape, and by borrowing from examples that have worked, it is now possible to imagine revolutionary new ways to employ technologies and advance collaborative processes already in existence to manage watersheds far more comprehensively and sustainably than we do today.

For more information on Canadian initiatives in the 'Water for Life' decade, please visit: <http://www.thinkwater.ca/>

## Upcoming Events



### Osoyoos Lake Water Science Forum

September 17 - 18, 2007 Sonora Community Centre in Osoyoos, BC. The goal of the forum is to provide an opportunity to learn, share and develop strategies to work together to improve the water quality of Osoyoos Lake and promote its future sustainability. To register, please visit: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/conference/olwsf.asp>



### Keepers of the Water II - Keeping the Peace

September 27 - 29, 2007 Fort St. John, BC. This second annual conference on water management will emphasize the need to achieve a unified watershed management strategy for communities living in the Peace-Mackenzie Basin. A range of presentation on the science of water management, community watershed initiatives and First Nations water issues will be featured. For full details or to register, visit: <http://www.keepersofthewater.ca>

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## Women of the Earth Awards

For the third time in Canada, three women will be honoured with the Women of the Earth awards. The first place prize is \$7,000 and a trip to Paris, France to attend the Women of the Earth International Ceremony. Second and third place winners will receive \$5,000 and \$3,000, respectively.

The contest is seeking nominations for women making a difference through projects that benefit nature and humanity.

The deadline for nominations is September 30, 2007. Application forms can be found at [http://pictures.yvesrocher.com/US/terre/index\\_en\\_ca.html](http://pictures.yvesrocher.com/US/terre/index_en_ca.html)