



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

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Species at Risk & Local Government: A Primer for British Columbia

The Stewardship Centre of BC is now hosting the new website for the Species at Risk. It is intended as a first stop for local governments, non-government organizations, students, and concerned citizens concerned about species at risk in their geographic area. It may also prove useful to biologists involved in environmental assessment and management planning.

The website will help you:

- ☉ Learn about species at risk and the threats they may face
- ☉ Learn about which species at risk are in your area
- ☉ Search for species at risk by name or ecosystem type
- ☉ Learn how local Governments can help conserve species at risk

To explore the site yourself, visit: www.speciesatrisk.bc.ca

Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia

The Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia provides a partnership umbrella for on-the-ground initiatives that are promoting water stewardship across the province and informing provincial policy through shared responsibility. The goal is to influence choices and encourage action by individuals and organizations so that water resource stewardship will become an integral part of land use planning and daily living.

Through a partnership with the Province, program delivery is being carried out by the Water Sustainability Committee (WSC) of the British Columbia Water & Waste Association (BCWWA). The WSC is providing the leadership, facilitation and organizational services necessary for successful program implementation.

For more information please visit: <http://www.waterbucket.ca/cfa/index.asp?sid=4&id=1&type=single>

Requests

❖ BC Lake Stewardship & Monitoring Program

Please send in your 2007 season sampling data to the BCLSS office as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and dedication in collecting this valuable data!

❖ Ice On/Off Data

With winter on its way we would like to remind everyone to monitor the ice conditions on your lake. Ice data can be submitted at the end of the ice season, in spring. The BCLSS is also interested in any historical ice on/off data. Data and questions can be directed to the BCLSS office. Ice on/off data collection form and monitoring protocol can be found here: <http://www.bclss.org/docs/IceDataCollectionSheet.pdf>

❖ Lake Photos

The BCLSS is always looking for great pictures of our province's lakes. If you have any photos you'd like to share please send them to the BCLSS office (contact information below). Thanks!!

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Building SustainAble Communities

The Fresh Outlook Foundation is hosting the second annual Building SustainAble Communities conference for elected officials and staff from local governments throughout BC. The conference will be held November 20th to 22nd at the Capri Hotel in Kelowna. This year's topics include: sustainability indicators, internal barriers to sustainability, trends in water sustainability, new technologies for energy efficiency, trends in transportation demand management, consumerism and our throwaway economy, zero waste, climate change, and growth controls.

For more information and registration details, please visit: <http://www.waterbucket.ca/cfa/sites/wbccfa/documents/media/48.pdf>