



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

A monthly e-newsletter from the BC Lake Stewardship Society



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Recent & Upcoming Events

Recent Events:

Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN) National Science Meeting November 20th - 26th in Penticton:

-  BCLSS staff attended a field trip offered on the first day of the EMAN Meeting. Attendees were treated to a day-long tour hosted by Don Gayton of FORREX, highlighting the ecology of the South Okanagan. Several local experts including well known naturalist, author and ornithologist, Dick Cannings, joined the tour to provide insight into the complexities of the ecosystems toured. Stops included: The Penticton Indian Band's Locatee Lands, White Lake, the Okanagan River at Okanagan Falls, Mahoney Lake, and Hawthorne Mountain Winery. Over 40 people attended with representation from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland.
-  Staff also attended the final day of the EMAN meeting. Morning session topics focused on "Integrating the Process of Sustainability" and the afternoon offered four learning sessions ranging from study design to communicating monitoring science to non-technical audiences. The Citizen Science Network hosted the Community Based Monitoring Networking Session in the late afternoon where staff presented the BC Lake Stewardship & Monitoring Program (BCLSMP) . Response was extremely positive with many groups inquiring about the program, BCLSMP manual and LakeKeepers manual. All presentations delivered at the meeting will be available on the EMAN website, visit: <http://www.eman-rese.ca/eman/>

Upcoming Events:

-  The 59th Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research and the 2006 Conference of the Society of Canadian Limnologists will be held jointly in Calgary, AB on January 6th & 7th, 2006. For registration information visit: <http://www.phys.ocean.dal.ca/ccffr/>
-  The City of Kelowna Environmental Division will be hosting the Status of Central Okanagan Watersheds informative session on January 27th, 2006 at the Kelowna Public Library. The purpose of this session is to update key watershed players from different sectors, inventory restoration activities carried out in the Okanagan, and discuss innovative programs and business approaches to help protect our valuable resources.

Special Mentions

- Thank-you!** to all BCLSS volunteers collecting data for the BCLSMP, Ice-on/Ice-off, and Secchi Dip-In. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication!
- Seasons greetings** to all BCLSS members & sponsors. The BCLSS staff & 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 again next year!!
- Welcome** to new group member Eaglet Lake Farmer's Institute from Willow River
- Holiday Schedule** - Please note that the BCLSS office will be closed from December 23rd to January 3rd.

Invitation for Submissions to Upcoming Newsletter

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 Carolyn at the BCLSS office. The next newsletter will be sent out in January.

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