



# BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

A monthly e-newsletter from the BC Lake Stewardship Society

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## ARBOR VITAE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the 2007 B.C. Ministry of Environment Awards - the Arbor Vitae Awards.

The Arbor Vitae Awards are unique. Rather than attempting to sort unique individual contributions into a set of distinct, pre-defined categories, the awards take a more inclusive approach by encouraging nominations for individuals who simply make a difference in the betterment of our environment. Their personal focus may be on any aspect or aspects of environmental protection and stewardship, such as environmental sustainability, climate change, habitat restoration, protection of species and ecosystems, and resource conservation.

**The Ministry of Environment encourages all British Columbians to nominate any individual whose work and dedication make a difference in one or more aspects of environmental protection and stewardship. Nominations close on Saturday, June 9, capping off Environment Week in Canada.**

For more information and guidelines on how to nominate someone, please visit the Arbor Vitae Awards website at [www.env.gov.bc.ca/mea](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/mea). Nomination forms are also available at regional Ministry of Environment offices throughout the province.

## FAREWELL TO HEIDI


After four years of dedicated service to the BC Lake Stewardship Society, Heidi Hicks resigned in February 2007. She is looking forward to pursuing other interests and spending more time with her family.


The BCLSS Board voted to make Heidi an Honourary Member to recognize the tremendous efforts she made during the developmental period of the organization.

Thanks Heidi, and good luck!!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **Travel subsidies** are available for BCLSS members who will be attending the 2007 BCLSS Annual Conference in Wasa. If you will be traveling to the conference in a group of 2 or more, we invite you to apply for subsidy. For an application form please contact the BCLSS office, or visit [www.bclss.org/conferences.html](http://www.bclss.org/conferences.html).

 **BCLSS window decals** still available! Decals are available free of charge to members. We do have a few left, and ask only that you make use of the number you request. The decals are made of non-adhesive vinyl and are placed inside a window (car, home or business) to be viewed from outside. As they are non-adhesive, they can be removed and reused. Please contact Kristi ([kristic-bclss@shaw.ca](mailto:kristic-bclss@shaw.ca)) to request a decal.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

 **“On the Beach: A Skinny Dip into the Sustainability of Lake and Watershed Development”** - the 2007 BCLSS Conference will be held June 22 - 24 in Wasa, BC. Registration fees are waived this year due to generous grants from the Columbia Basin Trust, Ministry of Environment Water Stewardship Division, Regional District of the East Kootenay, and the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District. Visit [www.bclss.org/conferences.html](http://www.bclss.org/conferences.html) for more information.

 **BC SEP Community Workshop 2007 - “Stewardship in Transition: Impacts & Transitions in a Changing Climate”**. The biennial conference will bring together both professionals and volunteers involved in watershed management and protection, stream restoration, and fish enhancement in BC and the Yukon. The conference will be held in Williams Lake, BC May 18 - 20. Visit <http://workshop.pskf.ca/2007/index.html> for more information.