

BCLSS Newsletter

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Shoreline Restoration Month - September 2000

We would like to remind everyone that September is Shoreline Restoration Month and that if you are thinking of doing a project, now is a great time to start to organize it. The Living By Water Project has designed and produced an excellent information kit for those who are interested in participating. The kit will help you with ideas on what you could do for a project, such as adopting a shoreline habitat restoration project, holding an underwater shoreline cleanup, host a house and yard educational workshop or even organizing a shoreline poster competition. This kit will also help you with who to invite to your project and how to create a team to get the efforts completed.

If you would like to know more about the kit, you can contact The Living By Water Project at lbywater@jetstream.net or by phoning (250) 832 7405. If you would like to do a project, let the BC Lake Stewardship Society know and we will help out as well.

Secchi Disk Dip-In

Many of you know that the Secchi Disk Dip-In was from July 1 to 16th, 2000. Results from participants are starting to come in, and if you still need to submit you results, please do soon. If you did not receive a form to fill out, let us know and we can email you one electronically or mail one out to you.

I would also like to take this time to remind all that may not have participated in the dip this year, but would like to next year to contact BCLSS and let us know so we can add you to our Dip-In contact list for 2001. If you need a disk, not to worry as we have plenty. The disks are free if your membership is paid up and is \$10 if you would just like to purchase the disk or any extras.

Christina Lake Day - July 15, 2000

Christina Lake recently held their second annual Lake Day to promote lake awareness for their area. The weather was beautiful and the turnout was great. There were approximately 15 booths that ranged in promotion of Christina Lake itself, recreation, vegetation and lakeshore

living.

Okanagan Landing Wetland

BC Lake Stewardship Society, in conjunction with the Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation District, is working on a proposal for saving the Okanagan Landing Wetland in Vernon, BC. The wetland is located on a piece of property that is 17.11 acres and directly south of a large residential area.

The piece of property is currently up for sale, and if sold to the wrong person it may be filled in and completely developed on. The wetland is currently home to many types of wildlife, including songbirds, pheasants, geese, ducks, Blue Herons, hawks and field mice. The wetland is also situated right beside Vernon Creek, which inhabits various species of fish, including trout and kokanee. BCLSS is proposing to build walkways and a platform into the wetland for hikers, bikers and tourists so that they can enjoy the wetland and its beauty. Interpretive signage will also be used to provide an opportunity to display the natural beauty of the Okanagan, the history of the Vernon area, the ecological value and functioning of the local ecosystem and the benefits of involvement with stewardship activities.

Your Additions

If there is anything you would like to add or submit to our publication, please email it to bclss@hotmail.com and we would be pleased to print it.