

WILDERNESS REPORT



Ancient mountain hemlock forest, Seven Sisters wilderness. Photo: Ian Mackenzie

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NEW HOPE FOR WILDERNESS

New British Columbia Government

The votes have been tallied, the people have spoken. Now that B.C. has a new government at the helm, it's time to take a new look at the Walbran Valley.

In the West Walbran Valley, MacMillan Bloedel (MB) crews work far into the night under the harsh white glare of sodium lights to push a road deep into the heart of the rainforest wilderness. In order to force men and machines as far and as fast as possible, MB is burying rafts of good timber in the mud and the muck of the roadbed. In the Mid-Walbran, Fletcher Challenge Canada (FCC) crews work to extend a bulldozed track down the main Walbran Valley.

What's the rush? Like thieves in the national treasure house, MB and FCC know that time is not on their side. The only reason the two forest companies have been allowed into the lower Walbran is because the Social Credit government has held the door open for them. Now that this government has been swept

out of office by the harsh gale of public opinion, their time in the Walbran may be up.

The amazing rainforest of the Walbran Valley harbours the only two known Canadian nests of a threatened rainforest-nesting seabird species, the marbled murrelet. In a world that has only discovered a dozen nests to date, the Walbran is thought to hold hundreds. The Walbran is criss-crossed with a marvellous trail system and is the closest remaining wilderness to the Greater Victoria area. In fact, the city council of Victoria voted overwhelmingly for a two year moratorium on Walbran logging. Surrounding city councils have followed suit. The Pacific Seabird Group, an international organization of top seabird biologists has also called for a two-year moratorium. Even the Social Credit government's own Old Growth Strategy Project called for a moratorium, before being overruled by the Socred cabinet.

Now the Socreds are gone, and



Photo: Ken Lay

Clearcut logging to the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve boundary, Camper Creek. Forest strip along coast at right is the park.

the NDP is in power. Before the election the NDP said that they would double the size of B.C.'s park system and that they would put logging moratoriums over threatened, ecologically important areas where alternative work could be found for forestry workers. Nowhere is this more possible or needed than in the Walbran Valley. The clearcuts planned for the next two years could easily be placed outside the contentious area. No forestry worker need lose a moment's work from a two-year Walbran moratorium.

There is no time to wait, B.C.'s new NDP government must act now to bring sanity back to forestry decisions in the

Walbran Valley. A two-year logging moratorium in the Walbran is needed to make a careful once-in-a-planet's-lifetime decision.

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FROM THE FOUNDER OF WCWC

Dear Members,

Almost two years ago I wrote an appeal letter which asked each of you to give a special, one-time, "two pizza" (\$25) donation. Your donations were needed to retire a debt which we had incurred in our all-out effort to save Carmanah Valley. At that time we had 20,000 members. If everyone had responded we would have paid off our debt, which at that time stood at \$250,000, and had an equal amount of money in the bank to effectively pursue our other wilderness-saving campaigns.

Only 20 percent of our members sent in their "two pizzas". Professional fundraisers said that the 20 percent response was phenomenal—an incredible show of support for something as dull as debt reduction. The donations helped a lot, but not enough money was raised to break us totally free from our debt.

From that time till present, things got worse—and then got better. We have spent this past year painfully pulling ourselves out of debt—reducing staff, reducing wages, running very lean campaigns. But we're still on the forefront of wilderness preservation, and we won the Canadian government's 1991 award as the outstanding environmental group of the year!

You might ask, how did we get so far in debt? To me the answer is simple. We

made commitments based on a huge growth in our membership, not realizing that many of our new members were "softer" than before, and the recession would reduce the steady income from sales of our educational products that we'd come to expect. We spent money on campaigns, always hoping that "next month" people would be more generous. Maybe we were trying to do too much, but we felt compelled to counter the anti-wilderness forces, who were mounting a well-funded, concerted campaign promoting development of all of the major old-growth forested areas which we had identified for preservation.

Dealing with our debt has had a silver lining. We have matured



Wilderness Committee staff and directors with 1991 Canadian Environmental Achievement Award. Photo: J.P. LaFrank



Kermodi bear cub Photo: Myron Kozak

as an organization, learning how to be effective even when money is scarce. We have learned how to cooperate better with other organizations and seek alliances to resolve the "war in the woods". We have restructured our board of directors into a truly independent body, and reorganized our staff into effective working teams.

But have we won protection for more wilderness? Are we winning the "battles" to save Earth's natural ecosystems—protecting the biodiversity of species that is absolutely essential to keep our Earth healthy?

My answer is: we're gaining in strength but have yet to see positive results on the ground—especially in B.C. where the fight is focused on the few last old-growth watersheds. We're afraid that we will eventually win, only to find no major tracts of temperate rainforests left.

We need you to stick with us. Many of our members have let their membership lapse. You can see if you are one of those by checking your mailing label on this newspaper. If the date on the upper left corner has passed, it is time for you to send in your \$25 membership renewal fee—the price of "two pizzas"—to keep us as your champion, fighting to save Earth's wild heritage.

Sincerely yours,

Paul George
Paul George
Founding Director

Credits and Appreciations

This newspaper is the product of the combined writing efforts of all the teams that comprise WCWC, including all the Branch teams.

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Mouth of the Kitlope River Photo: Ian Mackenzie

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Sometimes it's good to look back over the years to come to a better understanding of who we are and where we are going. WCWC has been working for 11 years to save wild places. In conjunction with other groups, the Wilderness Committee and its members have achieved:



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1983

- * Valhalla Provincial Park (49,800 ha)

1984

- * Northern Yukon National Park Reserve (1,016,800 ha)

1985

- * Meares Island - logging on hold for pending court case.

1986

- * Akamina-Kishinena Recreation Area (10,915 ha)

- * Brooks Peninsula Recreation Area (28,780 ha)

- * Gitnadoix River Recreation Area (58,000 ha)

1987

- * South Moresby National Park Reserve (147,000 ha)

- * Hakai Recreation Area (122,998 ha)

- * Fiordland Recreation Area (91,000 ha)

- * Kakwa Recreation Area (127,690 ha)

- * Height-of-the-Rockies Wilderness (68,000 ha)

- * Cascade Recreation Area (16,680 ha)

1988

- * Nimpkish Douglas-fir Ecological Reserve (16 ha)

- * Lake Lovelywater Recreation Area (1,300 ha)

- * Stein Valley (Stein Alpine and Lower Stein wilderness areas)

- * Prevented predator control (wolf kill) in northeast British Columbia through a precedent-setting case giving environmental groups legal standing in court.

- * Carmanah trail-building case set legal precedent guaranteeing public access to crown lands under tree farm licences.

- * Strathcona Provincial Park (no-mining precedent for all other provincial parks)

1989

- * Halted falcon chick capture on the Queen Charlotte Islands through the courts.

- * Maplewood Mudflats (Vancouver port expansion stopped in prime bird habitat)

1990

- * 1990 Environmental Achievement Award from Government of British Columbia.

- * Established world's first temperate rainforest canopy research station.

- * Discovered the first marbled murrelet nest in Canada in the Walbran Valley.

- * Carmanah Pacific Provincial Park (3,592 ha)

- * Cypress Ridge municipal park (35 ha of old-growth forest)

- * Roderick Haig-Brown Award and Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award for *Carmanah - Artistic Visions of an Ancient Rainforest*.

1991

- * 1991 Environmental Achievement Award from Environment Canada.

- * Became recognized at the 35th Working Session of the IUCN's Commission on Parks and Protected Areas as one of 5 major international agencies involved in research on the world's remaining natural areas.

- * WCWC was selected by the Canadian Council for International Cooperation to write a paper on biodiversity to serve as the basis for north-south dialogue in preparation for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to be held in Brazil in 1992.

- * With the support of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund, established legal precedent that no logging roads should be built without approved logging permits

- * Discovered the second marbled murrelet nest in Canada in the Walbran Valley

- * Kitlope watershed - inter-agency park study area

- * Boundary Bay (golf course development stopped in prime migratory bird habitat)



Hikers below Deer Pass, Southern Chilcotins.
Photo: Randy Stoltmann



From the left, WCWC volunteer Stephanie Hughes, federal Minister of State for Environment Pauline Browne, and MP Bob Wenman, visiting the Carmanah Valley canopy research station. Photo: Randy Stoltmann

Power Hungry

"Power hungry" Doman Industries has tried to expedite their entry into the Power River valley, one of the last six large unlogged watersheds on Vancouver Island, with the excuse of salvaging natural blowdown from a December 1990 storm.

A WCWC crew consisting of forest technician Clinton Webb, photographer Ian Mackenzie and Randy Stoltmann visited the Power in June to assess the wind damaged stands. The damage is in five separate areas

totalling 137 hectares, or about 2.3 percent of the whole Power watershed. Much of the blowdown is on very steep rocky terrain not suitable for logging, and many trees are still standing within these areas. As with other small natural disturbances, there should be good regeneration of young trees within a few years.

Apart from about 50 hectares of roadless hand logging for "airplane spruce" during the second world war, the Power is a wilderness watershed. The



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Power valley harbours some of the most massive Sitka spruce trees remaining in B.C. and has what is thought to be the highest density elk population on Vancouver Island.

Doman has pledged not to enter the Power without the consent of the Kyuquot Band. The Kyuquot Band is opposed to any industrial use of the Power River valley.

Sitka spruce grove, Power River valley
Photo: Randy Stoltmann

The people in Kyuquot desperately need your help on their local issues including the Power River, Tahsish-Kwois and bad logging practices. Contact: Kyuquot Environmental and Economic Protection Society (KEEPS), Kyuquot, B.C. VOP 1J0.

WCWC VICTORIA *Researching ancient forests*

The Victoria Branch of WCWC was formed in 1989 by Victoria members concerned over the fate of the Carmanah Valley. WCWC's Victoria members were the first to request a branch office in their area, and in doing so set the Committee on the path of nation-wide, on-the-ground wilderness saving research and education. Today there are three WCWC branch offices and four branches-in-information (BIFs) from Victoria, B.C. to Ottawa, Ontario.

WCWC - Victoria's membership has doubled in the past year, telling us that we are on the right track. Our store and office has become a centre for environmentalists in Victoria.

WCWC - Victoria has taken a lead role WCWC's research work. Dennis Kangasniemi is Victoria's research team leader. This spring, WCWC - Victoria constructed Wolverine Camp, deep in the ancient forest of the Lower Tsitika Valley. Six WCWC biologists were then sent from the Victoria office to conduct intensive field research on biodiversity in the Lower

Tsitika. In addition, some of the biologists conducted surveys at WCWC's rainforest research camp in the Carmanah Valley. These researchers also collected samples deep in the adjoining rainforest of the Walbran Valley. The findings of WCWC - Victoria's roving band of biologists will be published this winter.

WCWC - Victoria has also been actively supporting research being carried out by University of Victoria scientists at WCWC's Carmanah rainforest facility. The WCWC - Victoria research team has spent hundreds of hours carrying supplies, food and construction materials to the one-of-a-kind camp in the Upper Carmanah.

WCWC - Victoria is very proud of the discoveries made by University of Victoria researchers at the Upper Carmanah camp. These discoveries include the only two marbled murrelet nests ever discovered in Canada as well as the amazing discovery of a whole community of new species of insects that appear to

live only in the canopy area of ancient Sitka spruce trees. Other research supported by Dennis Kangasniemi's research team include a study of salamander use of the Upper Carmanah rainforest.

WCWC - Victoria recognizes that up until now most ancient forest research has been funded by the forest industry, the very people who wish to convert the temperate rainforests into corporate fibre farms! We are committed to becoming a leading force in the study of B.C.'s ancient forests. To that end, WCWC - Victoria has struck a scientific advisory committee made up of some of the Pacific Northwest's most



prominent naturalists and scientists.

WCWC - Victoria is working with the main office of WCWC to seek funding for a greatly expanded research year in 1992.

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TOFINO CREEK

Selective old-growth logging. WCWC is endorsing a revolutionary new forestry and logging plan for a west coast rainforest valley. The plan, devised by two European forest engineers calls for selection logging systems using a skyline cable yarder. Clearcuts would be banned. Tofino Creek, the planned logging site is located

on the west coast of Vancouver Island in Clayoquot Sound. The Committee is aiming to prove that we can extract high quality wood products from our forests while doing a much better job of protecting the environment. If you would like to register your support of this innovative project please write the B.C. Forest Service at 4227 6th Ave. Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 4N1.

WCWC MID-ISLAND *Recycling experts*

INNER ROUTE HIGHWAY

The Inner Route Highway is a major concern to the Western Canada Wilderness Committee - Mid-Island, as well as to many Vancouver Island residents. Although we have helped pressure the B.C. government into moving the planned route west of the sensitive Colliery Dam Park, we are still lobbying to have the route cancelled and, instead, substitute less destructive alternatives such as upgrading present roads and utilizing alternate methods of transportation.

WCWC - Mid-Island is also supporting the Nanaimo Indian Band in its dealings with the government regarding the "Cedar connection," a new route to the proposed ferry terminus at Duke Point. This route would endanger the Nanaimo River estuary, a highly sensitive area which is a vital habitat and nursery area for many of the marine species that inhabit the Strait of Georgia.



Ancient temperate rainforest. Photo: Clinton Webb

WCWC MID-ISLAND RECYCLING CENTRE

In a short six months the WCWC - Mid-Island Recycling Depot has returned the equivalent of more than 4000 trees worth of paper to be recycled. This represents approximately 20 trees a day!

The depot has quickly become an important and necessary community service, handling more than 50 tons of materials per month. The City of Nanaimo has recently pledged to provide some of the core funding required to keep the depot in operation and will be helping to support the project at least until December of 1991.

The depot is, above all, a people place. A recent survey shows that approximately 700 recyclers use the multi-material drop-off facility each week. This represents from 8 percent to 12 percent of the households in the city. Well over 100 volunteers help in the day-to-day operations of the depot. Many come on a regular basis. Sometimes the whole family takes part! A very positive atmosphere is generated by the activities of so many committed and environmentally-aware people.

WCWC OKANAGAN Adopting OK wilderness

The WCWC - Okanagan Branch was inaugurated one year ago, with a fifteen member executive. Since then we have held regular monthly meetings, usually in Vernon. The original focus of the group was the WCWC store in Vernon. Several members, particularly Joan Yardley, put a tremendous amount of effort into starting up and running the store and it provided the focus and interest to start the Okanagan Branch.

The Vernon office and store goods have now found a new home in the basement of Terry's Natural Foods - 3100, 32nd Street, Vernon. The Kelowna group is currently looking for a similar type of set-up. The Penticton group is working to "get off the ground."

Quite apart from establishing and reorganizing our physical base, we have worked hard at increasing our membership and defining our objectives and goals. After originally trying to be all things to all people and run a store at the same time, we decided to focus on one main issue, the preservation of Okanagan Wilderness. This of course corresponds totally with the province-wide WCWC objectives.

In conjunction with our main project, *Adopt Okanagan Wilderness*, we are distributing a "wilderness checklist." Member Bruce Sumner has already done major work in exploring and documenting potential wilderness reserve areas. Tied in with this project is our brand new Okanagan Wilderness T-shirt and sweat shirt. These are selling well and we hope to gradually expand our "Adopt Okanagan Wilderness" line of merchandise. Needless to say, all profits from this go to our Adopt Okanagan Wilderness program.

Several members, particularly Mike Whitaker, have been working very hard on defining and establishing trail and park networks in the Kelowna area.

Joe and Jessica Klein have been keeping up the pressure on the Ministry of Parks to purchase the remaining privately owned lots in Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park. One of these is now being advertised across



Dorothy Robertson

Canada as the potential site for a resort - Just what we don't need in the middle of a wilderness park!

In line with our commitment to inform and be informed on local forestry issues, on September 28th we held what we hope will be the first of a series of forest tours in the Bear Creek area near Kelowna. WCWC's staff forester, Mark Wareing, travelled from Vancouver to lead this for us and gave 50 or so local VIPs, teachers, media, etc. some food for thought. A very worthwhile day!

So - we have a busy year behind us and a tremendously busy year ahead. We have the enthusiasm and commitment, we are getting the members, all we need now is twice as many hours in the day!

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WCWC WHITE ROCK Habitat protection

The WCWC-White Rock Branch-in-formation started in the summer of 1990, with Boundary Bay as our area's key issue. Beginning in September of 1990 and continuing to April of 1991, the BIF's steering committee and volunteers, along with local interest groups such as the White Rock Surrey Naturalists, mounted a monthly "Nature Watch on Boundary Bay".

Our first annual Birdathon, an educational, fundraising event involving schools, community groups, Guides, Scouts, Cubs and the general public, was held on March 22-23.

We have occasionally set up tables in malls and attended special events to sell merchandise and memberships, and distribute WCWC's free educational reports. Our latest booth was at Bear Creek Park in Surrey for the Canada Day Celebration. Situated next to the Indy Car booth, our exposure was increased tremendously!

WCWC-White Rock's monthly community meetings focus on a variety of topics. Although meetings have been sporadic over the summer, we have become more active in our campaign to stop the Northview Golf Course. On behalf of the White Rock BIF, Lynn Pollard delivered a presentation to city council opposing the golf course proposal.

The WCWC-White Rock BIF is now involved in reactivating our monthly Boundary Bay Nature Watch programme and preparing for our 1992 Birdathon.

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The most significant work of the depot is that of a hands on, self-education experience. Everyone must clean, prepare and sort their own waste. Sure it's a nuisance, but the dividends are great in terms of environmental action, personal satisfaction, and in knowing that the depot has established a reputation in the business for quality products - clean and uncontaminated.

The centre is unique among community depots, and indeed amongst most municipal depots, in that a very wide range of waste materials are accepted for recycling. Aside from the more usual paper, tin and glass, we recycle plastics, car batteries, scrap metal and aluminum as well as a paint exchange and more. A visit is the only way to grasp an understanding of what we do.

WCWC - Mid-Island successfully held a week long blitz on composting in conjunction with Environment Week activities. Thanks to Environment Canada funding for the project, there now exists a portable compost display for mall events, school talks and other public outreach activities.

As a result of the interest shown during Environment Week, the WCWC - Mid-Island Branch now plans to establish a composting demonstration garden at Global Village, 259 Pine Street, Nanaimo to promote composting options in the City of Nanaimo. If you're interested in composting but don't know where to start, join the newly-formed Community Composting Club! An experienced composter will come to your home and suggest the best kind of compost bin for your needs, the best placement for it, or advise on such matters as the carbon/nitrogen ratio.

For more information call 753-9453, or write to: Community Compost Project, c/o WCWC-Mid-Island, 140-B South Terminal Avenue, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5C5

WILDWOOD FOREST a genuine alternative

Featured on David Suzuki's TV Special "Voices of the Forest," this 55 hectare forest is living proof that there is a viable alternative to destructive logging practices. For fifty years Merv Wilkinson has allowed the forest to renew itself so that even after nine yields his land

MAYORS STAND UP FOR WATERSHED
West Vancouver Mayor Mark Sager and North Vancouver District Mayor Murray Dykeman have called for a moratorium on logging in Vancouver's drinking watersheds to protect water quality. As well, the two mayors are calling for a complete ecological inventory of the Capilano, Seymour and Coquitlam drainages. These two mayors need your written support. You can write them care of the GVRD Water Committee, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4G8

still contains the same amount of harvestable timber. Ask Merv how he does it: he'll be delighted to tell you!

Spend a few hours at Wildwood. Wander through the tranquillity of a piece of Earth where humans co-exist in

harmony with nature. It will renew your faith in a sustainable future. Three hour tours can be arranged on request throughout the year.

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RAINFOREST TOURS
The Rainforest Tours into Carmanah and Wildwood have been in full swing over the summer. From mid-April to mid-October daytrips to Carmanah have been available each Saturday. A similar program is planned for next

year. WCWC guides provide background information about the rainforest and the ever-present need to protect it. Fees for the trip are returned to the forest - all profits are used to support WCWC's objectives of preserving wilderness areas like Carmanah!

WCWC WEST KOOTENAY Watershed protection

Logging, particularly of our village watersheds, has once again become the issue in our area since the Celgar pulp mill's modernization and expansion has been conditionally approved by the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Panel.

This summer the nod from the Ministry of Forests (MOF) has activated many tree farm licenses (TFLs) in drainages that were previously dormant because of poor access, low returns, or "hostile neighbours."

On October 9, the historic West Kootenay Forest Accord was signed by the IWA-Canada - Local 1-405, WCWC - West Kootenay Branch, Red Mountain Residents Association, B.C. Government Employees Union, West Arm Watershed Alliance, Lasca Action Group, Valhalla Society, West Arm Wilderness Group and Slocan Valley Watershed Alliance. This accord follows the format of the South Island Forest Accord on Vancouver Island, identifying areas of agreement between forest workers and environmentalists.

WEST ARM WILDERNESS UNDER ATTACK

The West Arm Wilderness on Kootenay Lake was submitted as a wilderness proposal to *Provincial Parks and Wilderness for the 90s* in the spring of this year. No decisions have been made yet by the government, apparently because

of the overwhelming number of applications to this process.

Frustrated by the lack of government response, six hundred people blocked access to a road-building crew at Lasca Creek in the West Arm Wilderness in late September. 64 people were arrested in this non-violent protest.

Amongst the MOF's stated goals are commitments to preserve representative examples of the province's diverse natural landscapes and to maintain biological diversity. The Southern Columbia Mountains region, which includes the West Arm Wilderness, has less than 1 percent of its area in parks, mainly at high elevation. Biologists recognize that 1 percent is an inadequate level of protection to maintain biological diversity.

Wilderness is rapidly vanishing in the Southern Columbia Mountains. Only 16 percent of this 20,000 kilometre region, extending from the Okanagan Highland in the west nearly to Cranbrook in the east, remains roadless. The 600 square kilometre West Arm Wilderness is one of the few remaining opportunities to protect a sizeable, unroaded, forested piece of wilderness.

The proposed West Arm Wilderness is mostly forested, containing excellent representation of Southern Columbia old-growth forests. The mountainous area also includes beautiful small lakes and



Lasca Creek valley, proposed West Arm Wilderness. Photo: WCWC - West Kootenay BIF

part of the shoreline of Kootenay Lake. Wildlife values are very high, including North America's largest concentration of osprey, as well as cougar, woodland caribou and grizzly bear.

The West Arm Wilderness is rich in native history; pictographs, a burial ground and many artifacts have been located here. Non-native history includes old pack trails up Lasca, Narrows and Harrop Creeks, and the remains of Chinese bake ovens.

The West Arm should be thoroughly evaluated for all values, not just timber. There should be extensive and meaningful community involvement in land use planning. Short-term economic gain should not automatically be given precedence over long-term values. Nelson's economy is no longer based on resource extraction. Educational institutions, health spas and retreat facilities are being attracted to the area by the spectacular scenery. Tourism has increased by 25% in each of the past two years. The tourism potential of the West Arm Wilderness is substantial.

Logging and road building in the West Arm should be deferred, and a thorough study done of land use options. To start with, the 60-day postponement of road-building requested by the Regional District and Nelson City Council should be heeded.

CELGAR EXPANSION

The wood chip supply for the Celgar pulp mill has also come under scrutiny from the local "doubting Toms". Celgar's expansion is intended to double the pulp production, so it would seem logical that twice the current level of timber harvesting would be necessary to feed the machinery. Celgar claims that their position has always been that there was excessive waste from TFLs in the area that could supply all their

needs. However, the real question is, did Celgar's original assessment rely on the potential resources of the dormant TFLs as well as those that were being actively worked at the time?

The fervent way in which village watersheds have been sought for timber this summer has raised suspicion of Celgar's claims that sufficient waste wood is available to justify mill expansion. Celgar appears to be using the argument of excessive waste as a lever to activate currently dormant TFLs in their supply block.

The very first recommendation that the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Panel (EARP) of February 1991 made in their final papers concerning Celgar's expansion was:

Although management of provincial Crown forests was excluded from the Panel's mandate, the Panel recognizes that there may be governmental decisions regarding harvesting which pertain to the supply of wood chips for Celgar and which have undesirable environmental effects. Such decisions may include approval of forest management land and permits under existing tenure, rights to additional harvesting under Pulp Wood Agreement #9, and changes to forest management resulting from the work of the Forest Resources Commission. The panel recommends that any decisions take into consideration the protection of high elevation forests, community watersheds, fish and wildlife habitat, soil quality and recreational and aesthetic use of the forests in southeastern British Columbia.

Currently the Ministry of Forests is not making any effort to satisfy these recommendations.

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Marshland wildlife habitat, Lasca Creek area. Photo: WCWC - West Kootenay BIF

WCWC EDMONTON Boreal forest defence

The WCWC - Edmonton Branch in Formation represents the first group of WCWC members to organize outside of B.C. WCWC - Edmonton grew out of a meeting between WCWC Canvass Co-ordinator Frank Sloan and Edmonton environmentalist Brian Toole at the December 1989 ALPAC public hearings.

The protection of Canada's Boreal forest is WCWC - Edmonton's most important issue. A boreal forest bioregion educational newspaper is in the works, the first publication for the Edmonton BIF. WCWC - Edmonton is planning to conduct an educational canvass throughout the city in November.
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WCWC'S ACTIVE CAMPAIGNS

Your Committee was busy this year defending wilderness. Here is a summary of some of our efforts on your behalf.

TSITIKA VALLEY ROBSON BIGHT

This campaign's goal is protection of the orca rubbing beaches near Robson Bight and protection from logging of the Lower Tsitika, the last significant valley-bottom to mountain-top ancient forest on Vancouver Island's east coast. The Tsitika campaign has been spearheaded by WCWC - Victoria. During the summer and fall of 1991, WCWC biologists based at Wolverine Camp in the Lower Tsitika conducted a biological inventory of the old-growth forest there.

CHILCOTINS

The magnificent Chilcotin wilderness on the east slope of the Coast Range must be protected from logging and mining exploration. WCWC has joined with the Nemah Indian Band to gather information and photos for an up-coming book documenting the Nemah peoples' relationship with their wilderness homeland. WCWC sits on the government-sponsored committee that is considering the Chilko Lake region for wilderness protection.

Meanwhile, roadbuilding and logging scheduled to begin in the Bonanza and Leckie creek valleys in the Southern Chilcotins next year must be stopped.



Bonanza Creek in the Southern Chilcotins. Logging scheduled to begin in 1992...

FORESTRY PRACTICES

WCWC has long been involved in a campaign to change environmentally-damaging and labour-insensitive forestry practices. WCWC published *Crisis in the Woods* and *Preserve the Environment and Jobs*, black and white information newspapers on BC's inappropriate forestry practices. In the spring of 1991 Mark Wareing, WCWC's staff forester, prepared a critique of the Forest Resources Commission report on B.C. forestry. Mark also travelled to Europe to attend the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development preparatory meeting, where he spoke to a number of environment group representatives from around the world and helped draft a joint statement on sustainable forestry practices.

Mark has presented his community Forest Watch sessions in Bella Coola, Salmon Arm, Kelowna, Vernon, Fernie, 100 Mile House, Rock Creek, Cortez Island, Revelstoke, Port Alberni and Bralorne. In the past year WCWC has sent forestry information, photos and video footage to the United States, Europe, Japan, New Zealand and Australia.

WATERSHED LOGGING

For over two years, WCWC has mounted a campaign to stop clearcut logging in Greater Vancouver's drinking water supply areas - the source of our murky drinking water during storms. Mark Wareing, WCWC's staff forester, has led this campaign. In February of 1991 WCWC published *Watershed Logging*, an information newspaper about the logging in Vancouver's drinking water supply areas. In the spring of 1991 Mark presented a brief to the Greater Vancouver regional District Watershed Management Public Review entitled *Forest Practices in Greater Vancouver's Drinking Water Catchment Areas - Impacts on Water Quality and Forest Ecosystem Health*.

WILD SIDE OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

Our Wild Side campaign is aimed at protecting 22 key wilderness areas on the west coast, or "wild side," of Vancouver Island, including Carmanah/Walbran, Clayoquot Sound and Brooks Peninsula. This campaign was launched with the publication of *Clayoquot - On the Wild Side*. In the autumn of 1990,

with the generous financial assistance of Mountain Equipment Co-op, WCWC published 200,000 copies of an educational newspaper about the west coast wilderness areas of Vancouver Island. Joe Foy, Adrian Dorst and Cameron Young conducted a Wild Side slideshow tour of Vancouver Island over the winter of 1990. Also in the winter of 1990, WCWC teamed up with the people at the Vancouver Planetarium to present an amazing 360 degree panoramic slide show of Clayoquot Sound using the photography of Adrian Dorst.

Researchers working out of WCWC's newly re-built research station in the Carmanah Valley discovered Canada's second marbled murrelet nest in the Walbran Valley in the summer of 1991 (the first nest was found there a year earlier). A hiking and road access map for the Walbran Valley was published in the spring of 1991. Two fact-finding expeditions have been mounted by WCWC into the Brooks Peninsula wilderness on the northwest coast of Vancouver Island.

KITLOPE

The Kitlope, located south of Kitimat on the B.C. coast, is the largest unlogged watershed in the temperate rainforest region. Since the spring of 1990, WCWC has participated in fact-finding missions into the Kitlope. Thanks to a generous donation from Patagonia Inc., WCWC published 100,000 Kitlope educational newspapers in the spring of 1990.

KOEYE

The Koeeye is a diverse wilderness watershed on the south mainland coast. WCWC published a brief entitled *Koeeye River Watershed Wilderness Reserve Proposal* calling for the preservation of the entire watershed.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Presentations by WCWC representatives in dozens of schools and clubs over the last four months are helping to educate the public about wilderness issues.

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WCWC OTTAWA

Opposition to James Bay

A number of Western Canada Wilderness Committee members in Ottawa have been meeting over the past few months to form a branch of WCWC here.

At a membership meeting on July 3, 1991, we unanimously approved our status as a WCWC Branch-in-Formation! The meeting was held at the McNabb Community Centre in Ottawa, with 35 members in attendance.

On October 26, WCWC-Ottawa will hold a grand opening celebration at our new office and store location at 6 Byward Market, Ottawa. This great location will serve as a base of operations for our membership canvass and campaigns and education and as an outlet for WCWC products! Please feel free to drop by, chat or offer support!! Donations are, of

course, welcome--surplus office supplies as well as money!

With this branch of WCWC active in the east, we can now focus more energy on wilderness issues specific to central and eastern Canada. Our campaigns will, of course, include the environmentally disastrous James Bay II Hydro project. We are organizing a team of volunteers to research, produce and publish a James Bay issue paper in French and English and we will work with local and regional environmental and native groups to oppose this project. We will also hold a public meeting and slideshow on the issue to raise public awareness and support!

WCWC-OTTAWA
STORE & OFFICE
6 BYWARD MARKET, OTTAWA, ONTARIO
PH. (613) 526-9453

Photo: Randy Stollmann



Nasparti River estuary, Brooks Peninsula wilderness, northwest Vancouver Island.

THE PACIFIC RIM RAINFOREST

Wilderness On the Edge

WALBRAN VALLEY: A Vital Part Of The Little That's Left

The Walbran Valley is part of the Pacific Rim Rainforest, a tract of ancient temperate rainforest that used to stretch from Port Renfrew to Barkley Sound along the southwest coast of Vancouver Island about 80 kilometres northwest of Victoria. Much of this area has been fragmented by clearcut logging over the past 40 years. What remains represents only about six percent of southern Vancouver Island.

The Walbran, Cullite and Logan valleys are an 11,000 hectare area adjacent to the southern half of the West Coast Trail. Along with the adjacent Carmanah Valley, the Walbran area represents the largest tract of wilderness left in the Pacific Rim Rainforest.

Walbran is a highly diverse area. Numerous lakes, canyons, wetlands and waterfalls are interspersed with the ancient forest of western hemlock, western redcedar, amabilis fir and Sitka spruce. The giant trees

-- cedars 5 metres or more in diameter, spruce 70 metres tall and hemlock and amabilis fir that dwarf trees in most other forests -- are only one part of an incredibly complex ecosystem. Thousands of lifeforms function in harmony with one another. Together they form an amazing nutrient cycling engine that runs on practically nothing.

On a world scale, temperate rainforest ecosystems were never very numerous, yet they are amongst the most biologically rich ecosystems on the planet. By process of industrial elimination, British Columbia has been left with the best remaining opportunities on Earth to protect adequate samples of temperate rainforest.

The future of the Pacific Rim Rainforest, must be decided on its national and international biological significance, not on the short-term, fibre farming goals of employment insensitive multinational forest companies.



Fletcher Challenge's environmentally damaging logging practices, upper Walbran Valley, 1989.

Photo: Clinton Webb

The Road Stops Here

WCWC is distributing a video on the events leading up to and that continue in the Walbran Valley controversy. 30 minutes long. VHS only.

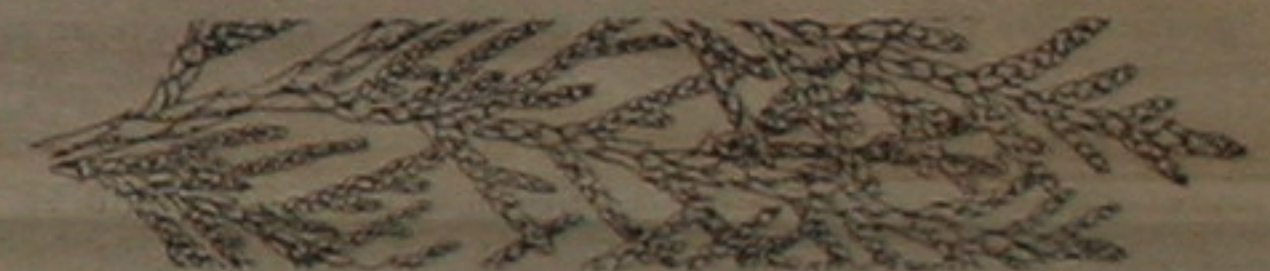
PLEASE SEND ME THE ROAD STOPS HERE - \$11.75

NAME _____

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P-CODE _____ PHONE _____

Please clip and mail this coupon, with payment to Western Canada Wilderness Committee, 20 Water Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1A4



Debbie Robertson

Photo: Clinton Webb



5-metre-diameter western redcedar, Walbran Valley. Photo: Clinton Webb



Botley Lake, central Walbran Valley. Photo: Clinton Webb



Ancient cedar-hemlock rainforest, Walbran Valley. Photo: Clinton Webb

THE PACIFIC RIM RAINFOREST

The Pacific Rim Rainforest is the southernmost of three remaining large blocks of unfragmented wilderness rainforest on Vancouver Island. It encompasses completely or largely undeveloped watersheds and lowlands adjacent to the West Coast Trail Unit of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

We have this once-only opportunity to protect a complete wilderness rainforest ecosystem. Help make it happen.

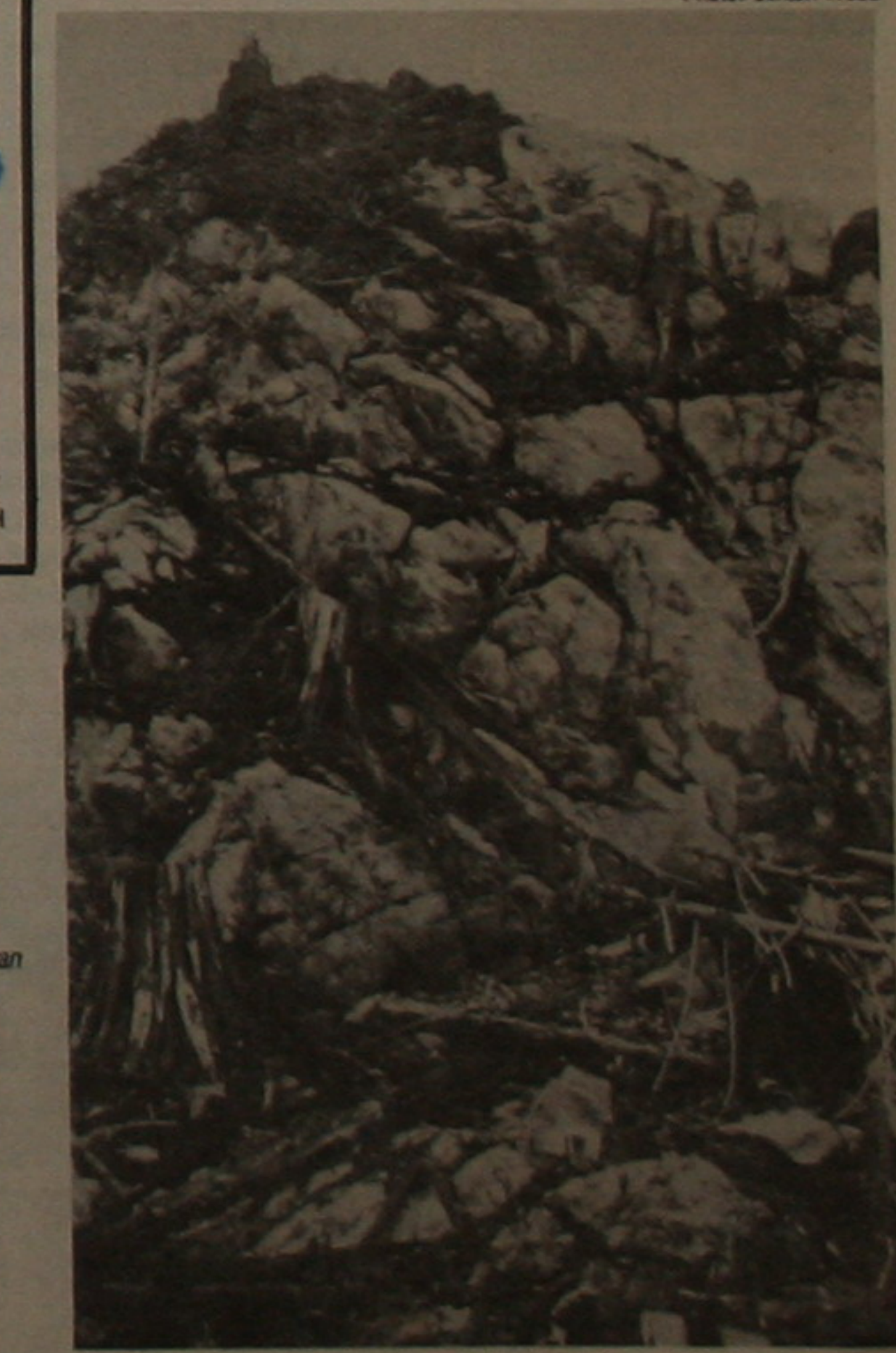


"We've changed," says the forest industry. Haddon Ck., adjacent to Walbran



4-metre-diameter western redcedar stump. Photo: Clinton Webb

Photo: Randy Solmann



MacMillan Bloedel clearcut logging, upper Walbran Valley, 1989.

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS



THE WILD MAPPING PROJECT

Wilderness around the world is under siege, being burned, flooded, polluted and logged at ecosystem-destroying rates. Human activities now account for the loss of one hundred acres of ancient tropical rainforest every minute and the extinction of an estimated two species every hour. If we do not change our ways, in the next 25 years, all major tracts of forested wilderness will be lost and one-third of all species on earth could become extinct.

These scary facts could paralyze us into inaction. Instead, WCWC is doing something positive to reverse these trends.

To save the world's natural ecosystems we must know what still remains. Surprisingly, despite satellites and computers, no-one really knows. Responding to the urgent need

for information and action, WCWC initiated the WILD (Wilderness Is the Last Dream) Campaign. Now nearly 3 years old, WILD has gained an international reputation for its innovative approach:

- * working in collaboration with other conservation groups, traditional peoples and scientists to map the opportunities which remain to protect earth's wild ecosystems
- * promoting the need for ecological and social justice
- * emphasizing the ecological value of all ecosystem types
- * striving to popularize accurate information about earth's natural heritage through widespread public education.

WCWC's WILD Campaign is rooted in the belief that we must act both locally and globally to keep the ancient dream and the reality of wilderness alive.



WILD's mapping team, Robin Sydneysmith and Ian Parfitt. Photo: J.P. LeFrank

WILD STAFF

Adriane Carr - Executive Director
Sue Fox Gregory - Director of International Campaigns and Communications
Ganga (Guadalupe) Jolicoeur: Latin America Liaison
Ian Parfitt: Director of Mapping
Shirley Rogers: Special Projects and Grants Accounting
Ramona Tibando: Executive Assistant
Regular Volunteers: Volker Bodegom, Alice Eaton, J.P. LeFrank, Stamatis Zogaris

SUCCESSES 1990-91

EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Books

- * *Penan - Voice for the Borneo Rainforest*

Educational Newspapers

- * *Help the Penan Save the Borneo Rainforest*
- * *Help Stop James Bay II and Kemano II: Two proposed nature-destroying hydroelectric megaprojects* (co-published with the Steelhead Society of British Columbia)
- * *Tatshenshini: North America's Wildest River Threatened* (co-published with Tatshenshini Wild)
- * *Save Wild Greece* (co-published with the Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature and the Hellenic Ornithological Society)
- * *WILD Goes to Brazil*

Other Publications

- * *Inukshuk: Stewardship from Sea to Sea* art poster
- * *Inukshuk* art card
- * *Report on North America's Temperate Forests*
- * *WILD Mapping Systems*
- * *WILD Mapping Techniques Manual*
- * *Penan Tour Report*
- * *Biodiversity: Extinction or Survival*

EDUCATIONAL PUBLIC EVENTS

- * The Penan World Tour
- * Help the Penan - What You Can Do Now (post-tour public event)
- * Saving Greek Wilderness (for Vancouver's Greek community)
- * Tatshenshini: Saving North America's Wildest River

WILD MAPPING

- * Global Mapping Conference, Hawaii, June, 1990
- * Latin America and Caribbean Regional Mapping Conference, Brasil, May, 1991
- * Temperate Rainforests of the World mapping project
- * Wild Greece mapping project

WCWC's INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

At the same time as WCWC established its first local branch, it launched its global campaign to map and protect earth's remaining natural ecosystems. WCWC's WILD campaign is taking the committee's effective strategies, expertise and our local wilderness preservation campaigns to the world stage.

WILD's two major campaigns are its Latin America mapping project and its campaign to protect the rainforest homeland of the Penan people in Borneo. Other current campaigns:

Temperate Forests Mapping

Under special funding provided by SOL 3 of Switzerland and by the Cundill Foundation of Vancouver, WILD's Robin Sydneysmith produced a thirty-page report about North America's temperate forests and a map of the world's temperate rainforests. Completed in January of 1991, the map revealed that the largest areas of ancient temperate rainforests are found in southern Chile and the central British Columbia coast.

Now WILD's director of mapping, Ian Parfitt is continuing the work, producing a newspaper about the wild, salmon-rich watersheds which should be protected in the coastal rainforests of B.C.

Protecting Chile's Ancient Rainforest

Aware of the plans of several Canadian forestry companies to clear-cut log the pristine Magellanic (southern) forests of Chile, WILD helped fund an exploratory mission to Chile in 1990 by Canadian conservationist Alex Frid. WILD is now fundraising to produce an educational newspaper and poster urging the Canadian public to let these companies know how they feel about international wilderness-destroying development projects.

Save Wild Greece

During the summer of 1990, Stamatis Zogaris, a Canadian biology student working with conservationists and scientific experts in Greece, completed a field survey of Greece's remaining natural areas. Zogaris' work was substantially

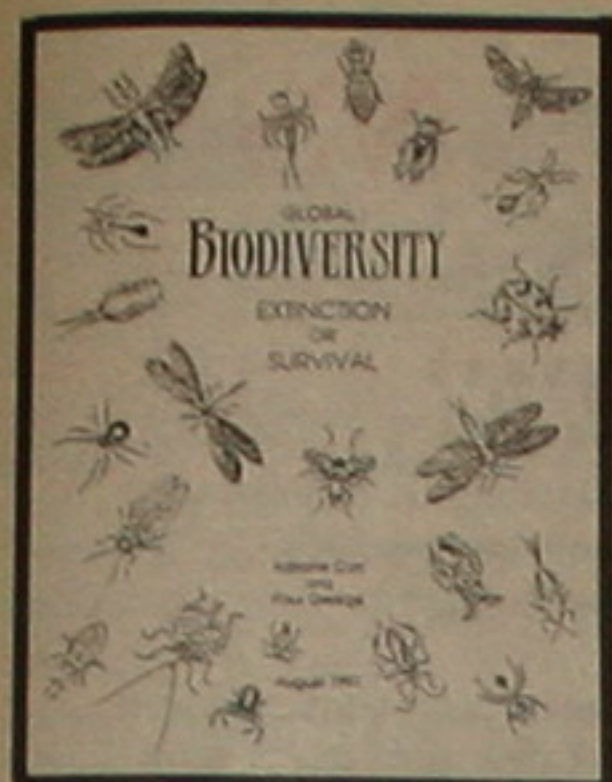
funded by WILD, and resulted in the publication in May of 1991 of a 16-page newspaper and map describing the biological significance and vulnerability of Greece's remaining wild ecosystems.

Stopping James Bay II-Great Whale

WILD's newspaper, *Help Stop James Bay II and Kemano II: Two proposed nature-destroying hydroelectric megaprojects*, is now being translated into French by WCWC's Ottawa Branch-in-Formation.

Protecting the Tatshenshini: North America's wildest river

WCWC and WILD are now part of an international coalition of 26 major environment groups with, collectively, over two million members across North America. We are fighting to stop Geddes Resources of Toronto from developing its acid-producing, wilderness-destroying mine in the pristine Tatshenshini watershed.



Biodiversity: Extinction or Survival

Co-authored by WCWC's Adriane Carr and Paul George, this booklet documents the vital role that biodiversity plays in keeping earth's living fabric from unravelling. Written for presentation during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil in June of 1992.

Order through the catalogue, by phone 683-8220, or at any Wilderness Committee Store.

Penan Tour Report

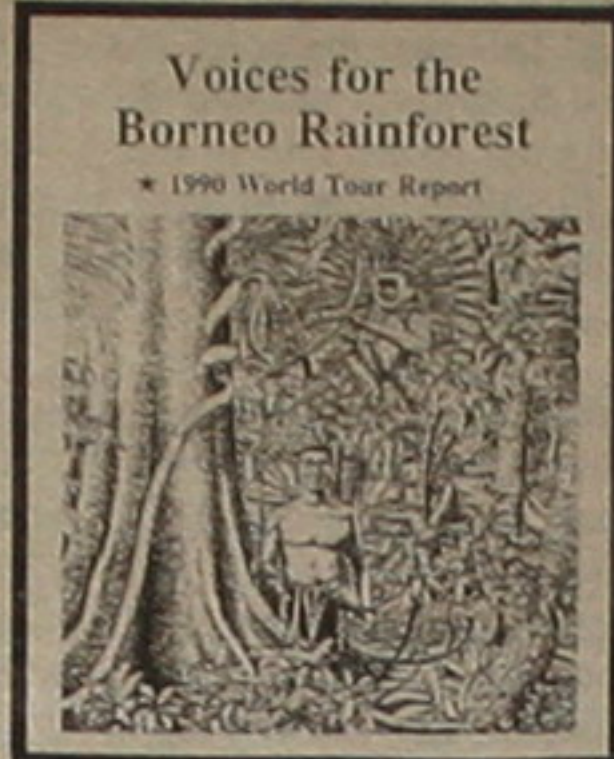
This 80-page, amply illustrated report documents the international mission of three Sarawak tribesmen in the fall of 1990—to seek the help of the global community in the resolution of their fight to protect their rainforest home. Order through the catalogue, by phone 683-8220, or at any Wilderness Committee Store.

Pennies for Penan

Raising much needed funds for the Penan are the "Pennies for the Penan" donation cans on many store and restaurant counters all over Vancouver.

Over \$3,000 has already been raised. This money has been used to buy food, medicine, water filters and provide transportation for Penan representatives to bring their plight to the attention of the United Nations.

The Penan need a lot more pennies to win protection for their rainforest. Please do what you can. Send your donation to "Pennies for the Penan" c/o WCWC in Vancouver.



PENAN IN CRISIS

The Penan, one of the world's last surviving hunter-gatherer peoples, are truly in a situation of crisis. Over the past 20 years, their rainforest home, one of the world's oldest and most diverse ecosystems, has been severely degraded by logging. Primarily geared to serve the Japanese market of throw-away furniture, transport boxes and construction forms, the logging has resulted in severe soil erosion, water pollution and habitat destruction. Most of the Penan people have been forced to abandon their traditional lands and ways and live in relocation camps where disease and cultural disintegration are rampant.

In August of 1989, Thom Henley, a Canadian conservationist with whom WCWC had worked for years, walked into our office in anguish. He had just returned from the island of Borneo where he had witnessed one of the world's greatest ecological and cultural tragedies: the destruction of one of the world's most ancient rainforests—

home of the gentle, nomadic Penan people. WILD immediately launched its Penan Campaign, following the typical style of WCWC: public events to raise funds and publication and mass distribution of educational posters and newspapers to raise awareness and support.

On each of his trips into Borneo, Henley was asked by the Penan to help them take the message of their plight directly to the world. Assisted by WILD, Henley organized a world tour: *Voices for the Borneo Rainforest*. Mounted in October and November of 1990, the world tour covered 28 cities in 14 different countries. The Borneo natives met with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, France's Madame Mitterand, UNCED Secretary General Maurice Strong, UNEP's Secretary General Noel Brown, U.S. Senator Al Gore and representatives of UNESCO, the International Human Rights Commission, the International Red Cross, the World Council of Churches, dozens of

WILD IN BRASIL

Seventy-seven participants, representing native and environment groups, research institutes and government offices from 15 Latin America countries attended WILD's Latin America Regional Conference held May 17 to 26 in the coastal rainforest of Brazil. The conference was the result of the coordinated efforts of environmentalists from Canada, Brazil and Costa Rica. Core funding for the project, received from the Canadian International Development Agency, was supplemented by donations in kind worth over \$50,000 from Canada and Brazil. Particularly generous in their donations of services and facilities were the Brazilian towns of Ubatuba and Paraty, the State Park of Serra do Mar and the Forestry Institute of the Sao Paulo State Ministry of Environment. Brazilian media, including T.V. and radio stations and newspapers, covered the conference as a major event.

Over 100 maps were produced or collected at the conference and information was shared to create a comprehensive picture of endangered wilderness in Latin America. Consensus was reached on WILD's mapping

environment groups and thousands of concerned people.

On their return to Sarawak, the touring natives faced an intensifying tragedy: increased logging operations which now threaten destruction of all of Sarawak's remaining primary rainforests within 5 years.

In September and October of 1991, WILD representatives met with officials in Ottawa and New York to present reasonable solutions to this crisis: encouraging moratoriums on logging in the last wild watersheds used by the Penan while studies are conducted to



Judith Cortasao, outstanding Brazilian environmentalist. Photo: J.P. LeFrank

methodologies and the strategies for collecting and verifying information for the maps and reports which WILD will publish as critical tools in the campaigns to protect biological and cultural diversity. As part of the expanding WILD network,

teams of conservationists from environment groups and research institutes in each Latin American country will be working to complete their WILD maps in time for the UN Conference on Environment and Development scheduled for June of 1992 in Brazil.

define a United Nations Biosphere Reserve and determine a compensation package for government and logging companies.

Whether or not we can help solve the Penan issue is a test case in the world's ability to achieve cultural and ecological justice.

Learn more about this issue of global significance by reading WILD's 160-page, full-colour book, *Penan: Voice for the Borneo Rainforest*. Order through the catalogue, by phone 683-8220 or at any Wilderness Committee store.





1991 Annual General Meeting Dec. 7, 1 - 6 pm Kitsilano United Church 2490 West 2nd Ave.

CANDIDATES FOR THE TWELVE SEATS ON WCWC'S 1991-92-93 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(as of October 17, 1991)

Dr. Ron Abrahams - Ron, a general medical doctor, has been a WCWC board member for two years and very active in WCWC's campaign to halt the clearcut logging in the Greater Vancouver watersheds.

Judy Arter - Judy is a librarian who helped found WCWC's Okanagan Branch. She has been active in both WCWC's local work and our international WILD campaign.

Kevin Bell - Kevin, a naturalist who manages the Ecology Centre in Lynn Canyon Park, was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in 1991. He has been very active in the preservation of the bird habitat in Maplewood mudflats.

Bob Broughton - Bob is a computer systems analyst who, for seven years, has volunteered his time designing and maintaining WCWC's customized membership and merchandise sales database programs.

Nick Cuff - Nick is a businessman who owns his own printing shop. A committee volunteer on publications and campaigns for many years, he has been particularly active on the Stein Valley and Boundary Bay issues.

Peter Day - Peter is a chartered accountant, appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in 1991. He has spent many hours of volunteer work helping with WCWC's financial accounting and reporting.

Craig Delahunt - Craig is a television producer, known for his environmental shows. He was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in 1991, and has provided volunteer advice on WCWC's film and video work.

Bryan Evans - Bryan is a graduate student in resource management. He has been very active in protection of alpine areas and has sat on the boards of several other conservation groups.

Christine Lattey - Christine is a psychologist who has volunteered her time to organize and run several strategic management retreats for WCWC. She acts as an advisor on the "team management system" and was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in 1991.

Allan McDonnell - Allan is a lawyer who has been a member of the board for one year. He has provided invaluable legal advice and has helped in designing a new overall structure for the Wilderness Committee.

HOW TO RUN! HOW TO VOTE!

Western Canada Wilderness Committee is a society registered in British Columbia. Each year, by law, we hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year the board has selected Saturday, December 7, 1991 for our AGM. One of the major functions of the AGM is to elect a new board of directors for the coming year.

According to our bylaws we do not allow proxy voting or mail-in voting. Only those current members in good standing who are present at the AGM are allowed to vote. Members who have let their membership lapse can pay their \$25 renewal fee at the door, gaining good standing and the right to vote at the meeting.

At the last AGM we voted for the following bylaw changes affecting how we select members of the board:

The number of the board members is fixed at twelve.

They are elected for two year terms. For the transition year from one to two year terms (this AGM), six directors will be elected for two years and six will be elected for one year. Thereafter every year only six new board members will be elected to replace the six whose have completed their two year term.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE!
All those who wish to stand for WCWC's board of directors must let the current board know of their intentions by letter not later than **November 17, 1991** - two weeks before the A.G.M.

At the AGM, each prospective board member must submit a nomination paper signed by a minimum of ten members in

good standing. A member can sign only one person's nomination papers.

Only those who work less than 10% of their time and receive less than 10% of their income from working for WCWC are eligible for the board. Board members are selected by written and secret ballot.

This year there will be two ballots. The first one is for those wishing to run for the six two-year term positions. Those candidates who fail to get elected to the two-year term and who wish to be considered for the 6 one-year term positions and those who wished only to run for the one-year term only will be selected on a second ballot.

Other items coming up for a vote at this year's AGM are approval of WCWC's financial report for the 1991-1992 fiscal year, approval to create an Ottawa branch, and approval of an increase in the standard membership fee from 25 to 30 dollars.

DIRECTORS' DUTIES

Under the B.C. Society's Act, directors of a society are people elected by the society's members entrusted to perform the following duties:

- 1) to ensure the continuing success of the society in achieving its goals,
- 2) to uphold the policies of the society
- 3) to act in a responsible and prudent manner (e.g., not raise unreasonable debts), and
- 4) to perform or ensure the performance of duties which are essential for the continuance of the society (e.g., filing financial statements, paying taxes).

WCWC's 1990-1991 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ron Abrahams, medical doctor
Kevin Bell, naturalist
Adriane Carr, geographer
Peter Day, chartered accountant
Craig Delahunt, television producer
Bryan Evans, graduate student in natural resources management
Ute Frank, tour co-ordinator
Paul George, biologist
Dennis Kangasniemi, research co-ordinator

Connie Harris, teacher
Christine Lattey, psychologist
Allan McDonnell, lawyer
Mark Wareing, registered professional forester
Clinton Webb, forestry technician
Derek Young, businessman and time management consultant



Tezwa River, Kitlope wilderness. Photo: Ian Mackenzie

*Come out and support
the Committee!*

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

You need to attend WCWC's upcoming Annual General Meeting. Why? Because **YOU** are the Wilderness Committee. Without you--your ideas, your energy and your support--the Wilderness Committee could not be "the most effective environmental organization in the known universe" (as our canvass manager says).

At the December AGM you, and the other members of WCWC who attend, will be choosing a new board of directors, making important policy decisions and charting the future of wilderness protection both here at home and around the globe. As well, you will be meeting the staff, directors and volunteers who

carry out WCWC's wilderness protection work on your behalf. Your ideas and support will energize the Wilderness Committee team to new levels of success.

All of WCWC's past successes and all that your Committee hopes to accomplish in the years ahead is because of members like you.

Please, mark December 7 on your calendar right now! All of us at the Committee offices look forward to meeting you. Make attending the Wilderness Committee's 1991 Annual General Meeting part of your commitment to get just a little bit more involved in the coming year!



Dickson Peak, Southern Chilcotins. Photo: Randy Stoltmann

WCWC VOLUNTEER TEAM

The ability of WCWC to get out on the ground and get things done is due to our outstanding volunteer team. Two of the greatest achievements of the WCWC volunteer team this year are the reconstruction of the vandalized Carmanah research camp and the construction of a cedar board walk in the Carmanah Pacific Provincial Park. Volunteers manning WCWC's mailroom along side WCWC staff have kept the largest non-profit mail-order house in the city going - sending out a mountainous wave of wilderness saving information.



VANCITY HELPS WCWC

VanCity Credit Union is making it much easier for WCWC members to support the Committee's wilderness saving work. VanCity has set up the WCWC Wilderness Savings account to allow WCWC members to participate in a monthly giving plan from the WCWC members own personal bank or credit union. See the last page of this newspaper for details. As well

VanCity came to WCWC's rescue during the recent mail strike. VanCity collected donations and membership for us during that difficult time. VanCity has done its bit to make us more effective. How about a thank you? You can send VanCity a thank you card by writing: VanCity Credit Union, 515 West 10th Ave, Vancouver B.C., Canada V5Z 4A8

Special Resolution #1

Delete the special resolution, passed at the 1990 AGM, assigning special "branch-like" status to the WILD Campaign. Reason: The WILD Campaign, WCWC's international effort, has been working effectively and efficiently as one of the ten core teams that were established following WCWC's strategic management retreat in early 1991.

Special Resolution #2

Resolved that, beginning January 1, 1992, WCWC's regular annual membership fee be raised from \$25 to \$30.

Reason: Mailing costs have drastically increased, as have all other costs associated with servicing the membership--mostly because of inflation. The last increase in membership fees was made over two years ago. At thirty dollars, the fee is still less than nine cents a day.

Special Resolution #3

Resolved that Western Canada Wilderness Committee - Ottawa Branch in Formation, be granted a Branch Charter over the Ottawa region as outlined on the accompanying map and that the Western Canada Wilderness Committee - Ottawa Branch be granted full privileges of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee as outlined and limited in Part 13 Section 63-64 of our Society's bylaws.



Western Canada Wilderness Committee

Mission Statement

We are a non-profit organization based in Canada, working for the preservation and protection of Canadian and international wilderness through research and education. We promote the principles which achieve ecologically sustainable communities. We empower people to realize these goals. We work through lawful means.

We Value:

- wilderness as absolutely vital to the health of the planet and human survival
- indigenous peoples' traditional respect for the Earth, their right to a just and fair settlement of their land claims, and their right to self-determination
- consistent excellence in all endeavours
- a work atmosphere which stimulates and supports creativity, innovation, and balanced lifestyles and recognizes everyone's contribution
- life in all its mystery, abundance, complexity and diversity

WCWC POLICY ON CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

We do not participate in any form of civil disobedience. We do not condemn non-violent civil disobedience by others. We condemn activities that threaten life, property or the environment.



MONEY MATTERS

In the fast changing world of today the Committee's task of conserving our natural heritage becomes ever more complex, important and, unfortunately, more expensive.

It is pleasing to report that the Committee has maintained its level of activity due to the generosity of your support. The achievements of the Committee are noted elsewhere in this newspaper, along with the major issues that continue to be the focus of our work.

The Committee has undergone a major transformation over the last twelve months, realizing the importance of having a strong

financial base. With scarce resources it has become essential to budget for all activities. The Committee now has formal budgeting and monitoring procedures in place, ensuring proper accountability. Our debt, which was over \$700,000 at last October is approximately half of that at the time of going to press. The Committee is on track to have cash in the bank with little or no debt at the beginning of 1992 - the first time in recent history!

Our 1990-91 financial statements, which are available on request, are being reviewed by Ernst & Young. A full audit

will follow for the next financial year.

The main financial difficulty facing the Committee has been the lack of available cash resources. Significant investment was made in educational materials such as books and the return in terms of sales will be achieved over the following years. This investment resulted in high inventories which are now being reduced.

Historically the Committee has relied on the Christmas season to bring in a high proportion of its income and we expect this trend to continue. We therefore request you to consider the

products available in our catalogue for your gifts this year, knowing that any purchase you make will help protect Earth's natural heritage for future generations.

Finally, I would like to thank those who have donated to the Committee and the hundreds of volunteers who work tirelessly for us. Your support keeps us functioning effectively! With greater pressures than ever on our environment, your continued commitment is essential. Let's keep up the good work together!

Mike Rodgers, C.A.
Financial Comptroller

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR TO 30 APRIL 1991

CS'000	YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL	
	1991	1990
INCOME		
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	1088	827
MEMBERSHIP DUES	502	451
SALES	1163	1024
ADMISSIONS	0	108
TOTAL INCOME	2753	2410
COSTS		
EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS	1022	837
SPECIAL PROJECTS	791	425
OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES	440	872
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	352	228
TOTAL COSTS	2605	2362
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	148	48

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 1991

CS'000	APRIL 30	
	1991	1990
ASSETS		
CASH	27	1
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE NET	83	77
INVENTORY	492	309
FIXED ASSETS	161	113
TOTAL ASSETS	763	500
EQUITY & LIABILITIES		
BANK OVERDRAFT	0	12
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	465	338
LIABILITIES	465	350
RETAINED EARNINGS SURPLUS	150	102
EQUITY	298	150
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	763	500

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

YEAR TO 30 APRIL 1991

CS'000	YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL	
	1991	1990
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR):		
OPERATIONS		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURE	148	48
CHANGES IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL		
INVENTORY	(193)	(206)
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	6	(48)
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	127	272
	88	66
CASH APPLIED TO		
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	(48)	(69)
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)	40	(3)
REPRESENTED BY INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH BALANCES		
CASH AT BANK	26	1
BANK OVERDRAFTS	12	(4)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH BALANCES	38	(3)



Tyaghton Creek valley, Southern Chilcotins. Photo: Randy Stoltmann

WENMAN FIGHTS FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES

A Fraser Valley M.P. advocating protection of Canada's endangered species needs the support of each and every member of WCWC. Robert Wenman, M.P. for the riding of Fraser Valley West has introduced in Canada's house of parliament a Bill titled *An Act Respecting Endangered Species and Biological Diversity*. The Bill received first reading

September 24, 1991. Wenman wrote the proposed law with the advice of several environmental groups including WCWC. For a copy of the proposed law and to express your support, please write: Robert Wenman, M.P., Room 235, Confederation Building, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6 (no postage necessary).

LAWYERS DEFEND WILDERNESS

A new environmental advocacy group has given a powerful boost to B.C. conservation efforts. The Sierra Legal Defense Fund (SLDF) has recently set up offices in Vancouver and offers top quality legal support to environmental groups for precedent-setting cases. Because of SLDF legal and financial support, your Committee has been able to take the federal

government to court, charging them with not living up to their duties to protect marbled murrelet habitat. We have also been able to advance a number of legal cases in provincial court regarding logging issues in the Tsitika, Walbran and Nahmint valleys. Please write to say thanks... Sierra Legal Defense Fund, Suite 601, 207 West Hastings V6B 1H6.

WISH LIST

Here are some items we have been wishing for. If you can help out with a donation of one of these pieces of equipment please contact Joe Foy, WCWC campaign team leader, phone (604) 683-8220 or fax (604) 683-8229.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Aircraft pilot & aircraft
Log scaler
Legal council
Accounting
Human resource specialist
Biologists
Video production
Newspaper production

BACK-ISSUE EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

WCWC does not automatically send our members every issue of our educational reports. Below is a list of back issues. If you would like any of these reports, please send us a note with the titles and amounts of the reports that you would like us to send you. Two dollars would be appreciated to cover handling & mailing costs.

CRISIS IN THE WOODS

November 1990 Vol. 9, no. 8. Four page black & white tabloid comparing status quo forestry with sustainable forestry practices.

HALT WATERSHED

LOGGING Winter/Spring 1990/91, Vol. 10, No. 3 Four page colour tabloid about the need to halt clearcut logging in the watersheds that the Lower Mainland gets its drinking water from

SAVE THE KITLOPE Spring 1991, Vol. 10, No. 5 Four page full colour newspaper about the need to preserve B.C.'s Kitlope Valley.

PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND JOBS

Summer/Fall 1991 Vol. 10, No. 7 Four page black and white tabloid about how to get more forestry jobs from every tree cut so we can then lower the rate of logging.

SAVE THE CARIBOO MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS

Summer/Fall 1991 Vol. 10, No. 8 Four page colour newspaper about the need to protect the Cariboo Mountains wilderness.

STIKINE - The Great River

To encounter the Stikine with less than awe is impossible. Rising in northwestern British Columbia's Spatsizi Plateau, it flows for 640 kilometres in a wide northwesterly arc to meet the Pacific Ocean.

It originates amongst pristine peaks, glaciers and wide alpine valleys; flows through an unnavigable Grand Canyon 450 metres deep; cuts across a landscape sculpted by volcanic eruptions, lava flows and the giant glaciers of the last ice age.

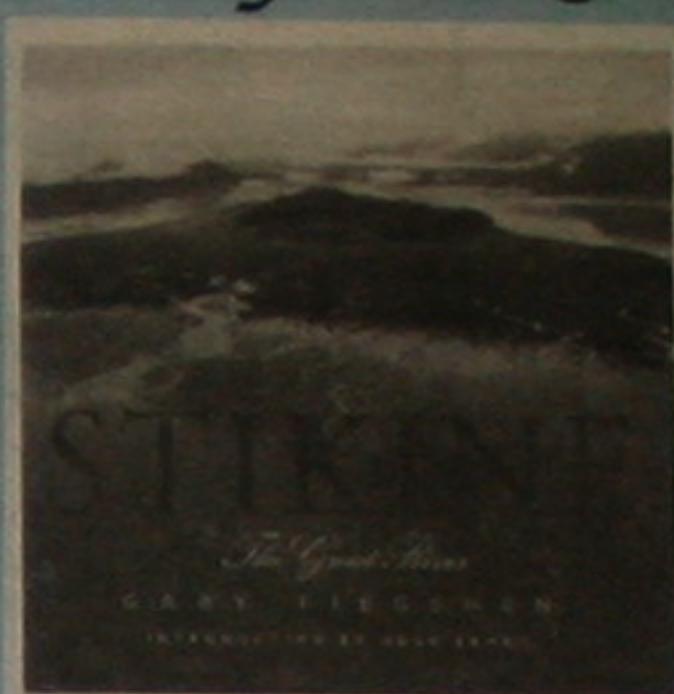
To the coastal Tlingit Indians, it was "the great river" trading connector to the interior Tahltan peoples; to the Russian explorers, Hudson's Bay Company fur traders, polygot gold seekers and frontier opportunists who followed, it became a highway of dreams.

Gary Fiegehen first encountered the Stikine in the early 1980's, then spent five years consumed with photographing it. He travelled on horseback, by canoe and on foot. He went in all seasons, searching for images that would convey the power and majesty of this ancient land as well as his own intense response to it.

The result is a fantastic book featuring 80 of his colour photographs, chosen from among thousands, also reflect pragmatic, late-twentieth century concerns - the threats posed by logging, mining and huge hydroelectricity schemes. Part of Fiegehen's purpose was to use his camera as a tool, a means of revealing that what is at stake here is not just a physical geography but a cultural and human one.

#9022 \$49.95, members \$44.95

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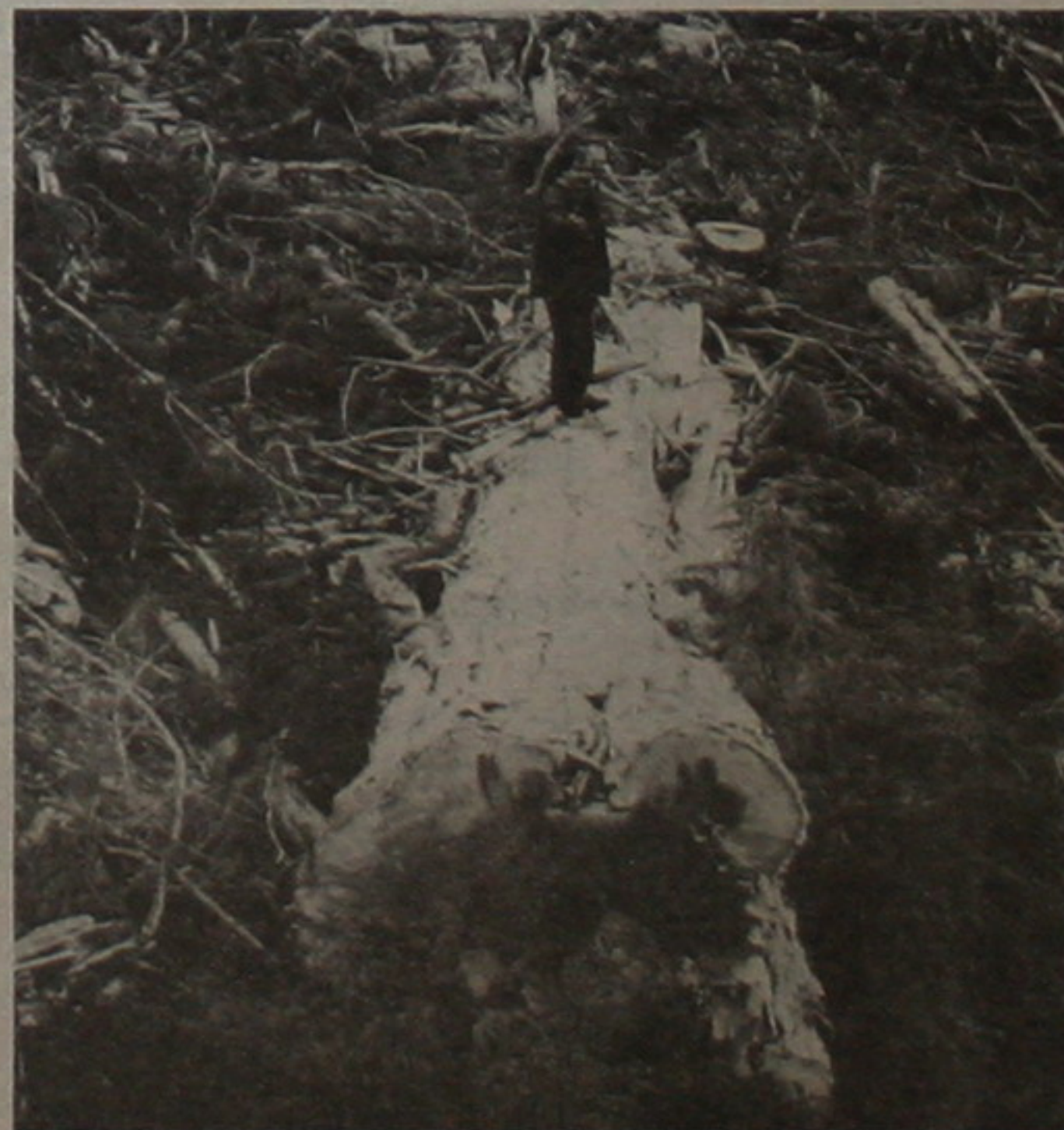


CANADA'S OLDEST TREE FOUND DEAD IN CLEARCUT

At the request of the Pender Harbour Wildlife Society, Randy Stoltmann and dendrochronologist Marion Parker visited the Caren Range on the Sechelt Peninsula to sample and date tree stumps. The five oldest yellow cedar trees were at least 1,636, 1,513, 1,495, 1,398 and 1,350 years old when the area was logged. The 1,636-year-old yellow cedar represents the oldest verified tree in Canada. The previous record was 1,600 years for a yellow cedar felled by MacMillan Bloedel near

Menzies Bay on Vancouver Island. Some of the Caren Range trees were left lying in the clearcut as waste wood after they were felled. Several hemlock logs from a waste pile were over 700 years old. The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society would like to see the remaining ancient forest in the area, including living yellow cedars possibly up to 1,600 years old, incorporated into a park.

WCWC is actively searching for a living tree to beat the record.



1,513-year-old yellow cedar left as waste wood, Caren Range, Sechelt Peninsula. Photo: Randy Stoltmann

RESEARCH CAMPS

Portable gasoline electric generators
Laptop computers
Microscopes
Radio telephones
Large wall tents
Large tree planters cook-tents
Tarps
Wood burning air tight heaters
Trucks & vans
Climbing ropes & hardware
Propane lamps
Propane cook stoves

TRAIL WORK

Chainsaws
Loppers
Shovels
Mattocks
2 way radio sets
Routers
Cedar lumber

FIELD WORK

Clinometers
Compasses
90-metre tape measures
Increment borers
Binoculars
Mountain bikes
Canoes/cartop boats
Outboard motors
Video cameras
35 mm. slide film

MAPPING

Drafting table/machine
Planimeter
Map cabinet

OFFICE

#386 40 mb computer (IBM compatible)
High speed printer for labels
Printer stand
Laser Printer
Deskjet
Filing Cabinets
TV & VCR
Vacuum Cleaner
Pens & pencils
Paper & file folders

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Winner of Canada's 1991 Environmental Achievement Award

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For more information call Jennifer Chapin at 683-8220 or drop by Western Canada
Wilderness Committee, 20 Water Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1A4. fax 683-8229.

Proceeds will be used to fund our wilderness-saving work.

* WIN a Bill Reid Paddle *

FIRST PRIZE

a Haida canoe paddle hand-painted by West Coast
artist Bill Reid (value \$10,000)

SECOND PRIZE

a leather-bound collector's edition of our book
- **CARMANAH: Artistic Visions**, signed by 65 of
the contributing artists (value \$295)

THIRD PRIZE

a copy of WCWC's book - **CLAYOQUOT: On the Wild Side**,
10 winners (value \$60)

All proceeds from this lottery will fund Western Canada
Wilderness Committee's research and public education
campaigns.

Tickets are \$2 each, 5 for \$10

To enter our draw, mail us a cheque or money order and we will send you your
official tickets. Draw date: Monday, December 30th, 1991, 12pm. 10,000 tickets
printed - winners will be notified by telephone. Lottery Licence #770000.

WILDERNESS SAVING PLAN

As a member of WCWC, you must feel good knowing that your
committee is working hard for you, to ensure protection of Earth's
wilderness heritage. Just as you count on us, we count on you—to
renew your membership each year, and to send in an additional
donation every once in a while, because there are so many wilderness
areas that must be saved and you know that your membership fee
only goes so far to help.

Now, you can pledge your regular support for wilderness protection
through our *Wilderness Saving Plan*. You decide the amount. We
will ensure that your monthly wilderness-saving gift is automatically
transferred from your chequing account to our *Wilderness Saving
Plan*. Consider it a convenient, paper-conserving way to contribute!

If you wonder whether or not you can afford to give on a regular
basis, next time you balance your cheque book, think about the
commitment that it will take to ensure a healthy, balanced world—a
place where all species have a future.

*Every day, ancient forests fall, species perish, and more of Earth's
life-sustaining systems are degraded. We don't ask "Should I help?"
We act! We must! Today, we can save a special forest; a spawning
stream; a marsh for migrating birds. WCWC has made the
strongest commitment it can to protect the planet.*

What will you commit today to help save wilderness?

Fill out the card below. Make room in your financial world for the
wild creatures and wild places on Earth. Remember that the
protection of our wilderness heritage begins with you.

A Tribute to WCWC's Educational Ambassadors

Responsible for getting the message out to the public are the Wilderness
Committee's Canvassers. Every week night several dozen hard working
wilderness advocates go door to door in Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo
and Ottawa. Besides convincing thousands of people to become mem-
bers and give donations, they have passed out hundreds of thousands of
educational newspapers. It's a hard and often thankless job, but one that
is providing a strong backbone of support for WCWC. The wilderness
areas saved will be their legacy and say a silent thank you forever.

GROWING NUMBERS - GROWING SUCCESSES

WCWC's membership is the engine that drives the Committee. Has your
annual membership expired? Don't know? Well, just check the address
label on the front of this newspaper. On the top left hand corner of the label
is your membership expiry date. If your membership has expired, please
renew today and help our fight to defend Earth's wild places! While you are
at it, why not ask one of your friends or a member of your family to join as
well. A Wilderness Committee with twice the membership could complete
twice as many projects and be twice as effective!

YES! PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF WILDERNESS PROTECTION.

☐ \$25 RENEWAL
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☐ Yes, I want to be part of your wilderness-saving plan. I/We
authorize the Western Canada Wilderness Committee to debit my/our
bank account as indicated below for the amount of \$ _____ monthly,
commencing _____ (month), 199 _____ for _____ months. I also authorize a
payment in the amount of \$ _____ on _____ 199 _____, as payment of my
membership renewal dues. This authorization may be cancelled at
any time by written notice by me/us.

Date Signed: _____ month _____ day 199 _____

Signature

Signature (for joint chequing account)

Your Financial Institution: _____

Your Branch Address: _____ Street

_____ City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code

Transit (Branch) Number:

Account Number:

☐ I've enclosed my first month's cheque to begin my monthly contributions.

Please send WCWC, 20 Water Street, Vancouver B.C. V6B 1A4 - We will send you your
tax receipt at the end of the year.