

WILDERNESS

COMMITTEE & REPORT

Boise Valley Ancient Forest - Vancouver's Backyard Wilderness.

B.C. wilderness defenders encounter CORE

The Commission On Resources and Environment (CORE) is the latest B.C. government attempt to solve the twin problems of declining forest jobs and disappearing wilderness in B.C.

All over the province people are asking, how will this new Commission work? Or, more pointedly, will the Commission work at all?!

How will CORE work?
CORE is headed by Stephen Owen, a highly respected former ombudsman of B.C. CORE's five year mandate is to go where no Commission has gone before—directly to the people—to develop a consensus-built land use strategy for B.C. In the next

year the CORE process is to develop recommendations on how to solve land use conflicts in three regions of the province: Vancouver Island, Cariboo/Chilcotin and the Kootenays. Their recommendations are to be presented to the B.C. Cabinet and public at the same time—by December of 1993.

CORE's recommendations will aim to accommodate the previous Social Credit government's promises to the forest industry as well as recent campaign promises made by the New Democratic Party which was elected as government a year ago. The NDP promises include making logging a sustainable activity in the areas of job production,

wood production, soils protection, water protection, air protection and biodiversity protection; and the promise to at least double the area of

B.C.'s park system in a way that both represents the natural regions of the province and is ecologically viable.

Recommendations made to Cabinet by CORE will be based on the findings and results of a process CORE officials call

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MIKE'S TRIP TO EUROPE



And, on behalf of the people of BC, I'll be going to Europe to counter the misinformation campaigns of environmentalists ...

IMPORTANT NOTICE • IMPORTANT NOTICE

**1992 WCWC
Annual General Meeting
December 12, 1-6 pm
Trinity United Church
(formerly Kitsilano United)
1824 Larch Street**

ANNUAL REPORT OF WILDERNESS COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES TO MEMBERS

Wake up and stop the destruction



My home is located in the forest near Gibsons, on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, one of the fastest growing communities in Canada. Over the past year I have watched many green spaces—mostly second growth forests with a few ancient veteran trees—get bulldozed. A new shopping centre, more highway strip development, townhomes for Vancouver's commuters... paradise is being turned into parking lots.

The development mentality runs counter to the push for wilderness conservation. Even small additions to local parks, like Gospel Rock near Gibsons, get a rough ride. The remaining patches of old growth forest on Tetrahedron plateau, the wellspring of the domestic water supply, are still not preserved despite years of efforts. The Tetrahedron is now supposedly locked up in a public planning process, although the local Forest Service, in an unprincipled move, has just allowed some logging there.

Another controversy rages over the last three square miles of old growth forest on the entire Sechelt Peninsula—the Caren. Here, Canada's oldest stump, located in a clearcut near a patch of old growth, stands as testimony to the short-sightedness of the forest

industry. There is a good chance that one of the Caren's huge ancient yellow cedars is even older than this artifact of a 1700 year old tree. You'd think this small area would immediately be recognized as a treasure, cherished and preserved. Not the case. The local forest district officials have proposed to save a third of the remaining old growth—

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of course, the third with the scrubbiest of trees—and intend clearcut the rest.

Every weekend last summer the Friends of the Caren conducted tours into the Caren's ancient forest. For a surprisingly large number of people, it was the first time that they had ever seen a virgin stand of trees. Our family, my wife Adriane, son Terren (5) and daughter Kallie (8), took the tour with a group of 30 other enthusiasts this September. I had never seen such open, park-like temperate rainforest. It brought to mind the observation made by our staff forester, Mark Wareing,



Ancient yellow cedar in Caren Range on the Sechelt Peninsula. Dean van t'Schip.

that every old growth forest is different. Once you have seen one you've not seen them all. The Walbran, though adjacent to Carmanah, is notably different—and warrants protection just as much as the unique ecosystem in Carmanah does. I am convinced more than ever that we must win the preservation of the Caren and all the other wilderness areas we are fighting for. But how?

Dozens of calls from individuals and small local groups are passed on to me (and Joe Foy, head of the Committee's National Campaigns, gets even more!) The situation on the Sunshine Coast seems typical. Concerned people want our help. They've started getting active on their own...forming small groups, like the Friends of the Caren, working tirelessly to save the last remaining special areas near where they live. Many now want to access our resources and expertise to help win their local issues. How can this most effectively be done? Start a Wilderness Committee branch!

We want to organize more branches. Our head office can't possibly do everything that's needed to win all the issues out there! Branches make it possible to do more; to have more dedicated people working on wilderness-saving issues. The advantages go two ways. Local branches tap into the expertise of the main office, accessing the support of the entire Wilderness Committee membership for their local issues and the branches help the main organization by building local support for national and international campaigns. We think and act locally and globally, at the same time!

There's another great reason why it makes sense for WCWC to have many more active

branches. WCWC branches build our membership. And having many, many more active members is the only way we are going to win. Politicians use the size of our membership as a measure of public support for our issues! Increasing our membership increases our credibility and gains us the political influence we need to win our fight for increased wilderness preservation.

We need branches in Prince George, Williams Lake, Winnipeg, Regina, and countless other places—everywhere there are local wilderness preservation issues.

1993 is shaping up to be the big year for decisions for or against wilderness preservation—especially in British Columbia.

How do you start a Wilderness Committee branch? It takes one or two dedicated people and a letter to our head office stating that you want to start a branch (specify the exact boundaries of your area so that we can determine how many Wilderness Committee members live there). You need to get our local members' support to start a branch. We provide the direction; you have to provide the local leadership.

Why not help us start out 1993 strong. Get three friends to join the Wilderness Committee. Get active in a local Wilderness Committee branch or, if there isn't one, start up a new branch in your area. If you want more membership forms because you are sure some friends would use them, or if you want to distribute our free educational papers please let us know. We will send them to you.

Norman Myers, world famous expert on tropical rainforests, estimates that it will take a minimum of 7 million years to recreate the same extent of biodiversity that now exists in Earth's rainforests if we destroy them—as humankind seems hellbent on doing. Myers also states that we have 3,000 days left to save Earth's ancient forests.

Humans have been distinguishable as a species for less than a million years. No one can say for sure how much of the web of life in which we are enmeshed can be destroyed before we inadvertently pull the plug on our own species. Developers say that we can survive in a world without colourful birds or butterflies. Rats, crows, starlings and humans will push on regardless of the survival of these "unnecessary, redundant" species. Realists say we need a lot more species than we're aware of to maintain Earth's atmosphere, climate balance, and healthy oceans and waters. We do know that if we wreck the Earth, there is no other hospitable planet, that we know of, to escape to. There is no choice. We must take care of this one.

Please continue to support the Wilderness Committee. We are, with your help, keeping this planet a healthy home for all life.

Sincerely yours,

Paul George
Paul George
Founder



VANCOUVER SUN GOES ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL WCWC CRIES FOUL

Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC) accused the Vancouver Sun today of taking an anti-wilderness, anti-environment editorial stance. It is the first time that the environmental group has ever taken a newspaper to task for an editorial policy that is anti-environmental.

"Ever since the Vancouver Sun hired the advertising company Burson Marsteller in 1991 to advise management on how to market the newspaper, we have noticed a drift away from B.C. environmental reporting," said campaign coordinator Joe Foy. Burson Marsteller also advises B.C.'s major forest companies how to convince the B.C. public that the multinationals are doing a good job.

"Friday's Sun editorial was the last straw" said Foy. "For the Sun editorial writers to say that... producers (logging companies) will have to be more aggressive in defending their practices (against criticism)... sounds like it is coming straight from Burson Marsteller!" Foy was also angry that the Sun claims enough oldgrowth forest is already protected in parks to ensure survival of ancient-forest dependant species and at the Sun's support of clearcut logging. "The Sun's editorial stance flies in the face of the facts and simply mimics forest industry propaganda," said Foy.

Recently, Sun management eliminated the Sun Forestry Reporter position and told the Sun Environment Reporter to concentrate more on Greater Vancouver Area issues and less on B.C. wide environmental issues (such as forestry disputes). "I guess the Vancouver Sun's policy of no B.C. environmental news is good news as far as the major logging companies and Burson Marsteller are concerned. But this is no way for a major B.C. newspaper to act," said Foy. "It's bad enough that the forest companies are mucking around in our drinking water source, now they have got their fingers in our daily newspaper," said Foy.

For more information, please contact...
WCWC Vancouver - Joe Foy - (604) 683-8220

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sent to media outlets & environment groups across
Canada, U.S., and Europe
Information on Burson Marsteller & Sun editorial
available on request via fax

CORE both promise and threat

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"shared decision making". Each of the three regions is being treated separately. Environmentalists, loggers, multi-national forest company representatives, trappers, fisherpersons, natives, the federal Ministry of the Environment, wilderness tourism operators, mining company executives, horse loggers; in fact all those who have a "stake" in land use decisions will have representatives at the three negotiating tables over the next year.

Will CORE really work?

The answer from the Wilderness Committee point of view is indecisive. Firstly, we see CORE as the greatest opportunity the people of B.C. have yet been offered, for increased wilderness, forest protection and forest job creation.

Secondly we see CORE as a process with unprecedented risks. The great danger of CORE is that it may create the illusion that B.C.'s jobs and environmental problems are all being taken care of, before anything has actually changed. This could result in a period of public calm or apathy, leading the government to opt for compromise weighted in

favour of industry, which will mean continuation of the status quo, and economic and environmental disaster for all.

If this happens, key wilderness areas will be lost to us for all time. Local community economies will be crippled by a continued unsustainable (too-high) rate of logging. The fishing and wilderness tourism industries will be negatively impacted. Eventually, when the old growth runs out, the logging multinationals will move out of the province in search of greener pastures, leaving behind an impoverished, disheartened and disinherited B.C. public.

What must we do about CORE?

Action is the key. Ultimately only actions—greater wilderness preservation and truly sustainable resource management—matter. The actions happening outside of the CORE negotiating rooms are going to be as important as the talk happening inside the rooms.

First we must learn to judge the B.C. government solely on the basis of its action, not its promises. The commitment of

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government resources to CORE is one measure of the government's commitment to action. So far, the government has not allocated the funds necessary for CORE to adequately get its job done. Neither CORE nor the B.C. Wildlife Branch have been allocated enough funds or resources to gather the information that CORE participants are going to need to make workable recommendations. More money must be freed up fast.

The government also has not acted fast nor thoroughly enough to protect wilderness options while the CORE process unfolds. The government has identified possible park areas, but has not placed logging moratoriums over all of them. The gap in its action has created target zones for the forest industry. Intact watersheds and one-of-a-kind wilderness areas are now disappearing faster than at any

other time in B.C. history.

How must you and I act? First of all, as wilderness defenders, we must get "plugged into" an information network so that we can be aware of the issues as they evolve, know what is happening at the CORE negotiating tables and act accordingly. This is why it is so important that membership in province-wide and local environment groups increase dramatically.

WCWC is taking action through its publications and public speaking events to quadruple our membership and to work to quadruple the membership of each and every wilderness group in the province. We ask our members to make this a priority.

Secondly, there must be unprecedented hands-on wilderness defense action across the province if we are to beat the threats and win the

opportunities of CORE. This is the year when your actions count more than ever!

- Your letters to the premier, government ministers, and your MLA count more.
- Your donation to an environment group counts more.
- Your contribution as a volunteer worker counts more.

People are needed to photograph wild places, speak up in public meetings, give slide shows to their co-workers, sign up new members, picket multi-national offices, build trails, visit the offices of their MLAs and town councillors, explore new logging roads, tell their stories to newspapers, radio and T.V.!

B.C. wilderness needs wilderness defenders like no other time in B.C. history.

CORE has arrived folks. Destiny knocks. It's showtime.



Vancouver Island's BACKBONE TRAIL

From metropolitan cycling and nature trails to a national heritage trail from sea to sea, trails of all types are being proposed, historic trails are being cleared and new trails established across Canada. This has been in response to the urging of increased numbers of Canadians and people around the globe wishing to enjoy the benefits of foot travel away from congested cities and highways.

In 1990 the Mid-Island Branch initiated a proposal to create the Vancouver Island Backbone Trail. The proposed trail, when completed, will link existing hiking and historical routes and develop connector routes to form a continuous north-south hiking route for Vancouver Island. The proposed route will be mostly alpine in order to capitalize on the fact that the backbone of Vancouver Island contains some of the most spectacular alpine areas in the world. It is the hope of the organizers that the proposed trail will provide users with an educational, accessible, and high quality outdoor recreation experience in Vancouver Island's high country. From a conservation point of view, the Backbone Trail will encourage organized, minimal-impact hiking travel rather than a freeway frenzy through the mountains. The

route itself is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of its natural features.

To be functional and invite general use, the Backbone trail needs certain basic facilities such as directional trail plates, foot bridges and shelters along extended hiking routes. An illustrated guide to the route will be needed to point out features of natural and historical interest and suggest trips and access points of varying duration.



So far the project has been a group effort and our thanks go to the many hiking and conversation organizations that have contributed their ideas and knowledge to the project. The Centennial Trails Trust is planning to include the Island as part of the National Trail of Canada.

The proposed route is as follows: from Victoria we plan

to utilize the existing Galloping Goose Trail to Leachtown, then the existing railbed of the CNR to Cowichan Lake onto existing routes utilized by island hiking clubs to Nanaimo and continuing to Port Alberni. From Port Alberni we plan to enter Strathcona Provincial Park at the Della Falls trailhead and follow existing park routes conforming to the Parks Master Plan to Gold Lake in the northwest corner of Strathcona Park. From here the trail enters many remote island wilderness areas as yet unprotected from fragmentation by the logging industry. From Gold Lake it runs through White-Gold Pass into the Mt. Alava/Mt. Bate area and then to Tahsis. The route from there, depending on the results of scouting, will follow either an abandoned native trail from Tahsis to Woss Lake and from Woss Lake make use of a logging train easement to Telegraph

Cove or follow a mountain route to Altuck Lake and on to Port McNeill. It is our hope that the trail entering these remote areas will attract lobby support and interest for protection of the Haiti Range and Mt. Bates and Mt. Alava area from high elevation logging and increased fragmentation of their intact wilderness areas. Environmentalists should welcome the Backbone Trail as a corridor of protected wilderness winding across the island, protecting natural landscapes from clearcutting and linking existing parks and trails to create a bond uniting environmental interests across the province and the nation. Ecologists and naturalists will find it a refuge and preserve for animal and plant communities from the encroachments of industry and it may provide new study areas for ecological research.

This year is an exciting one for

the Backbone Trail Committee in Nanaimo. We have trail exploration and development trips planned all fall. For our schedule or for information on how to join our team, please call our branch at 756-0084 or call our schedule coordinator, Sarah Brenner, at 741-1429. With your support we are aiming to provide more recreational areas to accommodate the increasing emphasis on fitness and a return to simpler and more traditional values; to preserve places of aesthetic, cultural and historic significance before development encroaches further, and to unify the forces of environmentalism. In the words of Jim Thorsell, proponent of the Great Divide trail... "at a time when such large proportions of our young people are reared on asphalt and concrete, proposals which encourage suitable country development of our public parklands take on even greater, though less tangible benefits."



View from the top of the Backbone Trail in Strathcona Park.



Canadian Wilderness - Campaigning to win!

GET ACTIVE NOW!

Western Canada Wilderness Committee's national campaign team, headed by Joe Foy, is based in the main office in Vancouver, B.C. It works in coordination with WCWC Branches, Branches-in-Formation and WCWC member-volunteers designing and carrying out research, education and action-strategies to achieve throughout Canada:

1. legislated protection of an expanded network of ecologically viable parks and wilderness areas representing all distinct natural ecosystems.
2. legislated enactment and enforcement of ecologically sustainable land, air, water and biodiversity stewardship practices.

1993 will be THE most important year yet for wilderness preservation in British Columbia. The Commission On Resources and Environment (CORE) presents both great opportunities and great risks for those who love wild places. The opportunities include a better chance for more wilderness protection than the province has seen in a century! The danger is that people may think that wilderness protection is now being taken care of by government. The reality is that right now wilderness is being destroyed faster than ever

before. Unless we act now to defend it, the CORE opportunity will slip through our fingers. For the defenders of wilderness to succeed, membership and participation in province-wide and local groups must grow to new heights in '93. B.C. wilderness-saving on-the-ground, in-the-forests and on-the-street actions must intensify all over the province, the nation and around the world. When you read this active campaign report, think what you will do for wilderness preservation in 1993 - the most important year yet!

DRINKING WATERSHEDS PROTECTION

Greater Vancouver -
Greater Victoria

* '92 highlights - The fight to get clearcut logging out of the drinking water catchment valleys of Victoria and Vancouver really heated up in 1992. The result is that it looks as if logging will soon be a thing of the past in Victoria's water supply area. Vancouver politicians, however, are dragging their feet. Seven small new clearcuts were approved in the Vancouver water supply valleys in the fall of 1992.

* '93 directions - The 1993 campaign will centre on Greater Vancouver. Local politicians must be made aware that we do not want clearcut logging in our watersheds any longer! Logging leads to landslides which leads to muddy water which leads to a \$500 million dollar bill for a proposed new filtration system! Expect to see more WCWC publications as well as mass demonstrations and vigils.
* Threats - The threats are in Vancouver's drinking water

supply valleys, where clearcut logging is happening as you read this paper. The GVRD has given its approval for seven new clearcuts in the Capilano and Seymour watersheds.
* What you should do - Write mayor Gordon Campbell, Chairman of the GVRD, GVRD, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4G8
* Local environment group needing support - Environmental Youth Alliance, Box 34097, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 7M1. Phone (604) 737-2258.



Logging damage in Coquitlam Watershed, September 1988. Mark Wareing



Marbled Murrelet Chick found on forest floor in Carmanah Valley, Summer. Berry

WEST COAST TRAIL RAINFOREST-

Carmanah, Walbran, Klanawa, Sandstone etc.

* '92 highlights - In the spring we published an eight-page education report—a full-colour tabloid newspaper—calling for expansion of the protected area system all along the West Coast Trail. We distributed the paper to members, the general public and B.C.'s politicians. New Threat to West Coast Trail Rainforest

In the fall of '92 Fletcher Challenge punched a logging road into Sandstone Creek, a small pristine watershed on the southern end of the proposed West Coast Trail Rainforest protected wilderness area. A WCWC team was dispatched to photograph the destruction and plan ways to stop the road building.

* '93 directions - WCWC will demand that the West Coast Trail Rainforest be subject to a logging moratorium while the CORE process considers land use on Vancouver Island. We will work to see that CORE recommends protection for the West Coast Trail Wilderness as an important part of a

Vancouver Island wilderness network. Using photographs and video we plan to embarrass the provincial government into expanding the moratorium area. As well, we are demanding that the federal government take a bigger role in protecting the Pacific Rim National Park's ecosystems.

* Threats - Though the provincial government has placed logging moratoriums over the Upper Carmanah and Lower Walbran Valleys, most of the West Coast Trail Rainforest Wilderness remains open to logging. The area is rapidly being cut to ribbons by roads and clearcuts.

* What you should do - Write Stephen Owen, Commissioner, CORE, Seventh Floor, 1802 Douglas Street, Victoria B.C. or phone (604) 387-1210 or fax (604) 356-6385, and demand a logging moratorium be placed over the entire West Coast Trail Rainforest while CORE deliberates a Vancouver Island land use strategy.

CLAYOQUOT SOUND

Meares Island, Megin Valley, Clayoquot Valley, Flores Island, etc.

* '92 highlights - Clayoquot Sound has become the centre of the storm in the fight to save Vancouver Island wilderness. Once again, this year, there were arrests in Clayoquot Sound as local people peacefully blockaded logging roads in an attempt to protect their local wilderness areas. The Wilderness Committee printed 100,000 copies of a full colour, four-page information report on Clayoquot Sound. Our members have responded by writing to Premier Harcourt in very high numbers, asking that Clayoquot Sound be given Biosphere Reserve protection.

* '93 directions - Clayoquot Sound is the crowning jewel of the Vancouver Island preserved wilderness network that will be proposed to CORE by the Vancouver Island environmental groups. WCWC will continue to publish and



"Hanging Garden Cedar, Meares Island, Clayoquot Sound. Leo DeGroot

distribute material far and wide on Clayoquot Sound. A special mailer designed to let the government know how you feel about Clayoquot Sound will be mailed to you.
* Threats - MacMillan Bloedel is pressuring the B.C. provincial government to allow them to log the pristine Clayoquot River Valley before the CORE process is completed.

* What you should do - Write B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt, Legislative Buildings, Victoria B.C. V8V 1X4. Phone (604) 387-1715 or fax (604) 387-0087. Let him know how strongly you feel about the preservation of Clayoquot Sound.
* Local environment group needing support - Friends of Clayoquot Sound, Box 489, Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0. Phone (604) 725-3156.

CARMANAH RESEARCH STATION HIGHLIGHTS

In the spring of 1992, new species of insects were discovered in the forest canopy of Upper Carmanah Valley. The discoveries were by researchers working out of WCWC's ancient forest research station in a project coordinated by Neville Winchester of the University of Victoria. Researchers Kevin Jordan and Stephanie Hughes, working under the direction of Dr. Allan Burger of the University of Victoria,

discovered three nests of a threatened species of seabird, the marbled murrelet. A marbled murrelet chick was found on the forest floor of the Upper Carmanah. The chick undoubtedly had fallen from its nest. To increase public understanding of the importance of protecting biodiversity in the ancient temperate rainforests of B.C., WCWC has produced a video about our research camp and another video about the fight to protect the West Coast Trail Rainforest (see WCWC catalogue).



Building Burma bridge for Carmanah Canopy Research Station. John Kelson

PINECONE LAKE/BURKE MOUNTAIN PARK PROPOSAL

Burke Mountain, Widgeon, DeBeck and Boise Valleys

* '92 highlights - 60,000 information reports were produced and distributed by WCWC, calling for protection of Pinecone/Burke and rallying support for construction of a hiking trail through the area. WCWC's fearless volunteers completed building the 8 kilometre ("Fool's Gold") trail through the Boise Valley, a key wilderness watershed in Vancouver's backyard wilderness.

* '93 directions - WCWC's volunteer trail builders will complete the "Fool's Gold Trail" by clearing another 20 kilometres starting in the spring of 1993, making it possible to hike through wilderness from Coquitlam to Squamish! WCWC will work to see the B.C. government, under the Protected Area Strategy (PAS) process to make Pinecone Lake/Burke Mountain into a provincial



Monroe Lake on Burke Mountain. Graham Osborne

park. We will respond to Fletcher Challenge plans to sell off its holdings in the area to Teal Cedar of Surrey B.C.

* **Threats** - Fletcher Challenge wants to clearcut a swath out of the park proposal in Boise Valley. B.C.'s Forest Minister refuses to stop the proposed park logging plans. The B.C. Forest Service has surveyed a logging road location through the heart of the wilderness proposal in the DeBeck Valley. Even as the Forest Service is surveying logging roads through the proposed park, they have been put in charge of the park study!

* **What you should do** - Write the B.C. Forest Minister, Legislative Buildings, Victoria B.C. V8V 1X4. Phone (604) 387-6240 or fax (604) 387-1040 and demand that no logging take place within the park proposal, including Boise Valley, while the area is under the PAS process. Let the Forest Minister know how you feel about the Forest Service running the park study process.

* **Local environment group to support** - Burke Mountain Naturalists, Box 52540, 1102-2929 Barnet Highway, Coquitlam B.C. V3B 7J4. Phone (604) 464-3744

TSITIKA

Lower Tsitika Valley - Robson Blight

* '92 highlights - After a hard-fought campaign waged by a number of native and environmental organizations, including WCWC's Victoria Branch, the B.C. government announced this spring that a five year logging moratorium would be placed over the Lower Tsitika Valley and the adjoining Schmidt Creek Valley. WCWC produced a video (see WCWC catalogue) about the long, tough fight that has led up to the moratorium.

* '93 directions - WCWC will work to see Catherine Creek added to the logging moratorium area. As well, we will push to see the Lower Tsitika and Catherine Creek areas become protected wilderness under the Vancouver Island CORE process. Our recently produced video will be distributed throughout Europe and the USA as well as across Canada.



Old Growth forest along lower Tsitika River.

We aim to see world-wide pressure force the B.C. government to change forestry practices and expand the Tsitika protected wilderness area.

* **Threats** - Even though Catherine Creek is a rare intact old growth valley, MacMillan Bloedel is quickly pushing a road up it, clearcutting to make money on the last large untouched tributary on the east coast of Vancouver Island—an irreplaceable representative of this ecosystem type.

* **What you should do** - Write B.C. Premier, Mike Harcourt, Legislative Buildings, Victoria B.C. V8V 1X4, phone (604) 387-1715 or fax (604) 387-0087 and ask that logging be halted immediately in Catherine Creek so that the valley can be considered for permanent wilderness protection along with the Lower Tsitika

* **Local environment group to support** - Friends of Tsitika, 479-4th Street, 2nd floor, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 1G9.

CARIBOO MOUNTAINS Summit, Blue Lead, Niagara, Penfold, Mitchell and Matthew Valleys needing protection!

* '92 highlights - Early in the year the government placed a logging moratorium over some of the Cariboo Mountain area but opened up the Blue Lead Valley to clearcut logging. The logging starting this fall is disastrous to local fish habitat and wilderness values. The decision to log this valley was apparently made because of an intense logging lobby centred in the Cariboo town of Williams Lake. The B.C. government has given the Blue Lead logging rights to West Fraser for only 25 cents per cubic metre of logged wood. That amounts to \$7.50 per fully loaded logging truck! In an further effort to force the B.C. government to change its mind, a Blue Lead postcard mailer was distributed to WCWC members, asking them

to send in their opinion on Blue Lead logging plans. The Cariboo Mountains Wilderness Coalition (WCWC is a member) organized a flotilla of huge cargo-canoes in August of this year to bring more attention to bear on this issue.

* '93 directions - WCWC will be continuing to push for total wilderness preservation for the Cariboo Mountains at the CORE negotiating table.

* **Threats** - West Fraser has started logging in the Blue

Lead and will be poised to log the Niagara when the CORE process is done. A strong anti-preservation lobby is fueled by fear and ignorance in the surrounding local communities.

* **What you can do** - Write B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

* **Local environment group to support** - Cariboo Mountain Coalition, Box 34293, Station D, Vancouver, BC V6J 4N8. Phone (604) 685-8269

CASTLEGAR CHAPTER - KOOTENAY BRANCH

The Castlegar Chapter of the West Kootenay Branch is actively working to gain support for the preservation of the Hutchison Creek Wilderness Study Area, located on the Lower Arrow Lakes within Tree Farm License 23. Hutchison Creek is the only roadless area of suitable size for wilderness designation on the entire Upper and Lower

Arrow Lakes!

The Hutchison Creek study area, as proposed by the Provincial Parks and Wilderness for the 90's, consists of approximately 5,000 hectares that are designated "non-operable" for timber harvesting. Our chapter and other interested groups, including the B.C. Wildlife

TATSHENSHINI RIVER

* '92 highlights - WCWC in cooperation with Tat-Wild produced a four-page information newspaper in the beginning of the year. Never have we seen as high a response from our members writing to the government as we saw on the Tatshenshini issue. Hundreds of you wrote to the B.C. and Canadian governments calling for protection of this mighty wilderness area. WCWC is a member of the Tat-International coalition, which is

to have CORE investigate the claims of the mining company.

* '93 directions - Look for increasing pressure to put a stop to the mine plans based on the huge risk from acid mine drainage. The Alaskan fishing industry would be at great risk if the Canadian mine plan goes ahead. Expect to see the USA becoming a strong advocate for the international park. WCWC will continue its mass education program with more Tatshenshini publications.



Tatshenshini Expedition. Adriane Carr

made up of environmental groups from all over North America. This coalition is united in common purpose to stop the plan by Geddes Resources to build a huge copper mine in the pristine Tatshenshini. The goal is to create the largest international park in the world by first preserving the Tat and then adding it to existing adjoining parks in Yukon and Alaska. A new book about the Tat has come out this year, *Tatshenshini Wilderness Quest and other river adventures*, by Ken Madsen (see WCWC's catalogue). B.C. Environment Minister, John Cashore, has recently asked Stephen Owen

* **Threats** - Geddes Resources has conducted mining experiments in the valley. A small shaft has been dug. The B.C. government must put a stop to all activity in the Tatshenshini before more damage is done.

* **What you can do** - Write B.C. Environment Minister, John Cashore, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, BC V8V 1X4. Phone (604) 387-1187 or fax (604) 387-1356.

* **Local Environment group to support** - Tatshenshini International (coalition of North American groups) 843-810 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 4C9. Phone 886-4632.



Grizzly Bear in now preserved Khutzeymateen Valley.

KITLOPE and KHUTZEYMAATEEN -

- North Coast

The B.C. government has placed a temporary logging moratorium over the Kitlope Valley. The Kitlope is the largest surviving coastal wilderness watershed in the temperate rainforest regions of the world. As well, the B.C. government has preserved the Khutzeymateen as a coastal Grizzly bear sanctuary - no logging or road development allowed!

The Haisla Native band has been extremely active in the Kitlope this year with youth programs designed to protect the valley as wilderness.

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Association, have proposed expanding the study area to include a larger area. Unfortunately, the holders of the TFL, Pope and Talbot, plan to log in part of the area we wish to have studied for wilderness designation. They want to clearcut a stand of lodgepole pine that they claim is infested with Mountain Pine Beetle. The company may

begin building logging roads in this area within a few weeks time even though a long-range development plan has not been approved. We believe the area should be left for nature to handle and take its course of death and natural regeneration.

WILD (Wilderness Is the Last Dream) - WCWC'S INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

1992 Activities and Accomplishments

- Ian Parfitt, WILD Mapping

1992 - Building the International Network
1992 will long be remembered as the year of the Earth Summit—the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). Held June 3-14 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, UNCED brought official recognition to the environmental crises facing the world today. It was the best chance so far to address deep-rooted local and international environment and development problems, set in motion an agenda to avert global environmental collapse, and produce a blueprint for a new era of ecological sustainability. People entered the UNCED process with great hope.

Paris NGO Conference - December, 1991

WILD's participation in the UNCED process, totally funded through grants, began in December of 1991 when Adriane Carr, Executive Director of WILD, travelled to Paris for a pre-UNCED conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Adriane participated in meetings on biodiversity and indigenous peoples, co-chaired the NGO sessions on forestry, and successfully lobbied for inclusion of sections on temperate and boreal forests in Ya Wananchi, the conference's document calling for action.

International Meeting on Protected Areas - Venezuela, February, 1992

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), a large umbrella organization comprised of scientists, park managers, and NGOs, timed its 4th World Parks Congress to develop a

conservation strategy for UNCED. Adriane, together with Ian Parfitt, Director of WILD's Mapping and Research Program, attended the Congress from February 10-24 in Caracas, Venezuela.

- They presented papers on the need to expand the world's parks systems and on environmental education and the role of NGOs in conservation work—Wilderness Committee style.

- They intensively networked, improving contacts with NGOs working for wilderness preservation around the world.

- They distributed WCWC newspapers—including the Tatshenshini, Kitlope and WILD Campaign tabloids—to all 1,500 Congress participants.

- They almost created a riot by giving away a limited number of WCWC Endangered Wilderness Calendars and Ancient Forest posters.
- They held meetings with WILD's partners working on its Latin America mapping project: Silvia Pardi from BIOMA in Venezuela, Hernan Versheure from CODEFF in Chile, Clayton Lino from SOS Mata Atlantica in Brazil, and Sixto Inchaustequi from Grupo Jaragua in Dominican Republic.

As WILD's host in Venezuela, Sylvia Pardi provided a truly invaluable service in getting our published materials through customs!

UNCED's Fourth Prepcom - New York, March, 1992

Four preparatory committee meetings (PrepComs) were held in the lead up to UNCED. Adriane and WILD researcher, Ramona Tibando, flew to New York for PrepCom IV, where they worked to reach common ground with other NGOs and lobbied as members of NGO coalitions for improved language in the biodiversity, forests and oceans sections of Agenda 21, UNCED's global sustainable development action plan leading into the 21st century.

They also met with Malaysian delegates to discuss the Penan campaign, handled media interviews on temperate rainforest issues and distributed thousands more WCWC newspapers! After witnessing the gutting of Agenda 21's forest principles, particularly by the Malaysian delegation (which refused to include the terminology "forest ecosystems" because "such a



Mark Wareing, WCWC forester, staffs WCWC-WILD booth at the June, 1992, Rio Earth Summit. Ian Parfitt.

term implies soils, waters and species others than trees, detracting attention from management of forests") they returned to Vancouver with the beginnings of doubt in the ultimate success of the UNCED process.

UNCED - Rio, June, 1992

WCWC's Rio team comprised Adriane, Ian and Ramona as well as Ganga Jolicouer, Latin America Liaison for WILD's mapping project, and Mark Wareing, WCWC's Director of Forestry. Adriane attended the official UNCED conference, where she held a press conference with Colleen McCrory of the Valhalla

Wilderness Society and Vicky Husband of the Sierra Club of Western Canada on the threats to Canada's forests. Mark participated in the NGO forest treaty process, and Ramona worked on the NGO oceans treaty. Ian organized WILD's public workshop at the Global Forum - the NGO parallel conference to UNCED. And Adriane and Ian together gave a presentation on WILD's mapping work at the Earth Parliament, another UNCED-parallel event focusing on indigenous people. All members of the team handed out papers, sold calendars and talked about the work of the Committee at the WCWC-WILD booth at the Forum.

The WCWC-WILD booth quickly became a meeting place for Canadian environmentalists at Rio and the only place to get the environmentalist's side of the Canadian development story. People were astounded to learn of the mismanagement of Canada's forests, for they had supposed that bad forest practices were a problem found only in the developing world.

The BC industry team (posing as an environmental organization) also had a booth, distributing tree-growing kits with exotic (Canadian) seedlings as well as misinformation, and brought along a video camera-man who tagged along behind us to

"document" our speeches. It was a real microcosm of life here in BC!

Was UNCED a success? Some people say no, pointing to the failure of the forest convention, the watering down of the



WILD Mapping Seminar at Global Forum Gathering, Rio, June, 1992. Ian Parfitt

climate change convention by removing specific targets, Bush's refusal to sign the biodiversity convention, and to the restricted discussions on population and military issues. Others say that the Biodiversity Convention (to which Canada was the first nation to commit to sign) and Agenda 21 are important tools that can be used by the environment movement and will eventually lead to positive change.

Certainly the Earth Summit, as the largest gathering ever of heads of state, captured the world's attention, and made people think anew of environmental issues. It also strengthened the links and commitment of NGOs around the world!

The challenge now is to muster the resources of the environment movement to intensify our campaigns and force governments to act on the official agreements reached at Rio. The governments of the world are still hesitant to move. We can, and must, take the initiative.

Buy this 1993 calendar and help save Earth's biological and cultural diversity



Endangered Peoples - Endangered Places wall calendar. Proud achievement of the WILD Campaign. J.P. LeFrank

Early in 1992 WILD began intensively working on a project which has long been a dream: an international calendar to raise global awareness of the connection between Earth's biological and cultural heritage.

The theme and title of this calendar is *Endangered People, Endangered Places*—a celebration of 1993, the United Nations' International Year for the World's Indigenous People. With maps, quotes, images and text, it illustrates that most of Earth's remaining wild places are also the homelands of indigenous peoples attempting to live sustainably in their traditional ways.

The actual gathering of information and production proved to be extraordinarily difficult. "An exhausting but rewarding challenge," say the calendar's production team—the same team that has produced WCWC's recent calendars—

Paul George (WCWC founder), Adriane Carr (WILD Executive Director) and Andy Axelrod (artistic director). There were hundreds of phone calls and faxes gathering images and checking and rechecking with partner groups to ensure the accuracy of information.

Translating it faithfully into French, Spanish and German proved almost as difficult as gathering the images and information in the first place.

This calendar was released to rave reviews at UNCED and is currently making its way into the hands of people the world over.

Buy one and support the WILD Campaign, learn something new about Earth's diverse peoples and ecosystems and enjoy a unique calendar all year long. Only \$14 dollars for members. (Now available only in English/French.)

CHILE CAMPAIGN

Since 1990, WILD has been working with CODEFF (the Committee for the Defense of Nature), a Chilean environment group working to protect Chilean forests and gain rights for Chile's indigenous people. In the spring of 1992 WILD organized a "Chilean night", featuring the compassionate singing of Beatrix Jolicouer and a slide show by Alex Frid. We raised about one-half of the money necessary to print and globally distribute a newspaper to help publicize the plight of Chile's temperate and taiga forests—an issue which closely parallels our old growth battle in B.C.

On December 1, 1992 WILD and the Simon Fraser University Latin American Studies Program are co-sponsoring a presentation on Chile's forests by Rick Klein of Ancient Forests International. The event will be held at SFU's Image Theatre at 7:00 pm. Admission free.

HOW ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN WILD'S WORK?

The ways and means to show your support for WILD are limited only by your imagination and dedication! Here are a few suggestions:

Become a WILD Visionary

With a donation of \$100 or more to WILD, you can become a **WILD VISIONARY**. You will receive a special certificate printed on parchment, our eternal gratitude...and be regularly informed about WILD's Campaigns.

Become a Letter Writer

We believe that the pen is mightier than the chainsaw, and every letter to those who count counts! Our Penan campaign needs letter-writers calling upon politicians in

Malaysia to act justly and with compassion on behalf of their indigenous constituents and their country's natural heritage. Our Chile campaign needs letter-writers too! Put your name on our list to join our frequent informational pickets and demonstrations!

Translate Letters

WILD desperately needs volunteer translators - especially those who can translate between Spanish and English. Portuguese, German, French...in fact, almost any language translator can contribute to WILD!

Assist in GIS Work

Take up the opportunity to learn about high-tech mapping while contributing to WILD.

No previous computer or mapping experience is necessary, although it certainly is an asset. We also need hardware for our system: digitizers, scanners and a plotter.

Help in the Office

Our data-base of supporters constantly needs updating. Our research files are always in need of work. We have stacks of newspaper clippings, magazine articles and government reports which require a person who loves to create order out of chaos!



The WILD Team, from left to right, Ramona Tibando, Adriane Carr, Sue Fox-Gregory and Ian Parfitt. Kerry Dawson

PENAN CAMPAIGN

Since 1989 WILD has raised—and spent—tens of thousands of dollars in its campaign to support the Penan people's struggle to protect their Borneo rainforest homeland—so far, unsuccessfully. We have published two newspapers, a poster, a book which is now almost sold out (*Penan - Voice for the Borneo Rainforest*), and a report about the Penan World Tour, which we helped organize.

In 1992 our Penan Campaign intensified at the national and international political levels.

- WILD campaigners made several trips to Ottawa to brief politicians and officials in the Department of External Affairs and to New York to meet with officials at the United Nations.
- WILD sponsored MP Svend Robinson's fact-finding trip into Sarawak.
- WILD met with Malaysian delegates at PrepCom IV in New York and the Malaysian delegation to UNCED, including the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister of Sarawak. WILD presented members of the Malaysia Delegation to Rio with its 1993 calendar, *Endangered Peoples, Endangered Places*, featuring the Penan on the front cover.
- WILD issued press releases and bulletins to its global network and mounted a press conference featuring David Suzuki, Svend Robinson and Wade Davis in early 1992, when Anderson Mutang Urud, outspoken native advocate of

rainforest protection and indigenous people's rights in Sarawak, Malaysia, was arrested by police for starting up an advocacy group, the Sarawak Indigenous Peoples Alliance.

- In September WILD sponsored a public education event at the Robson Square Media Centre to bring people up-to-date on the issue and to raise funds.
- Throughout 1992 WILD mounted peaceful protests: picketing the Malaysian tourist bureau during Anderson's detention and distributing information at the Tourism Malaysia seminars held in October, 1992 in Vancouver.

WILD will continue to mobilize support for the Penan and other peoples fighting for rainforest protection in Sarawak until the issue is won.

Our priority over the next few months is publication of a new Penan campaign newspaper. Our first two papers (150,000 copies) are all gone. Concerned people around the world are constantly requesting an update as, globally, this issue remains at the forefront of indigenous rights/tropical rainforest preservation campaigns. Your help and continued support are needed. If we are unable to win this campaign, what chance is there for the rest of the world's tropical rainforests? Please call us at (604) 669-9453.



Irian Jaya Native beside "Loggers keep out sign" that his tribe posted on territorial boundary. Endangered Peoples Project

WILD GETS GIS

WILD has been working towards computerizing our mapping project for over a year. WILD's Director of Mapping and Research, Ian Parfitt, has been working with a team of WILD GIS (Geographic Information System) volunteers at the remote sensing lab in the forestry faculty at the University of B.C. to develop WILD's GIS capability. Initially working with BC data, the team has digitized its first map, the Valhalla Wilderness Society's B.C. Endangered Wilderness map. Just recently, with the help of several large donations, WILD has purchased a computer to enable GIS work in the WILD office. We hope to have all of our Latin American maps digitized by the end of 1993. Many thanks to Alan James, Taylor and to Jerry Maedel, coordinator of the UBC Faculty of Forestry GIS-remote sensing lab.

December 10, 1992 - United Nations' Human Rights Day - Official Launch of 1993 UN International Year for the World's Indigenous Peoples.

Special WCWC-WILD sponsored event that night at Vancouver's - Robson Square Media Centre - 7 PM - World Premier of Endangered Peoples Project's Video on Irian Jaya - the most culturally complex area on Earth having largest intact tropical rainforest left in all Southeast Asia! Both the Peoples and the Rainforest are under extreme threat of being annihilated. Please Attend - Phone 669-9453 for more information and to make reservations.

WILD MAPPING

WILD's work to map Earth's remaining wilderness moved forward quickly in 1992. In January we published the *Proceedings of the WILD Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean*, a key document in our main 1991/1992, project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), to map remaining natural ecosystems and indigenous homelands in Latin America.

The proceedings set out for the first time WILD's mapping methodology, developed by the participants at our 1991 conference in Picinguaba, Brazil. This methodology overcomes cross-border inconsistencies in mapping and focuses efforts on graphically presenting data which is of greatest importance in local conservation campaigns and lobbying efforts.

Maps have been prepared by our partner conservation groups and researchers in ten Latin America countries. These maps have been generalized and synthesized by WILD for publication in a report which we have jointly pursued under our CIDA grant. Of course, WILD's work in Latin America will continue. In fact, several of our partners have asked us to join forces to prepare a set of more detailed maps for the Andean countries which will be used to develop a "peoples' proposal" for a system of national parks and biosphere reserves to preserve the threatened wild areas and indigenous homelands of the Andes mountain region.

The really good news is that our work to date has actually contributed to increased

indigenous rights and wilderness protection in Latin America by helping our partners in their local campaigns. Three new national parks (identified on the WILD map) have been designated in Venezuela. Traditional land rights have been guaranteed for the Guarani people (whose homelands were identified by our partner group SOS Mata Atlantica) in a new Biosphere Reserve protecting all of the remaining primary Atlantic Rainforest in Brazil. And major tracts of ancient araucaria forest have been protected from logging as homelands for the Pehuenche people in Chile.

WILD's experience in our Latin America mapping project has increased the Committee's understanding of the need to ensure that sustainable livelihood solutions for local and indigenous people are pursued simultaneously to wilderness protection—everywhere on the planet, including B.C.!

Early in 1992 WILD published a newspaper which applied our internationally developed mapping methodology at home—BC's *Temperate Rainforest - A Global Heritage in Peril*. This paper was designed to give people an understanding of the coastal temperate rainforest biome. Maps featured in this paper show areas claimed as traditional homelands by indigenous peoples, and the boundaries of all of the undeveloped primary watersheds over 5,000 ha in size in B.C.'s coastal temperate rainforest zone. Accompanying data indicate conservation values for each watershed: salmon species, waterfowl and grizzly bear ratings, as well as protected status.

MAKE THEM HALT RAINFOREST DESTRUCTION



WILD CAMPAIGN MISSION

To ensure that our species maintains biological and cultural diversity in order to live sustainably on Earth.

Poster used on WILD Informational Picket Line showing eco-destroying logging in Malaysia.

WILDERNESS COMMITTEE'S FUTURE PLANS AND DREAMS

Museum celebrating old-growth forests

- A proposal to design and build a British Columbia Ancient Forest Museum in Vancouver's Gastown

It is hard to fathom that just over 100 years ago, the very spot where the Wilderness Committee is headquartered today—20 Water Street—was wilderness itself. We are designing posters of big trees and launching campaigns to save the last of the still natural valleys of ancient temperate rainforest left in B.C. in the historical shadow of the big trees which were every bit as grand and spectacular as those that still remain in Carmanah, Walbran and Clayoquot. Only a scattered few can be found now in the lowlands of the Fraser Valley—a region which our Premier calls B.C.'s biggest clearcut.

Remarkably, in a time-span that is less than 10% of the natural life-span of the trees that were here, our society has almost completely destroyed the natural forest. In its place, we have cemented our civilization to this site with steel and concrete buildings and paved roads.

Somewhere there should be a museum devoted to celebrating the ancient temperate rainforest that was the living glory of this land. A few years ago there was a forestry museum on the grounds of Vancouver's Vandusen Gardens. It was built and maintained by the forest industry and celebrated the harvesting of trees. We think there should be an Ancient Forest Museum that celebrates the trees themselves and explains what is known about

their biology and what is not.

After a lot of brainstorming about how to revitalize the lower end of Gastown—many tourists never get any further east than the steam clock—and lamenting that there was no attraction near our store to lure customers, voila an idea! If most tourists never get to see B.C. monarch trees, why not bring one of the giants to them, into our current store/office space and create a small world class museum around it.

With the help of Berni Lyons, an artist extremely talented in depicting three dimensional subjects, we envisioned what our premises would look like if a 55-foot-in-circumference, over-1000-year-old red cedar log became the heart of our

building—the centre piece for our Ancient Forest Museum and gift shop.

The engineering problem of how to transport and yard into place the HUGE log is easy in comparison as to garnering the grants, donations and financial backing to bring this idea to fruition.

What do you think of our plan? We're looking for creative input and big donations! Any ideas?



1993 Ancient Log Tour Canada • USA • Europe

- Anti-clearcuts
- Anti-resource waste
- Pro-selection logging
- Anti-unsustainable forestry
- Anti-damage to Earth's ecology
- Pro-sustainable forestry practices
- Pro-community controlled forestry
- Pro-management on a watershed basis
- Anti-multinational control of B.C. forests
- Pro-wilderness and ecosystem preservation

You'll probably see it on T.V. or read about in your newspaper by the time you get this newspaper. WCWC volunteers will yard out a large piece from a giant log cut from a tree well over a thousand years old, recently cut down and left to rot in one of B.C. huge clearcuts on the west coast of British Columbia. Such waste is not an unusual occurrence.

We plan to truck the log around North America stopping in cities across Canada and the US along the way. With a multi-media slide presentation including many images showing recent, ecologically-destructive clearcut logging, we'll present the current unacceptable situation and alternatives to it. Armed with government reports highlighting the damage and lack of progress in getting more ancient forest protected in parks, our goal is to educate people about the destruction of B.C.'s ancient forest and alternative "sustainable development" solutions.

In B.C. we will visit many logging-industry-dependant communities. Our message will be a simple one. The multinational forestry companies are out-of-control. Their logging frenzy is

destroying both jobs and wilderness. We will call for an alliance of forest workers and environmentalists to take back the forests for the people of B.C.

We are also taking our tour to Europe. Here the log will generate widespread interest in B.C.'s temperate rainforest, which is already at an all-time high.

Speaking on the great log tour will be B.C. wilderness activists, foresters and scientists together with local environmental activists, natives, sustainable logging experts and value-added manufacturers. All local events, across North America and in Europe, will be organized by active local environment groups!

WCWC will be advocating a reduction in the rate of logging in B.C. to a sustainable level. Our goals are to increase the amount of protected forested wilderness, and to provide alternatives...a changeover from clearcut to selection logging methods, industrial value-added to increase the number of jobs per tree cut, and an economic "boycott"—people buying only wood and paper products that come from sustainable logging operations and from non-polluting factories.



WCWC 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 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 and innovation
- life in all its mystery, abundance, complexity and joy



VICTORIA BRANCH

The Victoria branch of WCWC has undergone some changes this past summer. Though we are sorry to lose several significant founding members, our new team has real zeal, skill, and talent. *Onward they go, certain only of encountering further difficulty.* — Captain Vancouver

Canvass

Alison Spriggs and her team are a fundamental part of the branch's efforts to keep the public informed and supportive. Alison started working for the branch as a canvasser and became canvass manager in August. Keeping the canvassers informed about the daily developments of campaigns is Alison's approach to heightening the level of public awareness. Her enthusiasm and expertise are reflected in the quality of her team.

Accounts/Bookings

Our numbers man, Andrew Young, has been the part-time branch accountant for nearly two years. Andrew has been responsible for daily book-keeping and maintaining our working budget. Though he's been known to see red, his numbers are in the black.

Chairperson

We are pleased to present Russ Forster as the recently elected chair of the Victoria Branch. Russ leaves his position as Canvass Manager to take on new challenges and old rivals (the forest industry). As you can imagine, acting as "chief" requires the patient, diplomacy and fortitude to work with all interest groups: staff, government, and ENGO's alike. There is unanimous consensus and pride in having Russ on board.



Victoria Branch Staff - From left to right: Allison Spriggs, Russ Forester, Andrew Young, Jay Zimmermann, Sean Hogan and Misty McDuffy.

Marketing

Our veteran employee, Sean Hogan, leads more than a double life at WCWC Victoria though he refuses to be pigeon holed in any one capacity. Sean has been managing the wholesale activities of the Victoria Branch for over two years. Along the road, he has organized various fundraising activities, eg. benefit concerts, slide shows, and wild (wilderness in large doses) parties. Since last year he has also been managing the store/information outlet on Bastion Square. Staff and volunteers know that this West Coast singin', guitar totin' cowboy-salesman from beautiful Samia, Ontario, who maybe ain't ever actually met a cow, but likes 'em fine just the same, has made a significant contribution to the Victoria Branch.

Campaigners

As of September, WCWC Victoria hired on the dynamic duo of MacDuffee and Zimmermann. As with most dynamic duos throughout time, there are high expectations but little financial reward. Misty MacDuffee has previously worked for the Committee on its biodiversity project. With her background in ecology/biology and her

extensive work as a freelance activist, Misty is seen in the eyes of local environmentalists as an excellent choice for our campaign team.

Jay Zimmermann strengthens the Committee's initiatives in developing alternatives to status quo land use and forest management. Jay has a Masters Degree in Natural Resource Management, specializing in conservation biology. He is interested in strategies for ecologically appropriate economic transition, forest land tenure reform, and personal economic restructuring (he hasn't yet paid off his Jetta). His experience as an environmental consultant to both government and ENGO's is truly an asset to the branch.

Volunteers

The heartwood of WCWC Victoria's existence lies in the dedication of our volunteers. Our standing committees on publications, schools, displays, art shows, fundraising, publicity, and the staffing of the store are all done by volunteers! As Margaret Mead once said, *Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.*

We would like to give a special thank you to Marnie Phillips and to Joyce and Gord Dalglish.

Campaigns

Our campaign to conserve the 3% of the magnificent lower Tsitika Valley, including Katherine Creek and the threatened Robson Bight, has resulted in the acceptance of the Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Committee's recommendation of a five year moratorium on logging in the lower valley.

We must acknowledge the relentless efforts of Derek Young, Clinton Webb and Dennis Kangasniemi and the many others who will leave a protected and preserved lower

process.

In the recent *Status of Vancouver Island's Old Growth Forests*, the Committee has assessed the fragmentation of the remaining unprotected wilderness areas and identified logging threats. The results are very shocking to even the most pessimistic: the majority of our remaining ancient forest wilderness areas will be roaded and/or logged in the next 3-4 years. We are rapidly losing conservation options and jeopardizing the fragile balance of the Island's biodiversity.

The chance to protect the source of Greater Victoria's drinking water is greater than ever with WCWC Victoria and the Sierra Club leading the



Tsitika as their legacy. Derek, Clinton and Dennis will be sorely missed by the Wilderness Committee.

WCWC Victoria has recently initiated coordination and development of ENGO participation in the Vancouver Island Commission on Resources and Environment (CORE) process. This is the first step towards producing a common vision of the amount and kind of wilderness protection needed on Vancouver Island, and a necessary step towards promoting and protecting a sustainable Island ecology regardless of the CORE

campaign. The old growth Douglas fir that remains in the watershed is almost extinct on southern Vancouver Island. We have an opportunity to both save a rare and precious forest type and ensure a reliable source of healthy water. The connection between forest health and personal health has never been as obvious as it is now becoming in our community watershed.

To support and get active in the Victoria Branch contact: #102 - 19 Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1J1 Phone (604) 388-9292. Fax (604) 388-9223.

KOOTENAY BRANCH IN FORMATION

92 years ago this October, the Nelson city *Tribune* praised the work done on the newly completed Nine Mile Trail. It took seven men four weeks to cut in the 13 mile pack 'road' to the ridge between Midge and Lasca Creek. The original intent of the trail was to provide easy access for the 14 mining claims in the valley and to encourage further development.

Today, the Lasca Valley (as well as the other drainages on the south side of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake) are slated for clearcut logging. For years the local residents have 'discussed' the pros and cons of this threatening prospect with the Ministry of Forests (MoF) and have achieved nothing except exhaustion.

As time went by more information was gathered and it became obvious that this area was the largest tract (50,000 hectares) of unroaded wilderness left in the southern Columbia Mountains and included sizeable stands of old

growth forest which had survived the fires set by prospectors 100 years ago.

No longer content to talk and dissipate energy or to be party to confrontational tactics, Claudette Burton, West Kootenay Branch (in formation) coordinator, decided to reopen the historic pack trail. This would accomplish a variety of things at once - facilitate further WCWC-sponsored biological research; re-route community tension into a constructive outlet; allow the public easy access in order to experience for themselves the quiet beauty of Lasca Valley; and facilitate public monitoring of any further logging road development.

The trail clearing had already started when the provincial (NDP) government and the newly instituted CORE process sadly let the community down by refusing to include Lasca Creek in any sort of study area deferral or "log around" strategy while CORE deliberated on its fate. That

decision provided serious motivation for trail clearing volunteers Brent Hastings and Michael Buck who organized parties for most weekends of the summer to cut windfall and to hack brush for miles.

In the meantime, the MoF had been pressured into setting up a consensus decision making community board to plan the 'development' of the Lasca drainage. Our grabbing the initiative of opening up the area for recreation while the board discussed what needed to be done has proven to be extremely effective. Many members of this board are now realizing how precious this area is and what an economic (ecotourism) boon it could be to the city of Nelson. With each presentation by an environmental group regarding the area's water, soils, wildlife, trail history, old growth, biodiversity, and native issues it becomes more and more apparent to board members just how narrow the MoF vision is and how incompetent they are at holistic thinking.



Untouched Lasca Valley. Larry Doell

While the possibilities of preserving the entire Lasca valley have been reduced by the NDP's decision to set aside only Midge as a Parks '90 candidate, there is another fall-back position taking shape. The trail runs up on the shoulder of the mountain quite a way above Lasca Creek. Most of the time one is within earshot, but not eyesight of Lasca. The minimum that forestry and the community board must guarantee is a 250 metre buffer zone uphill of the trail and a honoured riparian zone between the trail and the creek. A riparian zone of comparable

width on the other side of Lasca must be protected also. We still dream about protecting the whole valley but anything less than the protected trail zone would be ecologically untenable.

The compromise proposal would protect the valley bottom from roads and logging, provide a substantial wildlife corridor between Midge Creek and the West Arm of Kootenay Lake, and preserve the major stands of old growth in the drainage bottom. The Forest Ministry and industry are not happy

ALBERTA BRANCH IN FORMATION

WCWC - BOREAL FOREST CAMPAIGN

The Boreal Forest Campaign, surfaced in Alberta in the grizzled form of Gray Jones, in the heavy snows of Edmonton, in mid-December 1991.

After talking with an old friend Paul George, who said that the Branch-in-Formation in Alberta needed someone to devote full time energy and talent to the cause, Gray headed out, with little money (WCWC main office was not in a position to help financially) and a few WCWC calendars to sell. He established an arduous winter door to door membership canvass and the campaign centre was officially launched.

According to Gray, a wilderness preservationist with very little money can do only one thing—go on the attack.

For weeks the Edmonton media was humming with WCWC attacks on the sellout of Alberta's boreal forests to multi-national pulp and paper companies and mega-projects, including Daishowa and the proposed giant Al-Pac project, the largest 'in-line' chlorine bleach pulp mill in the world.

Volunteers came forward. The campaign intensified. The first issues tackled were Daishowa's logging of the last of the giant white spruce in Wood Buffalo National Park and the threatened logging of the homeland of the Lubicon Cree people.

Working with Fred Lenarson, Lubicon tribal advisor, and the Lubicon people who had launched an effective boycott of Daishowa paper products across Canada, the Daishowa offices in Edmonton became a centre of WCWC protest activities.

Darrell Wharton, a WCWC volunteer, carefully disguised as 'Willie the Western Canada Wilderness Bear' visited Daishowa offices giving the C.E.O. of Daishowa a succinct messages from his friends, the white spruce and the buffalo who live in Wood Buffalo National Park—to stop the logging immediately.

Regular public education protests occurred and information was handed out, on the street in front of the



White Mud Falls, Alberta, in winter white cover. Gordon Olson.

Daishowa offices. With the publication of our first hard-hitting tabloid, the Wood Buffalo paper and its successful distribution, both Daishowa and the Federal government were starting to hurt badly over the public outcry against the horrendous logging situation in the Garden River area of Wood Buffalo Park. Victory was in the wind!

A legal case sponsored by Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society put it over the top (see the story in our *Save Our Boreal Forest* newspaper).

In one year we have managed to fund our own office, Second Floor, 9526 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5H 3V3. We just published our second newspaper, with the help of a grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op, *Save Our Boreal Forests: The Mystery and the Heritage*. This paper exposes the social, environmental, and political problems surrounding the proposed massive pulp and paper developments threatening Canada's boreal forests.

We released a poster in conjunction with the World Wildlife Fund aimed at protecting the endangered calving habitat of the Woodland Caribou in the mountains west of Wood Buffalo National Park.

At the present time we are producing a high quality, 28 minute video in coordination with the film maker Rick Gustavson on alternative sustainable forestry projects and eco-tourist potential of the boreal forests of Alberta. With the assistance of Dr. Jim Butler, this fall we completed a detailed bio-diversity study

and tourist survey of the Rocky Mountain House/Clearwater Forest to help save the area from clearcutting by Sunpine. We documented 123 species of birds, 23 species of mammals, and many species of fish in this exceptional wilderness area.

We are working with the Citizens for Responsible Northern Development to establish a new provincial park along the heritage Clearwater River. Tentatively named White Mud Falls Provincial Park, it is a prime kayaking, canoeing, and eco-tourist area, much used by Fort McMurray residents and international tourists. This is an area Al-Pac loggers threatened to log and must be protected!

With the help of Dr. Jim Butler, we are in the process of designing a Boreal Forest Research Station to uncover the mystery of Canada's least known forest—the boreal forest. Working at the station, scientists will be able to study soils, insect communities in the canopy layers, wildlife and plant community inter-relationships, as well as eco-tourism potentials.

A lot of hard work, creative thinking, and most of all, heart, has and continues to go into our organization.

We are asking to be granted full Branch Status at the upcoming AGM. Please support us in this important move.

I would like to thank Darrell Wharton for his wilderness spirit, Karen Baltgailis for her fiery creativity; Brian Toole for his organizational skills; Claire Ashton for her love, support, mind, and hard work; Stuart Lee for his organized, scientific mind; Grant MacEwan for his

and forests would be bulldozed unless we opened up the area to recreational use by the public.

* What you can do to help - Write Premier Mike Harcourt, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4. Phone (604) 387-1241 or Fax (604) 387-0045.

* Support us - WCWC-West Kootenays Branch-in-formation, PO Box 186, Nelson, BC V1L 5P9

wonderful support; Dr. Jim Butler and Mountain Equipment Co-op for their fine support and thanks to all the other WCWC people whom I have not mentioned who have done so much!

Remember, "The idea of wilderness needs no defence, it only needs more defenders". - Edward Abbey

Regards,
Gray Jones, Executive Director,
Alberta Branch-in-Formation

See more Branch campaign reports on page 14.



For more information contact WCWC Alberta Branch-in-formation, #6-9526 Jasper Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T5H 3V3. Phone (403) 497-7616. Fax (403) 497-7617.

OTTAWA BRANCH

James Bay II

- Jean Lee

On July 1st, Canada Day, the Ottawa Coalition to protect James Bay was at Mayor's Hill Park with "Beluga"—an impressive costume rendition—to distribute literature and enlist Ottawa residents to sign our petitions to "Stop James Bay II" and "Demand Clean Energy and Conservation".

Our fall/92 activities included a September distribution of literature and networking with the James Bay volunteer workers from other regions of Ontario and the United States at the Canada/USA border at the International Bridge at Cornwall, Ontario.

The James Bay newsletter committee is busy researching resource data on the current construction situation of James Bay Phase II and focusing on the Hydro-Quebec Environmental Impact statement public review. An educational, bi-lingual newspaper on James Bay II is in the editing stage!

Summer Membership Drive

- Jean Lee

One hundred new members joined WCWC in the Ottawa

which asks people which natural areas they feel are important and would like to see protected. We also circulated a more specific questionnaire to other environmental groups in the area. The summer issue of *Peace and Environment News* contained an article about the project and a copy of the questionnaire.

There have also been many opportunities for public contact, including a booth at the Tulip Festival, a number of tables set up at various Canada Trust branches, and also many visits to local high schools. Our goal is to have a report ready for release this winter.

Citation for Environmental Achievement

We at the Ottawa/Ontario Branch of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee join in the spirit with *EQUINOX* who in their Jan/Feb 92 issue gave a citation to Matthew Coon-Come, Grand Chief of the Quebec Crees. We would like to extend to Chief Coon-Come and his family a welcome to them as they have taken



Beluga whales in James Bay

Branch area this past summer! Many thanks to you in Ottawa-Carleton for your support and donations. We are now organizing our winter campaigns, and I'd like to invite you to join the project group that is the backbone of our branch.

Wilderness Inventory

- Jenny Stewart

The Ottawa Branch's Wildlands and Ecosystems Inventory Project is operational. Thanks to a large grant from the Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation, we were able to follow through with our plans to conduct an environmental inventory of Ottawa and the region.

Our program entails the wide circulation of a questionnaire

residence in Ottawa.

We compliment Chief Coon-Come for his efforts and his philosophy. We join in praise and we quote him from the article...*You know what I think is the greatest achievement of our people? he asks. It is that, unlike the Egyptians, for example, who built the pyramids to make a mark for themselves, my people did not leave a mark. And that is what we are trying to do, to leave it (the Earth) as we found it, for my children and your children, so they can enjoy it too.*

To become active in our branch contact: WCWC Ottawa, Laurie Goulay, Box 175, Station "A", Ottawa, ON K1N 8V2. Phone (613) 562-9453.

with these demands, of course, but many of the public members at the community table see the need for this and are demanding more.

In September of 1992 WCWC-West Kootenays' first biological field study of the Lasca area commenced by Evan McKenzie. He has been working in conjunction with an American group called the Greater Ecosystem Alliance, studying and designing a

'chain' of land reserves in the Southern Columbia Mountains to guarantee old growth sanctuaries for grizzly and woodland Caribou.

The Lasca trail clearing has pulled together extremely diverse and often incompatible community elements. On many occasions loggers worked beside civil servants and 'Bible thumping' environmentalists because they realized that the beauty and heritage of the trail

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Wilderness Committee has experienced a great deal of change over the past eighteen months and continues to change and progress in order to advance its objectives.

Financial statements for the year ended April 30, 1992, have been prepared for management purposes and are displayed below. The year's financial information will be reviewed and reported on by an external accounting firm within the next few months.

The main financial difficulty facing the Committee is consistent with prior years, that being the lack of available cash resources. Despite this difficulty, the Committee, over the last fiscal year, has been able to reduce its debt to suppliers by \$150,000 and continues to decrease this debt at approximately \$9,000 a month. The suppliers have been extremely supportive in agreeing to payment terms ranging up to 36 months on outstanding amounts.

The Committee has recently prepared a business plan for presentation to financial institutions. This plan includes sections on the Committee's history; accomplishments; financial status; research, educational publications and campaign objectives; future goals and directions; as well as information on the Board of Directors.

Financial goals of the Committee remain focused and continue to be the payment of, and restructuring of, its debt; maintaining overheads; and the building of a cash reserve while at the same time continuing to wisely use its incoming donations and grants to successfully achieve its objectives.

Margaret Halsey, Financial Consultant, WCWC Controller

Michael Carney, WCWC Accountant

Western Canada Wilderness Committee

Incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Year ended April 30	1992 Preliminary, Vancouver only	1991 Reviewed All branches
Revenue		
Membership dues	264,922	433,028
Contributions and donations	518,300	1,319,051
Sales of educational materials	572,844	990,142
Special educational projects	66,722	84,807
Total revenue	1,422,788	2,827,028
Expenditure		
Campaign expenditure	392,609	1,049,953
Publication and project expenditure	211,064	924,651
Membership and fund raising expenditure	545,216	452,787
Operational expenditure	403,955	411,670
Total expenditure	1,552,843	2,839,061
Excess (deficiency) of revenue	(130,056)	(12,033)

BALANCE SHEET

As at April 30	1992 Preliminary Vancouver only	1991 All branches
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	(7,836)	42,994
Cash - grant accounts	6,629	
Accounts receivable	35,909	76,301
Inventory	226,628	420,764
Prepaid expenditures	2,468	18,623
Work in progress	12,078	
Total current assets	275,876	558,682
Fixed assets	46,468	77,694
Branch accounts	24,232	
Total assets	346,576	636,376
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	344,314	511,614
Bank indebtedness	45,000	0
Total current liabilities	390,441	511,614
Members' equity	(42,738)	124,762



1992 Annual General Meeting December 12, 1-6 pm Trinity United Church (formerly Kitsilano United) 2490 West 2nd Avenue

Take an active part in WCWC! HOW TO RUN. HOW TO VOTE!

Western Canada Wilderness Committee is a registered society in British Columbia. Each year, by law, we hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year the board has selected Saturday, December 12th, 1992 for the AGM. One of the major functions of the AGM is to elect a board for the coming year thus ensuring that our members have a strong voice in the Committee's campaigns.

DIRECTORS DUTIES

Under the B.C. Societies' Act, directors of a society are people elected by the society's members and 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 manner, and
- (4) To perform or ensure the performance of duties which are essential for the continuance of the society (e.g., filing annual society report, etc.)

IMPORTANT DEADLINE!

All those who wish to stand for WCWC's 1992-93-94 Board of Directors must let the current board know of their intentions by letter no later than December 10, 1992 - two days before the AGM. Letters can be faxed to the Vancouver office of WCWC (604)-683-8229.

Our bylaws do not allow proxy voting or mail-in voting. Only those members in good standing who are present at the AGM are allowed to vote. Members who have let their membership lapse can pay the \$30 renewal fee at the door and vote.

The number of board members is currently fixed at twelve. The current board is proposing a bylaw change which would reduce the number of elected directors to eight. In the event that this is approved at the AGM, four members will be elected to the board for a one-year term and four members will be elected to the board for a two-year term. Thereafter every AGM only four new board members will be elected to replace the four whose terms are up.

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 paper.

Only those that 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 a secret written ballot.

This year there will be two ballots, the first one being for those wishing to run for the four two-year term positions. Those wishing to run for a one year term will be elected on the second ballot.

Read the proposed bylaw changes and take some time out this December 12th to attend your AGM. Besides running for or selecting a new board for the coming two years, all aspects of WCWC's operations are reported on, and it gives us all a chance to get together in the spirit of wilderness. See you there!

WCWC's current Board of Directors

Kevin Bell, naturalist
Volker Bodegom, writer
Bob Broughton, systems analyst
Nick Cuff, printer
Craig Delahunt, television producer
Alice Eaton, retired
Annle George, hospital clerk; co-op administrator
Doug Gook, horse-logger
Ian Mackenzie, photographer
Linda Robertson, lawyer

1992 Wilderness Committee's Educational Newspapers.
J.P. LeFrank



1992 OFFICIAL WCWC AGM BUSINESS

CANDIDATES FOR WCWC'S new BOARD OF DIRECTORS (as of November 5, 1992)

Kevin Bell - Kevin is a naturalist who manages the Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre. Since being appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in the spring of 1992, Kevin the Board's Chairperson. He has been very active in the preservation of Maplewood mudflats.

Volker Bodegom - Volker was appointed to the board in 1992. An accomplished writer, Volker has volunteered many hours ensuring our computers run smoothly and helping out in the mailroom. He has also been active in promoting bike power.

Bob Broughton - Bob, a computer systems analyst, has spent hundreds of volunteer hours in the last eight years designing and maintaining WCWC's customized membership and merchandise sales database programs. He accepted an appointment to fill a board vacancy in the Spring of 1992.

Craig Delahunt - Craig is a television producer known for his environmental shows. He has served on the board since being elected at the 1991 AGM, and has provided volunteer advice on WCWC's film and video work.

Alice Eaton - A long time supporter of WCWC, Alice has been a full time volunteer on numerous WCWC projects. She now manages our reception desk. Alice was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy in 1992 and currently is the Board's Treasurer.

Ian Mackenzie - Ian, an internationally accomplished photographer, has donated many images to WCWC for publications. A strong supporter of WCWC's work with indigenous people in campaigns to preserve their forest homelands, Ian is currently compiling an atlas of the remaining wilderness in B.C. Ian was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board in 1992.

Nicholas Cuff - Nick, owner of Brer Rabbit Copyprint, is a long time wilderness protection supporter and printing advisor to WCWC. His business sense has been of invaluable service during his tenure on the board over the last year.

Proposed Special Resolutions and Bylaw Changes

Resolution to appoint an auditor: BY-LAW CHANGES

RESOLVED THAT Western Canada Wilderness Committee appoints Morgan and Company to review our financial statements for the year 1991-1992.

Special Resolution #1

RESOLVED THAT Western Canada Wilderness Committee establish an "outside Canada" membership and that its annual fee be \$40 (CDN).

(Reason - The high cost of mailing to out-of-country members necessitates this special category and higher fee. We currently have several hundred out of Canada members.)

Special Resolution #2

RESOLVED THAT Western Canada Wilderness Committee establish an Action Membership and that its annual fee be \$50.

(Reason we need to create a special kind of membership for those members who want to be very active in promoting the Wilderness Committee causes. This membership is for those who want to get copies of all WCWC's free educational publication, to be informed through monthly action alerts about critical issues and who commit to writing at least four letters a year to decision makers about specific wilderness conservation issues.)

Special Resolution #3

RESOLVED THAT Western Canada Wilderness Committee - Edmonton Branch-in-Formation be granted a Branch Charter to cover all of the province of Alberta and heretofore be called Wilderness Committee - Alberta Branch

By-law changes pertaining to the structure of the Wilderness Committee's Board of Directors have been introduced and passed at every Annual General meeting for the last several years. The intent of all of these by-law changes has been to find the most effective and responsible organizational structure possible. The structure ought to reflect the decentralization which is a hallmark of WCWC and take maximum advantage of the competent and dedicated staff who efficiently make the day-to-day decisions which meet the challenges of rapidly changing situations and campaign needs. The overall structure ought, also, to encourage the formation of branches which focus primarily on local issues so that our society will keep strongly connected to the grassroots and grow in influence and effectiveness in winning local conservation battles. We want to encourage rapid but orderly and responsible growth.

Over a three year period the Wilderness Committee has gone from a board that was composed almost entirely of paid employees to one that was entirely "outside" (with no paid employees—i.e., any person who earned more than 10 percent of his or her income from the Wilderness Committee).

Both kinds of boards had weakness as well as strengths. Now a subcommittee of the board is proposing a modification that combines the advantages of both, while fulfilling the obligations which the Wilderness Committee must meet under the Societies Act. The following by-law changes achieve this new balanced board. Integral to this new board are representatives of the Wilderness Committee's management team (E-Team), established by the Board of Directors in April of 1992.

To meet with the very rapid changes in both growth over the period since 1987 and in the budget drops of the last two years, the Committee has sought a management structure which, like that sought for the board, would be both responsible and effective. In January of 1991 a consensus based team structure was introduced. Consensus by ten or more Team Leaders, tried for more than a year, proved to be inefficient and difficult, particularly in times of necessary down-sizing. The Executive (E-Team) structure was established by the Board as a solution to the increasingly bogged-down decision-making and lack of clear management within the Committee. By resolution of the Board, the E-Team is responsible for management of the Wilderness Committee, and reports directly to the Board. The Board appointed the following as members of the E-team:

- Adriane Carr (Executive Director of Fundraising and International Campaigns)
- Joe Foy (Executive Director of Canadian Campaigns)
- Paul George (Founder and Executive Director of Publications) and
- Margaret Halsey (Comptroller).

At the time it was established the E-Team was mandated to take immediate steps to downsize the organization and bring the debt under control. This has been accomplished.

Resolve that articles 25 and 26 of the Society's bylaws be amended as follows:

Delete 25(2) which now reads "The number of directors shall be 12."

replace with 25(2) The number of directors shall be eleven (11): i) eight (8) elected (four at each Annual General Meeting for two year overlapping terms) ii) two (2) appointed from the Executive Team of the Wilderness Committee by consensus of the Executive Team iii) one (1) appointed by the Executive Team, in consultation with the Branch executives, the Branch Liaison, to

represent branch concerns on the Board of Directors.

Reason: to achieve a Board that has both the independent viewpoint of "outside" directors elected by the membership at large and the knowledge and experience of representatives of the management team and branches of the Wilderness Committee. A quorum of the board will retain a majority of "outside" directors.

Add 25(2) a. In the year of transition the four directors who receive the most votes will serve two-year terms, the other four will serve one-year terms.

Add 25(2) b. If a director in the first year of a two-year term leaves the board, the appointed replacement term extends only to the next AGM and at that AGM a person is elected for a one-year term to complete that two-year term position.

Reason - to clarify this system in compliance with the society's bylaws which state that an appointed director serves only until the next AGM.

Add 25(3) The Directors shall establish an Executive Team (E-Team). The E-Team shall consist of a maximum of 5 paid employees appointed by the Board of Directors, one of which must be the Committee's comptroller, and another, the Branch Liaison hired by the Executive Team in consultation with the Branches and Branches-in-Formation. The Executive Team is mandated to

make decisions by consensus and carry on the day-to-day management of the Wilderness Committee. It reports to, and takes direction from, the Board of Directors.

Reason - To formalize the decision making structure and management authority which was implemented by the Board of Directors in April of 1992 and which currently effectively operates at the Wilderness Committee head office. The Branch Liaison position was added at the suggestion of the subcommittee of the Board of Directors preparing the by-law changes for the 1992 AGM. The intent of adding this position is to help our Branches become stronger and give them a say in the day-to-day management decisions of the Committee's head office.

Delete 26(1) a. Reason - election rules for Directors now covered in 25(2); 25(2) a. and 25(2) b.

Change 26(1) b. to 26(1) a. Reason - for consistency

In 26(5), insert between the words "eligible for election" and "as a director" the words "at an AGM or eligible for appointment by the Board of Directors as a replacement for a vacancy in the AGM elected membership of the Board."

Reason - for consistency to maintain the current bylaw restriction that states that directors elected at an AGM are not allowed to be WCWC employees.



Vancouver WCWC Staff and some volunteers and directors. From left to right: **FIRST ROW** - Diana Vander Veen (Marketing and Sales), Ian Parfitt (WILD Mapping). **SECOND ROW** - Alice Eaton (Full-time Volunteer and Member of the Board), Chantelle Desharnais (Store Manager), Marni Amirault (Store Staff), Mona Lisa Amirsetia (Membership Data Entry), Andrea Reimer (Office Management), Mike Carney (Accountant), Adriane Carr (Executive Director - International Campaigns; E-Team Member), Ramona Tibando (Grants and Executive Assistant WILD Campaign), Ross Muirhead (Canvass Coordinator), Kevin Bell (Chairperson - Board of Directors). **TOP ROW** - Nicholas Speares (Full-time Volunteer), Sue Fox-Gregory (WILD Media and WCWC Graphic Design), Paul George (Founder - Executive Director, Publications; E-Team Member), Ryan Dalrymple (Shipping and Receiving), Joe Foy (Executive Director - Canadian Campaigns; E-Team Member), and Volker Bodegom (Director and Volunteer Computer Expert). Photo by J.P. LeFrank.



Mount Tatlow, Nemah Valley. Gary Fleggen

OKANAGON BRANCH

WCWC Okanagan has had a very busy and productive year. We have established representatives in all Valley communities - from Chase to Osoyoos - and try to keep in regular communication with them, as well as our members at large. This in itself can be quite a challenge! The main focus of energy of the branch has shifted from Vernon to Kelowna. It is just not practical to have the key executives 50 miles apart. The branch executive meets every month, rotating between Vernon, Kelowna, and Penticton to be as accessible to as many as possible.



supporting network of campsites and feeder trails.

On the forestry front things are not as promising. We live in a semi-desert area with basically thin, poor, sandy soils. We are in imminent danger of creating permanent desertified scars on our hillsides. Unless we can get the government to drastically reduce the AAC and the amount of clearcutting, things could be shaping up for a major confrontation here. In anticipation of this we did try—with the help of a sympathetic council member—to establish a local Round Table. This idea was shot down by the pro-development/status quo faction before it even got off the ground.

The need for such a community based body is becoming all too obvious, especially with the issue of the transference of Fletcher Challenge's cutting rights to Riverside Forest Products (RFP) of Lumby. This is being

opposed by the local Native Councils because most of the subject areas are within their aboriginal territories and affects their land claims. WCWC Okanagan is also opposing ANY transfer until a proper inventory is done - particularly in TFL 49 which, by all accounts, is over cut and being stripped. On the face of it we certainly prefer a local business to Fletcher Challenge. Surprisingly RFP has stated their opposition to ANY reduction in the AAC for these cutting areas. This makes nonsensical their verbal commitments to supposedly use an environmentally-sensitive approach.

On a more positive note, Bruce Sumner has continued his major effort with identifying and cataloguing proposed wilderness/preservation areas in both North and South Okanagan. Bruce has posted 'Wilderness' signs at both ends of the Granby trail, and has established a rough trail most of the way through. (Rumour has it Kamloops Ministry of Forests has mapped out its own old-growth/conservation areas, but requests to see this plan have so far have been unsuccessful).

Bruce, along with Carol Kozoway and Stacey Larmon did a great job with WCWC mall displays and tables in the spring, keeping a constant - if small - trickle of funds into the coffers. Hopefully they can be persuaded to do that again this fall. Our only permanent 'store' outlet now is a small display an 'Outdoor Adventure Gear' on Hwy 97 in Kelowna.



Mouth of the Koeys River. Bob Little

intact watersheds are threatened by immediate road building and logging activities.

For more information contact WCWC Main Office, 20 Water St., Vancouver, B.C., V6B 1A4.



MID-ISLAND BRANCH

- George Gibson
The Mid-island Branch elected a new Board in April of this year. Our new executive includes: Sarah Brenner, Chairperson; George Gibson, Secretary; Rob Kelly, Treasurer; Rosanne Van Schie focusing on the backbone trail, Signy Parkin focusing on our store in Nanaimo's Country Club Mall and Jennifer Williams and Phil Stone who keep us apprised of issues in the North Island.

We've been refocusing our Branch's energy on wilderness preservation and on improved communication with our membership by setting up an environmental resource centre

SURREY/WHITE ROCK BRANCH IN FORMATION

The Surrey and White Rock Branch of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee has been in existence for two years. It was established by a group of residents who were interested in becoming environmentally active locally while also supporting larger provincial campaigns to preserve wilderness areas.

Our major issue is to achieve protection and recognition for the Boundary Bay ecosystem both locally and internationally. These wetlands are under constant pressure from urban development and require vigilance from our community to resist this pressure. Our approach has been predominantly educational. We felt that through understanding and appreciation of the local wildlife, particularly the birds, our community will come to value this area and demand its protection from development.

Nature Watch

One of our first events was a Nature Watch on Boundary Bay. We cooperated with the local White Rock and Surrey Naturalists to provide the community with an opportunity to observe with the experts local bird life of the Bay. It has since become a regular feature of our community and happens from 1-3 pm on the last Sunday of each month from September to April.

Birds of Boundary Bay

There is now a weekly column in the Peace Arch News called Birds of Boundary Bay. Maureen Korman, a WCWC member, agreed to write the column for us as a way of reaching more people about the beauty of the life of Boundary Bay. She makes a wonderful novice birder and her column is sure to attract more newcomers. Don Li Leger's line drawings featured in the column make a

wonderful addition. The column also gives us a weekly forum to advertise upcoming events.

Bird-a-Thon

A Bird-a-Thon is like a Walk-a-Thon except that you earn money through pledges based on the number of birds you see, rather than the distance you walk. The grand success of the 1991 Bird-a-Thon, both in terms of education and fund-raising, prompted the Branch to make it an annual event. This event is co-sponsored by the White Rock and Surrey Naturalists, who have kindly donated their time and equipment again this year.

Golf Course opposition cont.

In December '91 we challenged the Surrey Municipality in court in an attempt to stop the proposed Northview Golf Course, situated along the wildlife rich Serpentine River. It is a large parcel of agricultural land; crucial habitat for waterfowl. We lost the first round in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and have launched an appeal. Despite the NDP's commitment to protect farmland, The Agricultural Land Commission decided to exempt Northview from the Agricultural Land Reserve and therefore our appeal becomes even more important.

Boundary Bay Biosphere Reserve Proposal

A "Biosphere Reserve" is a United Nations designation which promotes the preservation of critical wildlife habitat in situations where there is intense development pressure. We are working with the Boundary Bay Conservation Committee to promote this exciting concept as a positive solution to the conflict over Boundary Bay. Watch for more details as this campaign develops.

KOEYE - Mid Coast

WCWC's WILD mapping team produced a WCWC education report showing all remaining intact watersheds over 5,000 hectares on the west coast of B.C. One of these important wilderness watersheds with high salmon fisheries values, the Koeys, was granted a temporary logging moratorium. A recent information-gathering expedition by environmentalists has discovered that virtually all other south coast

CHILCOTIN COUNTRY

* '92 highlights - Early in 1992, WCWC presented a report to the B.C. government sponsored Chilko Lake Planning Team, calling for the provincial government to recognize and respect the Nemiah Aboriginal Wilderness Preserve around Chilko Lake. A two year cooperative project between WCWC, the Nemiah people and New Star Publishing has resulted in the release of the book, *NEMIAH, The Unconquered Country*, by Terry Glavin and the people of Nemiah Valley. The Nemiah people were forced to mount a blockade this Summer to prevent a section of the Aboriginal Preserve from being clearcut. They were successful.
* '93 directions - CORE will be deliberating on wilderness protection in the Chilko Lake region. WCWC will release a

Nemiah Valley, Chilco Lake

one hour video documentary on the fight to protect the wilderness country of the Nemiah people.
* Threats - The B.C. government still allows logging within the Nemiah Aboriginal Wilderness Preserve. The Nemiah people are on a constant watch for illegal logging on their territory.
* What you should do - Write the Minister of Economic Development, Small business and Trade, David Zirnelt, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4. Phone (604) 387-1241 or Fax (604) 387-0045. Zirnelt is the local MLA for the area.
* Local indigenous group needing your support - Nemiah Valley Indian Band, General Delivery, Nemiah Valley V0L 1X0

a difference for our environment.

In this critical period, when the time left for saving our wilderness is threatening to run out, we are dedicated to expanding our efforts for the rainforest but we really need the people-power to do so. Your time and suggestions would be very much appreciated. Call our centre at 756-0084 and leave a message for Sarah, Rosanne, or George. Let's make a positive difference to the future of our wild areas and get on with taking an active part in preserving the threatened first growth forests.

WCWC Volunteer Team Makes WCWC Strong

1992 has been a busy year for our dedicated volunteer team. Working together with WCWC staff, our volunteers have made possible all of the wilderness saving work that WCWC undertakes. Their efforts have been instrumental in many activities and campaigns including numerous mailouts of educational newsletters, giving talks and slideshows at schools and in the community, reconstruction of the Boise Fools' Gold Heritage Trail, the Annual Walk/Ride for the Environment and much more!

Special thanks from the WILD team go to our international volunteers for their invaluable help on the German text of our first international calendar - Thank you/Danke schon
- Kerry Dawson, Vancouver Volunteer Coordinator

Outreach Canvass Builds Membership Support

The WCWC Canvass has conducted a successful membership renewal drive this past season. Searching out past members and making it easy for them to rejoin also identifies a lot of new members. A surprising number of WCWC members move and forget to call or send the Committee a change of address. Talking to the new resident is fruitful: quite often that person joins!

The Canvass is running an environmentally sensitive operation. The crew consists of four bike-riding canvassers and canvassers on foot working their local neighbourhoods. One of the nice things about having a door to door canvass is that it gives our past members and other people a chance to find out about our campaign victories such as gaining a five year moratorium on logging in the lower Tsitika. We have also been updating people on the local watershed issue and bringing around recent specialized WCWC educational newspapers that have not been mailed out to everyone.

Canvassers are on the front line, out there meeting the public, finding out about their concerns and, most importantly, keeping our wilderness protection goals in the public eye. So if one of our hard working dedicated canvassers comes to your door, please respond positively to their special appeal!
- Ross Muirhead, Vancouver Canvass Manager

THE SPIRIT OF A PEOPLE AND THEIR LAND

Nemiah: The Unconquered Country by Terry Glavin, photos by Gary Fiegehen, Rick Blacklaws, Vance Hanna

Published by New Star Books Ltd. with Western Canada Wilderness Committee. November 1992.

-Mark Hume

The language of the native people of the Nemiah Valley might be unpronounceable to most of us, but their voices are clear enough in Terry Glavin's latest book.

In *Nemiah: The Unconquered Country*, Glavin captures the spirit of the land and the incredible people that live there.

Together with the photography of Gary Fiegehen, Rick Blacklaws, and Vance Hanna, this book is a powerful testament to how the land shapes the people - and how the people have shaped the land, through mythology and magic. The story, for example, as told by Rosalie Johnny, of *The Girl That Turned Into A Rock*, does more than describe a native belief. It makes the land part human; it makes it all mythical and spiritual. In non-native culture a story about a girl turning into a rock would be dismissed as unbelievable, but somehow, in this book, it seems undeniably true. After reading Rosalie's description you want more than anything to see that rock, and to feel the magic that must surround it.

There are stories here, too, about men and women that become mountains, about horses that ran out of meadows and went straight through the sky to heaven. Even if you don't want to believe that these things are literally true, you know by the way the stories are told that they come from the heart of the people. They explain much about the power of the Nemiah landscape and the people that live there - and make it clear why they are fighting so hard to protect their valley from an invasion by



logging companies.

Glavin examines the history of the Nemiah people and retells the little known story of the war that took place there. For perhaps the first time, the historical record of the war is juxtaposed with the native remembrance. It may be the most complete version of this story ever told.

Throughout the book Glavin's respect for native people, for their language, their culture, and their sense of the world, shines through. He records, interprets, and knows when they must speak without interruption.

Also throughout the book are short verbatim pieces that, no slight to Glavin's great writing intended, provide some of the most beautiful images. "You build a big campfire. Maybe tomorrow you're going to go, so you start singing. Maybe you got a drum. Something like that," says Henry Solomon in describing preparations for war. Glavin presents Solomon's dialogue as if it were a poem. Which it is.

This is a great book. Because of Glavin's writing. Because of the beautiful prose of the Nemiah people. And because of the photography. All in all, it's a remarkable collection. And if it doesn't make you want to run off to see this valley for yourself, and help protect it, you're dead.



It's Wednesday volunteer night at WCWC's Gastown office. Kerry Dawson

Dear Wilderness Committee Members and supporters In the Greater Vancouver Area.

I've been the Wilderness Committee store manager for about five months and I am excited about the job. I am also excited about our new products, especially our Christmas cards. Our store carries not only all the items in the WCWC catalogue but also all of the Committee's older publications including a complete set of posters from years past (there is hardly enough wall space to display them all). We have lots of Tee and sweatshirts not featured in our catalogue this year (which concentrated almost exclusively on new products).

I have been stocking up on other items including Rainforest Crunch, the wonderful candy that tastes so good and is environmentally correct! We also have Enviromints, another delicious candy, and a good selection of recycled paper products, environmental books, and greeting cards.

I'm sure you can find an environmentally appropriate present for everyone here at our store, including a lot of your stocking stuffers! It's my goal to help you avoid having to spend a lot of time in crowded malls doing your shopping this season!

When you come down to 20 Water Street, if possible, leave your car at home and give the atmosphere a break. We are only three and a half blocks from the seabus/sky train waterfront station. Of course, there is parking only two blocks away in Downtown Woodwards, along the street, and in six lots all less than two blocks away from the store.

When you're here doing your holiday shopping, consider visiting our office in the back. You might even want to sit down and rest your feet a while doing a little volunteering. We always have some envelopes that need

stuffing, letters needing to be written and stamping to be done. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for bargains we always have some surprise sale items. There are posters at greatly reduced prices because they are slightly damaged (like having a corner bent you'd never notice!). Our regular staff, Jennifer and Helen, who have been working in the store for more than three years, and our newest employees, Mami and Matt, will be happy to help you find what you need.

I look forward to seeing you. I appreciate all the feedback I get from Wilderness Committee store customers. Shop early and pick up our new WCWC Christmas Cards before the rush and know all the profits are going to help save wilderness.

Sincerely
Chantelle Desharnais,
Store Manager

WCWC CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

One of the best ways a WCWC friend can help is to donate much needed equipment and supplies. Here is the staff's wish list.

- * Delivery van & bush truck - to service our round-town needs & bush needs
- * Mechanic services - to keep our van and research camp truck running.
- * Garage space and tools - so we can do our own vehicle maintenance.
- * Mountain bikes - to travel rough logging roads.
- * Lopping shears, chainsaws and mattocks - for trail clearing.
- * Tarps, tents and camping equipment - to supply our bush camps.
- * Tape recorders - to record speeches and special events.
- * Radio phones - for communicating with our trail crews and research camps.
- * Kodak slide projectors, screens and carousels - for school slide shows.
- * 35 mm camera and film - to record the great outdoors.
- * Video cameras - to record events, wilderness areas, bad logging practices.
- * 386 Computers, monitors, printers, text scanner, software - for WCWC publication production and campaigning.
- * Fax machines - so we can communicate with our writers and branch offices.
- * Climbing ropes, hardware & webbing (new) - so we can upgrade our canopy research platforms.
- * Scissors, staplers, tape dispensers - we are always in need of this stuff.
- * Envelopes, bond paper (case lots) - We can print over an existing name and put our own logo and name on envelopes that have gone out of style.
- * Magazine and newspaper subscriptions - so we can keep up-to-date.
- * Names of people interested in helping save wilderness - so we can quadruple our membership in 1993.
- * Your precious time - as a volunteer.



DESTRUCTION OR PRESERVATION.....

The choice is **YOURS!**



You must know at least three people who feel as deeply about the need for more wilderness preservation as you do. At least three people who are as angry as you are at the wave of destruction of wild places. Now is the time to work together. Now is the time for you and at least three of your friends to get active with the Committee.

Fight back! Help your friends and relatives join WCWC today! The Committee's goal for 1993 is to have four times as many members and to be ten times as effective in saving wild places. All it will take is for each WCWC member to sign up three friends or relatives, now! Why not make a WCWC membership your gift to them?



If there is a SANTA... hear these important WCWC wishes

Okanagan - \$5,000 desperately needed to hire forester Herb Hammond to do a study of the Kelowna South Slopes which are imminently threatened by over-reactive clearcutting against the bark beetle.

Alberta - \$150,000 to launch a WCWC boreal forest research station and expand the popular knowledge about this forest.

White Rock - \$12,000 to help defray costs to continue to fight against the Northview golf course.

Victoria - \$35,000 to fund a full time campaigner to make the most of the CORE process.

Nelson - \$5,000 for a Lasca poster.

Ottawa - \$25,000 to mass produce and distribute an 8 page bilingual tabloid against James Bay II.

Mid-Island - \$10,000 to begin construction of links to connect the Vancouver Island Backbone Trail.

Vancouver Main Office - \$60,000 to hire and fund a Branch Liaison to strengthen Branches and organize new branches in rural communities...and to hire and fund a Membership Development person to meet our goal of quadrupling WCWC's membership in 1993.

Yes! I understand the urgency of the situation!
Yes! I know that wilderness must be preserved!

I will help save wild plants, wild animals and wild places---the fountain of life on Earth.

I want to:

☐ Renew my membership (mailing label has expiry date) or become a new member.

Enclosed is ☐ \$30 (1 year) ☐ \$60 (2 years) ☐ \$150 (5 years)

☐ Give a gift membership(s) to:

Name (please print) _____ Address _____

_____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Send in an additional sheet with names if needed. Enclosed is \$ _____ (\$30 each)

☐ Present you with a ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 _____ other donation.

I understand my gift is tax deductible (Reg. charity No. 587113-21-28.)

PLEASE USE IT ALL TO SAVE WILDERNESS!

Your Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Please clip or photocopy. Make your cheque payable to WCWC. Send to the attention of Paul George, Founder, Western Canada Wilderness Committee, 20 Water St., Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1A4. Tel (604)-683-8220. Fax (604)-683-8229. Every action, every donation counts...no matter how small!

Photo top left: Truck, loaded with old-growth logs, on road near Carmanah/Walbran Valleys. Garth Lenz.

Photo to right: North Arm of Escalante, Clayoquot Sound showing recent clear-cutting to the edge of the river in contravention of guidelines. Garth Lenz.

Photo centre: Beautiful Clayoquot Sound, unlogged slopes of Flores Island in background. Garth Lenz.



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