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 embodieman 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 continued on page 3.

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

And, on behalf of the people of BC, I'll be going to Europe to counter the misinformation campaigns of environmentalists...
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 small additions to local parks, like Gospel Rock near Gibsons, get a rough ride. The remaining patches of old growth forest on Tetrachordon plateau, the wellspring of the coastal watersheds, are still not preserved despite years of efforts. The Tetrachordon 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 Carraig. Here, Canada's oldest stump, located in a clearcut near a patch of forest stands as a testament to the shortsightedness of the forest industry. There is a good chance that one of the Carraig's ancient yellow cedars is even older than this artifact of a 1700 year old tree. You think this small area would immediately be recognized as a treasure, cherished and preserved. Not so. The coastal forest local districts have proposed to save a third of the remaining old growth—of course, the third with the scrubbiest of trees—and intend to clearcut the rest.

Every weekend last summer the Friends of the Carraig conducted tours into the Carraig'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 in their family, my wife Adriane, son Terren (9) and daughter Kallie (9), took the tour with a group of 30 other enthusiasts this September. I had never seen such open, park-like temperate rain forest brought to mind the observation made by our staff forester, Mark Waring, that every old growth forest is different. Once you have seen one, you've seen them all.

The Walbran, though adjacent to Carraig, is notably different—and worse. We have protection just as much as the unique ecosystem in Carraig and more, than ever that we must win the preservation of the Carraig 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 Fey, 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 Carraig, 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 WCWW to have many more active branches. WCWW branches build our membership. And having many, many more active members is the only way we are going to win. Politicians base the size of committees, ships 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, Winnepeg, Regina, and countless other places—everywhere there is 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 up? It's 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 hell-bent 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
Founder

VANCOUVER SUN GOES ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL WCWW CRIES FOUL

Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWW) accused the Vancouver Sun today of taking an anti-wilderness, anti-environmental editorial stance. 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 advertising, we have noticed a drift away from B.C. environmental reporting," said campaign coordinator Joe Fey. 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 Fey. "For the Taxpayers' Watchdog 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!" Fey was also angry that the Sun claims enough old growth forest is already protected in parks to ensure survival of ancient forest-dependent species and at the Sun's support of clearer logging. "The Sun's editorial stance flies in the face of the facts and simply muddies forest industry propaganda," said Fey.

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. It's a way to make money, a major green campaign to suit," said Fey. "It's bad enough that the forest companies are mucking around in our drinking water source, now they have their bourgeois in our newspaper," said Fey.

For more information, please contact...

WCWW Vancouver - Joe Fey - (604) 683-8220

Friday October 16, 1992

sent to media outlets & environment groups across Canada, U.K., and Europe

Information on Burson Marsteller & Sun editorial available on request via fax
Vancouver Island’s BACKBONE TRAIL

From metropolitan cycling and nature trails to a national heritage trail from sea to sea, trails of all kinds 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 from a conservation 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 scenery in the world. It is the hope of the organizers that the proposed trail will provide users with access to a full complement of high quality outdoor recreation experience in Vancouver Island’s high country.

So far the project has been a group effort and our thanks go to the many hiking and recreation 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 Galloping Goose Trail to Leechtown, 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 Delta 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 unexplored.

Vancouver Island's BACKBONE TRAIL
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.

**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 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 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 to mayor Gordon Campbell, Chairman of the GVRD, GVRD, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4C5.

* Local environment group needing support - Environmental Youth Alliance, Box 34079, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 7M1. Phone (604) 737-2258.

**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 areas 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, provincial government 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 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.

**WEST COAST TRAIL RAINFREEST**

Carmahan, Halbran, Klawana, Sandstone etc.

* 92 Highlights - In the spring we published an eight-page education report—a full-colour tabloid newspaper—calling for the 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.

Sometime 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 Wildness 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 Carmahan and Lower Walbran Valleys, most of the West Coast Trail Carmahan 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 (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.

**CARMAHAN RESEARCH STATION HIGHLIGHTS**

In the spring of 92, new species of insects were discovered in the forest canopy of Upper Carmahan Valley. The discoveries were made 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 stabilit, the marbled murrelet. A marbled murrelet chick was found on the forest floor of the Upper Carmahan. 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).
**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 such a response from our members writing to the government as we saw on the Tatshenahini 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 - Looking for 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 this international park. WCWC will continue its mass education program with more Tatshenahini publications.

**Tatshenahini 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 Tatshenahini. The goal is to counteract 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 into the WCWC catalogue. B.C. Environment Minister, John Cashore, has been invited to read this book at Tatshenahini Wilderness Quest and other river adventures, by Robert Hargreaves, (WCWC catalogue). B.C. Environment Minister, John Cashore, has been invited to read this book at Tatshenahini Wilderness Quest and other river adventures, by Robert Hargreaves.

**TARLOPE AND KHUTZYE MATEEN -**

* 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 Kitlope as a coastal Grizzly bear sanctuary - no logging or road development allowed.

**CARIBOO MOUNTAINS**

Summit, Blue Lead, Niagra, Porphyrid, Blackened, Matthew. (Needs 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 for logging. The logging started this fall is disastrous to local fish habitat and wilderness. Our decision to log this valley was apparently made because of an intense logging lobby centered in the town of Williams Lake. The B.C. government has given the Blue Lead logging operations 200 West Fraser Ltd. 25 per cent over some of the Cariboo Mountain area. The logging started this fall is disastrous to local fish habitat and wilderness.

**CASCLEGAR CHAPTER - KOOTENAY BRANCH**

The Casclegar Chapter of the Kootenay Branch is actively working to gain support for the preservation of the Casclegar Creek Wilderness Study Area, located on the Lower Arrow Lakes within Teler Farm License 23. The casclegar Creek is the only roadless area of suitable size for wilderness designation on the entire Upper and Lower Arrow Lakes. The Hinchinson Creek study area, as proposed by the Porphyrid and Niagra Parks and Wilderness for the 90's, consists of approximately 5,000 hectares that is designated "non-operable" for timber harvesting. Our chapter and other interested groups, including the B.C. Wildlife 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 Parritt, WILD Mapping

1992 - Building the International Network

WILD's 1992 efforts were 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 chance so far to address deep-rooted local and international environment and development problems, set in motion a new path toward saving the planet global environmental collapse and produce a blueprint for a new era of environmental 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 Adrianne Carr, Executive Director of WILD, travelled to Paris for a pre-UNCED consultation with Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Adrianne 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 La Vivandiere, the conference 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. Adrianne, together with Ian Parritt, 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—WILD Committee style.

They intensively networked, improving contacts with NGOs working for wilderness conservation around the world. They distributed WCWC newspapers—including the fact sheet on the WILD Campaign tabled— to all 15,000 Congress participants.

They almost created a riot by giving away a limited number of WILD Endangered Wilderness Calendars and Backpacks.

They held meetings with WILD’s partners working on its Latin America mapping project: Silvia Pardi from BIOMA in Venezuela, Herman Versheure from CODEFF in Chile, Claudio Gallo of SOS Mata Atlantica in Brazil, and Silcho Inchaustegui from Grupo Jaraquí in Dominican Republic.

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

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

Four preparatory committee meetings (PrepComs) were held in the lead up to UNCED. Adrianne and WILD researcher, Ramona Tiberand, 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 Fenun 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 term implies soils, waters and species other 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

WILD's Rio Team comprised Adrianne, Ian and Ramona as well as Ganga Jolaweek, Latin America Liaison for WILD's mapping project, and Mark Wareing, WILD's Director of distributing tree-growing kits and helping to organize the official UNCED conference, where he held a press conference with Colin McCrory of the Vauballa Wilderness Society and Vicky Hasburgh of the Sierra Club.

WILD's program in 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 work in Galapagos at the WILD Forum - the NGO parallel conference to UNCED, and Adrianne and Ian together gave a presentation on WILD's mapping work at the Earth Parliament, at the UNCED parallel event focusing on Indigenous peoples. All members of the team handed out posters, sold calendars and talked about the work of the Committee at the WILD booth at the Forum.

The WILD-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!

WILD was a success! Some people say no, pointing to the failure of the forest convention, the watering down of the climate change convention by removing specific targets, Bush's refusal to sign the biodiversity convention, and 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 link 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.

CHILE CAMPAIGN

Since 1990, WILD has been working with the CODEFF Committee for the Defense of Nature, a Chilean environmental 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 a rally, a concert, the singing of Beatles' Jolaweek, and a slide show by Alex Frid. We raised about onethird of the money necessary to print and distribute a newspaper to help publicize the plight of Chile's temperate and tundra forests. This all paralleled our old growth battle in BC.

On December 1, 1992 WILD took the Simon Fraser University Latin American Studies Program to the CODEFF 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.

Climate Change - A Conference and a Storm -
Earth Summit, June, 1992, Ian Parritt

Mark Wareing, WILD forester, staffs WILD-WILD booth at the June, 1992 Rio Earth Summit, Ian Parritt.
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 need letter-writers more than ever. WILD 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 bank of supporters constantly needs updating. Our research files are always in need of work. We have stacks of newspapers, 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 Parritt. Kerry Dawson

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**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 Wild Tour, which we helped organize.

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

- **WILD campaigns** 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 Sven Robinson’s fact-finding trip into Sarawak.
- **WILD met with** Malaysian delegates at ProCom in New York, and the Malaysian delegation to UNCED, including the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister of Sarawak. WILD presented members of the Sarawak 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, Sven Robinson and Wade Davis in early 1992, when Anderson Mutang Urdur, 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 demanding the Penan’s detention and distribution information at the Tourism Malaysia seminars held in October, 1992 in Vancouver.

WILD will continue to mobilize support for the Penan and other people’s 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 of the world’s tropical rainforests? Please call us at (604) 669-9455.

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**IRLAN JAYA**

Irlan Jaya Native beside “Loggers keep out sign” that has been erected on territorial boundary. Endangered Peoples Project

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**WILD CAMPAIGN MISSION**

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**DO NOT VISIT MALAYSIA!**
Poster used on WILD Informational Picket Line showing eco-destroying logging in Malaysia.

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**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 site 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 rainforests remaining 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, Wallyna, and Clayoquot, Day. A scattered few can be found now in the foothills of the Fraser Valley—a region which one Premier calls B.C.’s biggest desert.

Remarkably, in a time-span that is less than 1/10 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 covered our civilization in this site with steel and concrete buildings and paved roads.

Somewhere there should be a museum devoted to celebrating the ancient temperate rainforests that once blanketed 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 dock—and launching campaigns to save the last of the still natural valleys of ancient temperate rainforests remaining left in B.C., we have come up with an idea of what we believe most tourists never get to see B.C. once they leave, and why they bring one of the giants to them, into our current store office and create a small world class museum around it.

With the help of Ben Lyons, an artist extremely talented in depicting three dimensional subjects, we envisioned what our premises would look like if a 50-tree exhibition over 1000-year-old red cedar log become the heart of our building—the centre piece for our Ancient Forest Museum and gift shop.

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

**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

**1993 Ancient Log Tour**

Canada • USA • Europe

- Anti-clearcut
- 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 it 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.’s 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 will 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 dependent 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, native, 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 selective logging methods, industrial scaling to increase the number of jobs per tree cut, and an economic “buyout” of people logging by wood and paper products that come from sustainable logging operations and from non-polluting factories.
VICTORIA BRANCH

The Victoria branch of WCWC has undergone some changes this past summer. Though we are sorry to lose several significant and long-time members, our new team has real zeal, skill, and talent. Onward they go to continue the work of the branch- and many thanks to some members- under further difficulty- Captain Vancouver

Canvas

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 canvass reporter and is now campaign manager in August. Keeping the canvassers informed about the daily happenings on the campaign 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 bookkeeping and maintaining our budget. Though he's been known to see red, his numbers are in the black.

Chairperson

We are pleased to present Russ Forrester, the newly elected chair of the Victoria Branch. Russ, a local businessperson, remains enthusiastic about our new challenges and old goals (the forest industry). As you can imagine, acting as a "chief" requires the patience, 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:
Alison Spriggs, Russ Forrester, Andrew Young, Jay Zimmermann, Sean Hogan and Misty McDuffie.

Marketing

Our veteran employee, Sean Hogan, leads a double life at WCWC Victoria though he refuses to be pigeon holed and seems very capable. Sean has been managing the wholesale activities of the Victoria Branch for over two years. Along the road, he has organized various fundraising activities, e.g. benefit concerts, slide shows, and wild (wildness 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 "singer, guitar player, cowboy-salesman from beautiful Sarnia, Ontario, who may or may not actually eat a cow, but likes 'em" if one just has, has made a significant contribution to the Victoria Branch.

Campaigner

As of September, WCWC Victoria has increased the dynamic duo of MacDuffie and Zimmermann. As we have discussed in the past, there are high expectations but little financial reward. Misty MacDuffie has previously worked in communications and the biodiversity project. With her background in ecology/biology and her

extensive work as a freelance scientist, she has been in the eyes of local environmentalists as an excellent choice for our campaign team.

Jay Zimmermann strengthens the Committee's initiatives in developing alternatives that are 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, economic transition, forest land tenure reform, and personal economic change. "Drifting isn't good enough", "I'm working on the forest industry."

Volunteers

The heartwood of WCWC Victoria's existence lies in the dedication of our volunteers. Our volunteers are responsible for such activities as public relations, schools, displays, art shows, fundraising, the store and all of the clean up of the store are all done by volunteers! As Margaret Mead once said, "Niner days of a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." Not bad for a group of dedicated citizens.

Titska as their legacy. Derek and Donald will be sorely missed by the Wilderness Committee.

Wilderness

Victoria

WCWC Victoria has recently initiated coordination and development of ENGO participation in the Vancouver Island Conservation Commission on Resources and Environment (CORE) process. This is the first step towards protecting a consensus 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 so obvious as it is now becoming in our community watershed.

To support and get active in the Victoria Branch, please contact
#102 - 19 Easton Square, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1J1
Phone: (604) 388-9292, Fax: (604) 388-9273.

KOOTENAY BRANCH IN FORMATION

92 years ago this October, the Nechako Tribesmen paved the way for the newly completed Nine Mile Trail. It took them four months and 11 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 a semblance of reassurance. At least it was more information needed and it became obvious that this area was the last tract (50,000 hectares) of unrooed wilderness left in the southern Columbia Mountains and included sizable stands of old growth forest which had survived the fires set by prospectors 100 years ago.

No longer content to talk and dissapate 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 business into a constrictive 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/ process, we got the word to include Lasca Creek in any sort of study area delim and "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. Each with presentations by an environmental group regarding the area's water, soils, wildlife, transpiration, overall growth, biodiversity, and native issues it becomes more and more apparent to board members just how narrow the MoF position is and how incompetent they are at holistic thinking.

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Campaign

Our campaign to conserve the 3% of the magnificent lower Tsitska Valley, including Katherine Creek and the threatened Robson River, has resulted in the acceptance of the Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Conservation Area, a recommendation of a five year moratorium on logging in the lower valley.

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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 logging abandoned forest wilderness areas will be roadeed and/or logged in the next 5-4 years. We are rapidly losing conservation options and jeopardizing the fragile balance of the island's biodiversity.

The chance to protect the Lasca Valley- and drinking water is greater than ever with WCWC Victoria and the Sierra Club leading the
ALBERTA BRANCH IN FORMATION

WCW - BOREAL FOREST CAMPAIGN


After talking with an old friend, Paul George, who said that the Branch-in-Formation in Alberta needed someone to devote full time and talent to the cause, Gray head ed out with little money (WCW main office was not in a position to help financially) and a few WCW calendars to sell. He established an annual winter door to door 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 WCW attacks on the sellout of Alberta's boreal forests to mining and pulp and paper companies and mega-projects, including Daishowa and the proposed giant Al-Pac project, that verged 'in-line' on their bleak pulp mill in the world.

Volunteers came forward. The campaign intensified. The first issues tackled were Daishowa's laogic, which has cost the white spruce in Wooden Buffalo National Park and the threatened logging of the homeland of the Lubicon Cree people.

Working with Fred Lenardon, Lubicon tribal advisor, and the Lubicon people who had launched the boycott of Daishowa paper products across Canada, the Daishowa offices in Edmonton became a centre of WCW protests activities.

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

Regular public education protests occurred and increasingly a sign手工 out, on the street in front of 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 WCW- West conducted a 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 become one of the most 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 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. V8W 1X4. Phone (604) 387-1241 or Fax (604) 387-0045.

* Support us - WCW-West Kootenays Branch-in-formation, Box 186, Nelson, BC V0L 5P9

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/2 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 the history and the construction situation of James Bay Phase II and focusing on the Hydro Canada and Environmental Impact statement public reviews. An educational, bi-lingual newspaper on James Bay II is in the editing stage.

Summer Membership Drive - Jean Lee

One hundred new members joined WCW in the Ottawa Branch area this past summer. Many thanks to you in Ottawa-Canada, 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

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Our program entails the wide circulation of a questionnaire 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 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 high schools. Our goal is to have a report ready for release this winter.

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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 $450,000 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 off, and restructuring of, its debt; eliminating 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, WCW Controller
Michael Carney, WCW Accountant

Western Canada Wilderness Committee
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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
1,028,051
Sales of educational materials
572,844
900,142
Special educational projects
66,722
84,807
Total revenue
1,422,788
2,027,028

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
403,958
511,220
Total expenditures
1,552,843
2,389,931
Excess (deficiency) of revenue
(130,056)
(12,033)

BALANCE SHEET

As at April 30

1992
Preliminary
All
branches
Vancouver only

1991
资产负债表

Current
Cash
(7,836)
42,994
Cash - grant accounts
6,629
Accounts receivable
35,909
36,301
Inventory
226,627
420,766
Prepaid expenditures
2,468
18,623
Work in progress
275,876
558,682
Total current assets
1,136,897
2,145,915

Fixed assets
46,468
77,594
Branch accounts
24,232
Total assets
346,596
636,376

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Current
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities
344,314
511,614
Bank indebtedness
45,000
0
Total current liabilities
390,414
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 directors wish to stand for WCWC's 1992-93 board. 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)683-4229.

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 Bogodom, writer
Bob Broughton, systems analyst
Nick Cuff, printer
Craig Delahunt, television producer
Alice Eaton, retired
Annie George, hospital clerk, IT, operations
Doug Good, horse-person
Ian Mackenzie, photographer
Linda Robertson, lawyer

1992 Wilderness Committee's Educational Newspapers.

J.P. Lefrançois
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 establishes two new membership categories and that its annual fee be $40 (CDN).

(This resolution is...)

RESOLVED THAT Western Canada Wilderness Committee establishes an Action Membership and that its annual fee be $80.

(Reason: We need a special kind of membership for those who want to be very active in promoting the Wilderness Committee. This membership category is for those who want to get copies of all WCW's free educational publications, to be informed through monthly newsletter alerts about critical issues, and who commit to writing at least four letters to a year to decision makers about specific wilderness issues.)

RESOLVED THAT Western Canada Wilderness Committee...
OKANAGON BRANCH

WCWC Okanagan has had a very busy and productive year. We have established new relationships with all of the local communities—thus far, as well as our members at large. This in itself can be quite a challenge! The main focus has been the shift of the Okanagan Highlands branch from Vernon to Kelowna. This just is not practical to be 50 miles apart. The branch executive meets every month, rotating between Vernon, Kelowna, and Penticton to be as accessible to as many people as possible.

The Kelowna Committee group has had a very busy year. Kelowna is facing major challenges, largely because of its huge population growth, and the lack of adequate planning to accommodate it. Therefore our work is focused on desperately trying to preserve the natural areas—both large and small—which surround our city. Our aims are to educate people about this area’s value and to build a real network of campsites and feeder trails. On the forestry front things are not as promising. We live in a semi-arid desert area with thin, poor, sandy soils. We are facing imminent danger of creating permanent desertified areas on our ridges. Therefore we call on you to help us in this desperate effort to preserve these areas of Okanagan.

Mike Whitaker has put a tremendous effort into working with the city’s Natural Features Committee to establish the Linear Parks Committee, and we are beginning to see some hope for protection of natural areas in Kelowna. Other good news is that the newly-formed Okanagan Regional District Link has adopted our Okanagan Highlands Community Forest as the first area of land within the region to have a sustainable Forest Management Plan. This area was chosen because it is the largest of the three major forest areas in the Okanagan Valley. The next step is to secure the area from logging and development. This will have far reaching effects on the environment, and we are extremely proud to be a part of this effort. The initiative to create a regional plan has already started, and we hope to see it completed within the next few years.

KOYEY - 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 watersheds with high salmon fisheries values, the Koyey, was granted a temporary logging moratorium. A similar moratorium that was a result of an expedition by environmentalists has discovered that virtually all other south coast watersheds are threatened by immediate road building and logging activities.

Mount of the Koyey River. Bob Little

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

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 preserving the area’s land and environment. The group is currently working on developing a local forest plan and is negotiating with the local government to protect the area 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 an opportunity for people to experience the local bird life of the bay. It has since become a regular feature of our program and has been well-received. More events are planned for this year.

Birds of Boundary Bay

There is now a weekly column in the Peace Arch News called "Birds of Boundary Bay," written by a local expert. This column is very popular, and requests for copy are being received. The goal is to introduce more people to the beauty of the life of Boundary Bay. She makes a wonderful bird and is diligent, and her column is sure to attract more newcomers.

Boundary Bay Biosphere Reserve Proposal

A “Biosphere Reserve” is a United Nations designation which promotes the preservation of natural and cultural values in areas where there is intense development pressure. We are working with the Boundary Bay Conservation Committee to prepare a proposal for the area. This proposal is a positive solution to the conflict over Boundary Bay. Watch for more details as this campaign develops.

OKANAGAN HIGHLANDS TRAIL

WESTERN CANADA WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

OPPOSING THE LOCAL COUNCILS BECAUSE MOST OF THE SUBJECT AREAS ARE WITHIN THEIR ADJACENT LAND MATTERS AND AFFECTS THEIR LAND CLAIMS.

The Okanagan Highlands Trail is a proposed trail that would run from Vernon to Kelowna. The trail is intended to provide a connecting link between the two cities, and would also serve as a recreational area for citizens.

KOYEY - Mid Coast

The Koyey River is a tributary of the Fraser River, and is home to a variety of fish species. The river is currently under threat from logging and development plans, and efforts are being made to protect it.

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CHILCOTIN COUNTRY

*92 highlights - Early in 1992, WCWC presented a report to the government to protect the Nemiah Valley, a place of outstanding beauty.

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One hour video documentary on the fight to protect the wildness of the Nemiah Valley by the local people.

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Midland Branch

- George Gibson

The Midland Branch elected a new Board of Directors in April of this year. Our new executive includes Chairperson, George Gibson; Secretary, Roy Kelly; Treasurer, David Zbinden; and Directors and Jennifer Williams and Phil Stone who keep us apprised of issues in the North West.

We've been relocating our Branch’s energy on wilderness preservation and on improving communication with our membership by setting up an environmental resource centre in our Country Club Mall store, by starting up monthly coffee houses at the Scout Hut in Invermere, and by organizing events like the Wildwood Family Fun Day that took place in November. At the same time, Wilkinson's selectively logged old-growth forest in Yellowpoint (a rural area on the outskirts of Nanaimo).

By demonstrating a greater appreciation of the land and as such as developments at Neck Point and Laxley Valley as well as having the land to back the Backbone Trail project, we can offer an outlet for individuals who want to feel empowered and want to make a difference for our environment.

In this critical period, when the time left for saving our wilderness is running out, we are dedicated to protecting our forests and the rainforest but we really need the people-power to do so. Without time, our efforts would be very much appreciated. Call our centre at 416-366-0115 or write to our executive for Sarah, Roseanne, or George. Let's make a positive difference to the future of our world, and get on to take an active part in preserving the threatened first-growth forests.
WCW Volunteer Team Makes WCW Strong

1992 has been a busy year for our dedicated volunteer team. Working together with WCW staff, our volunteers have made possible all of the wilderness saving work that WCW undertakes. Their efforts have been instrumental in many activities. From door to door canvassing and making it easy for them to return also identifies a lot of new members. A surprising number of WCW 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 is hearing someone 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 Tsilxwa. We have also been updating people on the local issue and bringing around recent specialized WCW 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 work 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

Nenhah: The Unconquered

Country by Terry Glavin, photos by Gary Fiegenb, 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 place names and music.

The story, for example, as told by Rosalie Johnson, 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. Its ability to make a culture a story is a gift. A girl turning into a rock would be dismissed as unbelievable, but somehow, in the book, it's understandable.

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

Most of the book is about native culture. It is a story of survival and of the need to save the culture.

Also throughout the book are short descriptions of places that, no slight to Glavin's great writing intended, provide some of the most beautiful images. Places that are special to the people and camps that may, for a moment, return you to a time of peace.

The book is a great book. Because of Glavin's writing. Because of the beauty of the Nenhah 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!
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 1983 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 irremediably 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 - $50,000 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 1983.

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

Photo right: North Arm of Escolante, Clayoquot Sound showing recent clearcutting 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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Text: Branch reporters, Joe Roy
Editor: Adrian Carter
Design and Layout: Sue Fox Gregory

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. 887713-21-28-J)

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!