



Annual Report

for the year ended 30 April 2007



WESTERN CANADA
**WILDERNESS
COMMITTEE**



We'll Miss You Colleen

The Wilderness Committee and Canada mourned the loss of a great friend and hero, Colleen McCrory, who passed away July 1st, 2007.

Colleen was the Valhalla Wilderness Society's lead campaigner as well as a former director of the Wilderness Committee. She was one of the giants of the wilderness preservation movement.

A list of some of the awards Colleen earned gives a glimpse of her incredible energy and drive to protect nature. They are: the 1983 Governor-General's Conservation Award for outstanding contributions to protection of the environment, the 1988 International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources' (IUCN) Fred M. Packard International Parks Merit Award, the 1990 Equinox Citation for Environmental Achievement, the 1992 Goldman Environmental Prize for outstanding grassroots environmental initiatives and the 1992 United Nations Global 500 Roll of Honour.

In 1983 Colleen and the Valhalla Wilderness Society, won her first campaign with the establishment of Valhalla Provincial Park. She went on to work on many other successful efforts, including creating South Moresby Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve. At the time of her passing Colleen was working to complete her dream of protecting Canada's inland rainforest, a dream we share and are committed to fulfilling. For more information on the campaign and to make donations in Colleen's memory, visit www.vws.org.



Welcome

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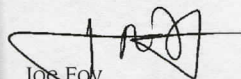
If we had to say what makes this past year different from others at the Wilderness Committee, several trends stand out.

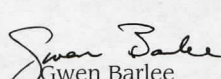
Citizen action — It seems that every school, village, town and neighborhood across Canada now has groups of people volunteering their time and energy to protect endangered forests and species, preserve parkland, protect wild rivers, or fight climate change — to name just a few of their good works.

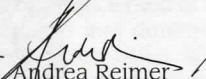
City folk and country folk together — We knew that this year was going to be different when we saw Wilderness Committee activists and timber workers standing shoulder to shoulder in BC, attending protests to end raw log shipments to offshore mills. In Manitoba it didn't matter whether you hailed from a big town or a tiny village, everyone we met wanted their endangered woodland caribou herds protected.

Governments wrapped in green — These days governments across the land don't make any announcement without first wrapping it up as 'good for the environment'. That's because politicians know that citizen concern is at an all time high. But not all announcements are in reality good for the environment. Manitoba continuing to allow logging in its parks and BC's push to expand Vancouver's freeways are just two examples of backward thinking.

It's been a good year: record membership growth, campaign success, and strong citizen support for our campaigns. Thank you for your continued support!


Joe Foy
Campaign Director


Gwen Barlee
Policy Director


Andrea Reimer
Executive Director


Matt Jong
Comptroller

2006-07: A Wild Year

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Our Wild Vision

The Wilderness Committee works to protect Canada's remaining native biodiversity. Our programs focus on five priority areas.

Wildlands

Boreal River Valleys • Clayoquot Sound • East Shore Wilderness Area • Inland Rainforest • Okanagan-Similkameen National Park • St'át'imc Old-growth Forests • Vancouver Island Ancient Forests • Wild Spirit Places

Wildlife

BC Species at Risk Act • Mountain Caribou • Federal Species at Risk Act • Grizzly Bear • Marbled Murrelet • Orca • Spotted Owl • Woodland Caribou

Public Lands Defence

Parks Defence (BC & Manitoba) • Stop River Privatization

Wild Salmon

Offshore Drilling Moratorium • Stop Salmon Farms • Wild Salmon Rivers

Healthy Communities

Agricultural Land Defence • Ban Raw Log Exports • Climate Action • Drinking Water • Stop Gateway Highway Expansion • Turning the Tide on Toxins





Formed in 1980 by a small band of citizens determined to preserve Canada's natural biodiversity in the face of growing industrial development, the Wilderness Committee has since grown to over 30,000 members. We have five staffed offices across the country and several volunteer-run chapters. We've had many successes over our 27 years, helping gain protection for over 40 major wilderness areas, including critical wildlife habitats and some of the world's last large tracts of temperate rainforest and boreal forest.

But much remains to be done: the march of industrial development is relentless and our wild vision is large.

Scientists predict that, due to current trends of accelerating resource use and natural ecosystem disruptions by humans, one-quarter to one-half of the estimated 30 million different species now living on Earth will be forced into extinction over the next 50 years. If allowed to happen, it will be the worst die-off of life in the history of the planet. Already an estimated 27,000 species are going extinct each year — a thousand times the normal rate.

The majority of species are found in Earth's wild ("frontier") forests. Less than 20 percent of Earth's wild forests are left intact. Yet, according to conservation biologists, about 40 percent of the land base should be protected in order to fully conserve biodiversity, still leaving enough land for people to live comfortably and sustainably. Canada is one of the only jurisdictions with sufficient wilderness left to be able to protect 40 percent of our land base in wilderness preserves.

The Wilderness Committee's current efforts are guided by a five year plan which spans 2004-2009. This plan prioritizes protection for Western Canada's most threatened ecosystems such as remaining old-

growth forests in southern BC, the 'pocket desert' in the Okanagan-Similkameen, and large intact boreal forests in northern Alberta, Saskatchewan and eastern Manitoba.

Our wildlife program targets protection for the habitat of Canada's most critically at-risk species such as the spotted owl and Manitoba's woodland caribou. At the same time, we are working to strengthen legislation so that citizens can be assured of protection for all species at risk.

In addition, our wild pacific salmon program focuses on marine protection from salmon farms and offshore drilling. Even when protection is gained for an area, changes to protected areas legislation and funding cuts have eroded the ecological integrity of our parks. Thus, a necessary part of our work is defending parks and ensuring they have the resources they need to maintain biodiversity. Other policies which compromise public lands — such as stopping proposed river privatization projects in BC — are also campaigns we aim to win.

The urgency of our work is underlined by ever-increasing scientific evidence of the impacts of climate change and widespread toxic pollution, and the stress these two massive threats are placing on our remaining wild places. These concerns have led us to include programs aimed at fighting highway expansion, protecting local farmland and diminishing toxins in our environment. This compliments our other work to support healthy communities: supporting local economies by standing up against raw log exports and working to protect drinking watersheds.



Victories!

What's New

Over our 27 year history we've helped to gain protection for over 40 major wilderness areas in Western Canada, including millions of hectares of critical wildlife habitats and some of the world's last large tracts of old-growth temperate rainforest and boreal forest. This year saw new victories: working in conjunction with others, we helped to extend new protections for wildlands, wildlife, parks and healthy communities.



Caribou Listed in Manitoba

In June 2006 the Manitoba government finally listed the **woodland caribou** under the *Manitoba Endangered Species Act (MESA)* after many years of work by the Wilderness Committee to draw public attention to the impact on woodland caribou from habitat loss. While listing is a big step forward, until the habitat of these beautiful animals is protected as is legally required by *MESA*, these high-risk herds of caribou will accelerate down their path to extinction.

Moratoriums: Holding the Line

When the provincial government announced logging plans for the intact watersheds of **Clayoquot Sound**, the Wilderness Committee joined with other environmental groups to issue a renewed call for protection of Clayoquot Sound. A nation-wide public outcry ensued and the moratorium on logging Clayoquot's intact valleys held. The environmental groups and the aboriginal owners of the territory are meeting to find solutions that both protect ancient forests and provide for local livelihood.

The Squamish Nation are the new owners of Tree Farm License 38 and have ensured that the moratorium on logging in any of the **Wild Spirit Places** such as the Upper Elaho, Sims Valley and west side of the Squamish River holds strong.

Similarly, the St'át'imc Nation have ensured that the moratorium on any industrial development in **Lost Creek Valley** and **Melvin Creek Valley** is maintained while they continue government to government negotiations.

New & Renewed Park Reserves

In December the Manitoba government announced they were extending protection for another five years on the Goose Islands, Grand Island, Kinwow Bay, Pelican Islands, Pemmican Island, and Sturgeon Bay Park Reserves, all of which were due to expire. In addition, Grand Island Park Reserve was expanded to include the Cormorant Islands, a colonial nesting site for migratory shore birds. A joint Wilderness Committee and CPAWS initiative helped 1,400 Manitobans contact government to voice support of renewing these Park Reserves in the weeks leading up to the decision.

Habitat Protection for Owls

For many years, the Wilderness Committee has called attention to the plight of Canada's highly endangered northern spotted owl through research, protests, rallies and court challenges. In the spring of 2006 the BC government, reacting to increasing pressure from the public and from the



the federal government, granted Wildlife Habitat Area status until 2011 for nine areas of spotted owl habitat totalling approximately 23,000 hectares. This is less than one-tenth of the amount of new habitat protection actually needed to recover the population from its current 17 individuals to a stable population of 250 birds. Nevertheless it is an important victory in the ongoing battle to protect Canada's most endangered bird species.

Logging Stopped in Manitoba Park

When we started the year, Tembec (a forest company with the right to log in Nopiming Provincial Park) had plans to log every old-growth forest in the park. This included logging a proposed ecological reserve, the calving grounds of an at-risk herd of woodland caribou, and along the Manigotagan River corridor that the Wilderness Committee worked so hard to protect. We succeeded in getting Tembec to back out of the proposed ecological reserve, the woodland caribou calving ground and most of the old-growth forest. Unfortunately we learned too late that the Manigotagan River area that Tembec said they wouldn't be going into for a very long time, if at all, was actually being logged 24 hours a day!

Partial Funding Restored to BC Parks

In April 2007, the BC government announced that parking fees will be reduced in some provincial parks. However, the controversial parking meters will stay...for now. Other successes include stalling a controversial strategy to increase private lodges in parks and

the garnering of a modest increase in funding for parks in their operational budget, though it was well below the \$28 million increase we had been calling for.

Stopping Toxic Pollution

A partial victory on another Wilderness Committee campaign: federal Environment Minister Rona Ambrose added polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) – a highly toxic flame retardant – to Schedule 1 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)* toxic substances list. Schedule 1 is reserved for the most toxic substances, especially those such as PBDEs that don't break down readily in the environment and bio-accumulate in humans. However, the listing does not guarantee protection from exposure (industry 'self-regulates') so this is just a step: we will continue to work towards an outright ban on the production and sale of PBDEs.

Agricultural Lands Protected

We celebrated victories when the BC Agricultural Land Commission, which oversees the Agricultural Land Reserve, agreed to protect against developing Barnston Island and the 136-acre Garden City Lands of Richmond.

Campaign Updates All Year Round

...available online at www.wildernesscommittee.org

What's New

Part of the Wilderness Committee's mission is to bring people together in the community around environmental issues. This year was a banner year for partnerships in every area of our campaigns, helping us get the message out further and exposing us to the great work of many more amazing environmental activists in local communities.



WILDLANDS

CPAWS - BC & MB Chapters
Fisher River Cree Nation
ForestEthics
Friends of Clayoquot Sound
Grasslands Conservation Council
Greenpeace
Niisma Project
Purcell Alliance for Wilderness
Rainforest Information Centre
Seton Lake Band Council
Skagit Environmental
Endowment Commission
Sierra Legal Defence Fund
Sierra Club of Canada - BC Chapter
South Okanagan Naturalists Club
Squamish Nation
St'át'imc Tribal Council
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
Valhalla Wilderness Society
World Temperate Rainforest Network

WILDLIFE

ForestEthics
CPAWS Manitoba Chapter
CPAWS Wildlands League
David Suzuki Foundation
Environmental Defence
Georgia Strait Alliance
Greenpeace

Kids for Caribou
Mountain Caribou Project
Ontario Nature
Sierra Legal Defence Fund
Sierra Club of Canada
Sierra Club of Canada - BC Chapter
Valhalla Wilderness Society

PUBLIC LANDS

Alouette Field Naturalists
Alouette River Management Society
AWARE
BC Government and Service
Employees' Union
BC Wildlife Federation
Burke Mountain Naturalists
Canadian Office & Professional
Employees Union, local 378
Comox District Mountaineering Club
CPAWS - BC Chapter
EarthCare Society
Federation of BC Naturalists
Rivers Without Borders
Save Our Rivers Society
West Coast Environmental Law
West Kootenay Eco Society
Wildsight
World Wildlife Fund Canada
Valhalla Wilderness Society
Vancouver Natural History Society

WILD SALMON

Living Oceans Society
Oil Free Coast Alliance
Rivers Without Borders
Union of BC Indian Chiefs

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Against Port Expansion in Delta (APE)
ALR - PEC
BC Nurses Union
Better Environmentally Sound
Transportation (BEST)
Blue Mountain - Kanaka Creek
Conservation Group
Campaign for Open Government
Citizens Against Urban Sprawl Society
Coalition to Save Eagleridge Bluffs
Eagleridge Environmental
Stewardship Alliance
Gateway 40
Gateway Sucks
Green Club
Labour Environmental Alliance Society
Liveable Region Coalition
Save our Valley Alliance
Smart Growth
Society Promoting Environmental
Conservation (SPEC)
Voters Taking Action on Climate Change
Youbou Timberless Society



many hands make light work

It's been said that no one is an island and this is especially true for environmental organizations. In order to succeed we rely on the friendship and hard work of many groups and individuals. Here are a few examples of the winning ways of our friends...



Lost Valley to Melvin Creek Trail

In early 2000 we began a project to preserve the remaining wilderness of the Cayoosh Mountain Range which is located between Pemberton and Lillooet. We contacted the aboriginal owners of the area, the St'át'imc (pronounced *Stat-*

lee-um) and soon learned that two adjoining wilderness valleys were in danger of being lost to industrial development. Lost Creek Valley was being proposed as a logging area by the provincial government and developers were targeting Melvin Creek Valley for the construction of a ski-resort city. Working with the St'át'imc we have been able to re-open over 30 kilometres of their ancient trade trails providing access for their youth and others who want to experience the area's natural and cultural wonders. Widespread support for preservation of this area is strong and growing. This year we worked to improve the northern trailhead at Seton Portage and the southern trailhead at Sutikalh camp.



Fighting Gateway Highway Expansion

Many think that the provincial government's massive multi-billion dollar Gateway project is just about the twinning of the Port Mann bridge and the expansion of the #1 freeway. But after speaking with local citizen

groups who are opposed to Gateway we learned that it is a much larger project. If allowed to proceed with its planned port, bridge and highway expansions, Gateway would ruin our region. By teaming up with our friends we were able to produce and widely distribute a map and four page newspaper describing the Gateway project in its entirety, encouraging people across the Metro Vancouver region to help stop it.

Ban Raw Log Exports

Historically, timber workers and environmentalists were perceived to be on opposite sides of the "War in the Woods". But this past year several timber worker organizations have become close friends with the Wilderness Committee over the issue of banning raw log exports to offshore mills. One such timber worker group is the Youbou Timberless Society, who saw their lumber mill being closed down by its company owners, even as raw log exports increased. This year we participated in several joint rallies and protests in Lake Cowichan and Victoria.





Public Outreach

What's New

When we **inform** people, through our publications, at rallies or in news reports we call this the one-way conversation. When people become interested in what we have to say they become **engaged** and contact us to learn more. We call this the two-way conversation. When engaged citizens become **activated** and contact their elected representatives to demand positive change we call this the three-way conversation. When enough citizens become activated, we win!



inform

When the Wilderness Committee was founded in 1980 there was little information available to the public on Canadian wilderness and wildlife issues. We focused on our mission to research, publish, and distribute information about threatened Canadian wilderness and wildlife in order to build broad public support for preservation. We dreamed we would become a leader in public education campaigns. Twenty-seven years later we have achieved that dream, reaching out to twelve million people every year through door-to-door canvassing, printing and distributing educational materials such as newspapers, mail-in opinion cards, calendars and books, holding rallies and events, conducting school talks, maintaining outreach centres in five Canadian cities, and through our web sites and local, national and international media coverage. Together, these actions have helped to save millions of hectares of wilderness. Projects in 2006-07 included:

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

BC Parks: A World Famous Legacy
Last Chance for Mountain Caribou?
Vancouver Island: Protecting Paradise
Gateway to Global Warming
Ochiwasahow: The Fisher Bay Area

MAILERS

Clayoquot Sound: Protect it now!
Welcome to Clearcut Provincial Park:
Manitoba's Shame
Ochiwasahow: The Fisher Bay Area
Keep jobs in BC: Ban Raw Log Exports
I Love BC Parks
My Canada Includes Caribou
(English and Chinese)

EVENTS & RALLIES

122 events and rallies in BC, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

EDUCATIONAL CANVASS

Year-round: Edmonton, Toronto, Winnipeg, Victoria, Lower Mainland
Seasonal: Bowen Island, Calgary, Orillia, Ottawa, Sunshine Coast, Southern Gulf Islands, Whistler

MEDIA COVERAGE

113 stories reaching an estimated 23,000,000 people.

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

Seven websites (National Office, Victoria, Manitoba, four campaign-specific) and three email newsletters.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Big Trees Not Big Stumps:

25 years of Campaigning to Save Wilderness with the Wilderness Committee (Book and DVD project)

Written by co-founder Paul George, Big Trees chronicles the Wilderness Committee's history. The 500+ page book distills the hard-won lessons of 25 years of campaigning to save threatened wilderness. The accompanying DVD includes historic newsreel footage and video, and a behind-the-scenes look at wilderness preservation.

I Love BC Parks Tour

The Wilderness Committee partnered with the BCGEU and fifteen conservation groups around the province to visit local parks and talk to visitors about their experience with cuts to park's staffing and budgets. Results were communicated to decision-makers.



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engage & activate

Finding opportunities for members and supporters to meet, talk through issues and take action is critical to the long term success of the environmental movement. In 2006-07 we re-committed to this effort in a big way. Some highlights:



Vancouver Island: Old-Growth Forests

This year the Wilderness Committee's Victoria Office moved into engaging and activating the public in a big way. In September a "Ring-Around-the-Legislature" Ancient Forest Rally was

organized where over 400 people fully encircled the BC legislative buildings. Participants also created a "video petition" and submitted it to the government. Two "aerial art" rallies were held: first, with 130 people standing in the formation of an old-growth tree image at the University of Victoria in November, and then with 250 at the legislature in March. A half dozen smaller rallies were also held. Victoria Campaign Director Ken Wu used his many slideshow presentations in BC and Ontario to organize community-based ancient forest groups which will be hosting their own activities in the coming year.

Step it Up: Climate Change Action



Rallying citizen action on climate change became an increased focus this year when Executive Director Andrea Reimer was chosen by Al Gore to be one of his "climate warriors". Since being trained to give Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* presentation in January, Andrea has given dozens of presentations to more than 6,000 people. This led to taking on the Canadian organizing for the *Step It Up!* campaign. Events were held in 10 cities with thousands calling on the government to commit to 80% emission reductions by 2030.

Manitoba: Stop Logging in Parks

When Tembec, a forest company with logging rights in Nopiming Provincial Park, held an open house to get public approval to log large areas of the park, the Wilderness Committee sprung into action. A parallel open house was held right next door where the public could hear the true extent of Tembec's planned logging in areas such as a proposed ecological reserve and the calving grounds of an at-risk herd of woodland caribou. This innovative campaign approach successfully stopped planned logging and created an active core of parks volunteers.





Research

What's New

Research is the backbone of the Wilderness Committee's work. Over the past few years we have intensified our research programs working to **study, map and provide on-the-ground documentaion** of damage in a record number of areas. In addition our growing expertise in **Freedom of Information requests** has allowed the public access to important information about the state of wildlands and wildlife.



EXPEDITIONS

Cathedral Grove/Cameron Canyon
Fisher Bay Park Reserve
Forest Development Plan research (various locations)
Forest Stewardship Plan research visits (various locations)
Ghost Pass/Eighteen Mile Creek
Keary Creek/Bendor Mtn. Range
Lost Valley/Melvin Creek/Cayoosh Mountain Range
Nahmint Valley
Northern Spotted Owl habitat (various locations)
Upper Elaho Valley Wild Spirit Place
Upper Walbran Valley

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Inland Rainforest Study Areas and Conservation Corridors

The Wilderness Committee assisted our allies at the Valhalla Wilderness Society in producing a poster featuring the Conservation Area Design (CAD) map for Canada's inland temperate rainforest. This multi-year project designates high-biodiversity areas and important wildlife corridors as in urgent need of logging moratoriums and further study.

MAPPING PROJECTS

Agricultural Land Reserve
BC Parks
Clayoquot Sound – Catface Mountain
Clayoquot Sound – Eehmiis Areas
Clayoquot Sound – Meares Island
Cathedral Grove/Cameron Canyon
East Shore Wilderness Area
Conservation Opportunities in Southwestern Mainland BC
Ghost Pass/Eighteen Mile Creek
Greater Vancouver Drinking Watersheds Past Logging
Keary Creek/Bendor Mtn. Range
Inland Rainforest Study Areas
Lost Valley/Melvin Creek/Cayoosh Mountain Range
Manitoba Provincial Parks
Northern Wild Salmon Rivers/Sacred Headwaters
Northern Spotted Owl Habitat, Logging & Management Areas
Proposed Gateway Highway & Deltaport Expansion Projects
Proposed South Okanagan – Similkameen National Park Reserve
Squamish Nation Wild Spirit Places



St'át'imc Nation Land Use Plan
Seton Portage – Historic Sources of Toxic Pollution
Vancouver Island Old Growth & Conservation Vision

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Alberta Protected Areas by Natural Regions
Assisting with Squamish Nation Land Use Planning
Georgia Basin – Puget Sound Research Conference
Examination of Logging in Spotted Owl Habitat
Migratory Bird Flyways/
Boreal River Valleys
Toxins in Lake Winnipeg

TRAIL PROJECTS

Ghost Pass
Lost/Melvin Creek (completed)
Meares Island Upgrade (completed)
Nahmint Valley



a record year for research

Our gumboot researchers conducted a record number of projects this past year. We undertook such varied expeditions as photographing endangered farmland, marking hiking trails, documenting environmental damage within provincial parks, mapping wildlife habitat, and recording threats to endangered species habitat. These were some of our projects...



Spotted Owl Habitat

Protecting Canada's critically endangered northern spotted owl is tough work. Our researchers need to be constantly vigilant and ready to head out into the forest at a moment's notice to check out reports of logging in spotted owl habitat. Our goal is to get legislative

protection for several hundred thousand hectares of endangered old-growth forest spotted owl habitat. In the spring of 2006 Andy Miller, the Wilderness Committee's staff scientist led an expedition to the South Anderson Valley to check out reports that critical spotted owl habitat was being logged by Cattermole Timber Co. Andy discovered that a series of helicopter landing sites had indeed been cleared in the old-growth forest in preparation for logging. We were able to bring the media's attention to the logging plans, which were eventually cancelled. Subsequently the BC government granted a temporary five-year protected status on the South Anderson and eight other areas of habitat totaling 23,000 hectares.



Meares Island Trail

The Wilderness Committee has long worked for legislative protection for the intact ancient rainforests of Clayoquot Sound. This spring we partnered with the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations to refurbish the boardwalk along the big trees trail of Meares Island. The trail winds through Tla-o-

qui-aht traditional territory and gives access to groves of massive ancient redcedar trees that stand up to 50 metres tall with trunks up to 18 metres around!

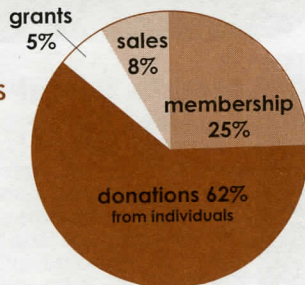
Boreal River Valleys

During the spring 2007 bird migration, we mounted our most extensive and exhaustive boreal research expedition in over a decade. Our team, conducted bird studies in 13 river valleys in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The team counted birds at 53 locations, and found that migratory bird numbers in the river valleys are double that of upland sites. These results were consistent with our earlier research documenting breeding bird, small mammal and arthropod numbers, and will lead to the development of a boreal river protection plan for Alberta and Saskatchewan.

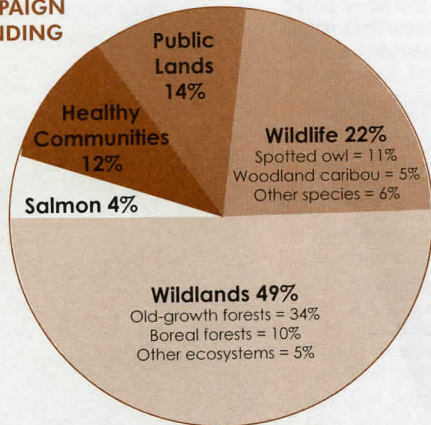


Financial Statement *for the year ending April 30, 2007*

2006-07 REVENUES



2006-07 CAMPAIGN SPENDING



REVENUES

	2007	2006
Membership dues	457,030	452,298
Donations	1,090,861	992,013
Grant Revenue	92,928	184,199
Sales of ed. material	153,365	148,353
Unreceipted donations	50,149	47,966
	1,844,333	1,824,829

EXPENDITURES

	2007	2006
Campaign & grant project costs	957,073	1,026,790
Sales costs	168,798	166,222
Canvass costs	272,601	254,676
Membership costs	221,642	198,595
Administration costs	149,704	136,711
Amortization	26,873	26,066
Interest to Finance Assets	5,163	4,679
	1,801,854	1,813,739

Net Income (loss) for the year

42,479 11,090

Members' equity, beginning of year

325,715 314,625

Members' equity, end of year

368,194 325,715

ASSETS

Current

	2007	2006
Cash and equivalent	174,146	117,488
Restricted funds	58,272	52,918
Accounts receivable	17,969	16,207
Inventory	96,609	92,124
Prepaid expenses	11,231	10,939

358,227 289,676

Capital assets

213,281 229,575

571,508 519,251

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current

	2007	2006
Bank Indebtedness	3,117	13,001
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	60,120	60,612
Deferred grants	23,785	-
Loans payable	38,437	37,400
Current portion of mortgage payable	4,897	4,665

130,356 115,678

Mortgage payable

72,958 77,858

Net Assets

368,194 325,715

571,508 519,251

Auditor's Report *for the year ending April 30, 2007*

To the Members of Western Canada Wilderness Committee

We have audited the statement of financial position of Western Canada Wilderness Committee (the "Committee") as at April 30, 2007 and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Committee's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Committee derives revenue from unreceipted donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Committee and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to unreceipted donation revenue, excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to verify the completeness of the unreceipted donations referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at April 30, 2007 and the results of its operations and the changes in its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

"Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte"

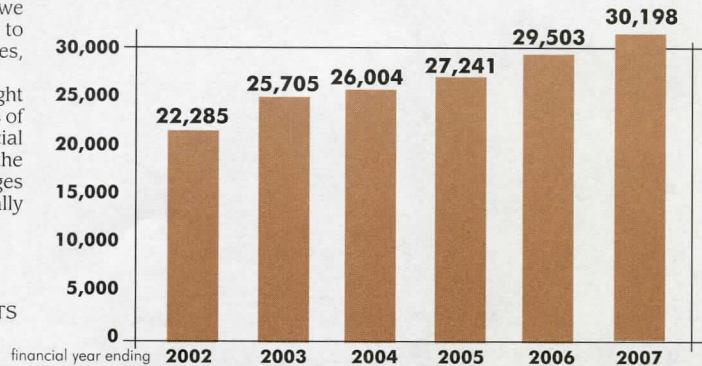
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White Rock, B.C. July 18, 2007

2006-2007 Auditor

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Report on Membership

The Wilderness Committee is proud to be Canada's largest membership-based wilderness preservation organization. Membership reached 30,198 this year, surpassing our goal and giving us a 36% increase in membership over the past six years.





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