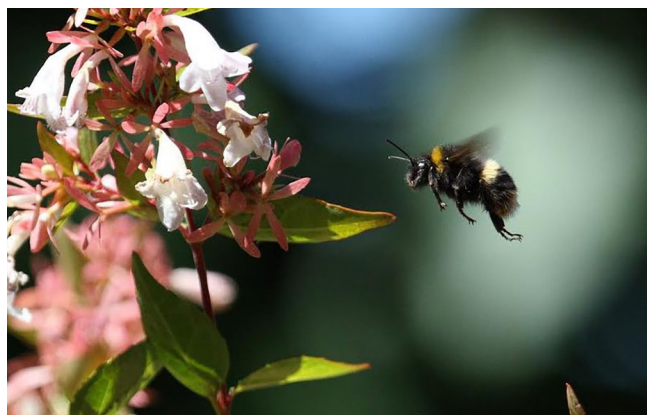


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Native plants for native pollinators

Your support to help bees and other wild pollinators thrive has made it possible for us to create region-specific guides to native plants that native pollinators love. **Now, you can plant a bee-friendly garden where you live!**

You've told us you want a world free of the harmful pesticides that threaten the survival of wild pollinators. **Supporters like you added 10,910 signatures to nearly half a million concerned voices who called for an immediate ban on bee-killing neonicotinoid pesticides (neonics) in Canada through petitions.** They were submitted last November by 14 conservation, environmental health and advocacy groups and together we've urged the government to accelerate the timeline to protect pollinators, aquatic insects and other affected species.

While we all wait for the federal government's urgently-needed proposed ban on neonics, we aren't sitting idly by. **Watch for your guide this spring and start planting!**

Then take a moment to stop and smell the neonic-free roses — you deserve it.



DONOR PROFILE

Protecting paradise

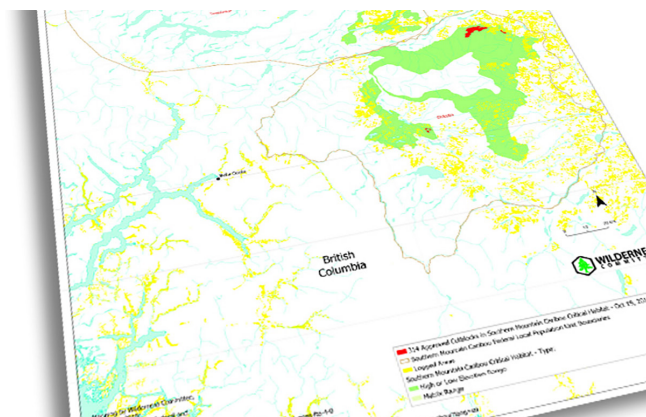
— Jenny Chapman

February's report *Save the Skagit* resonated with a long-time Wilderness Committee activist and supporter Jenny Chapman. When her donation to protect key watersheds that cross the B.C. and Washington State borders arrived in the mail, we were delighted to find it with a slide of Jenny and friends canoeing the Skagit in 1969.

We called Jenny to ask more about her connection to this stunning wilderness. It was one of the many outdoor activities — from backpacking, skiing and more recently, snowshoeing — she and her family have come to love since she came to B.C. from the U.K. in '61.

"I remember the big fish — two-foot, three-foot-long ones — coming right up to the boat," she said. "I'd like my great grandchildren to be able to enjoy the place. It's quite magical, you know. Our generation was very lucky. It was paradise."

Jenny's proud to be a part of the Wilderness Committee. "You've been successful at putting on the brakes in several important areas. Someone's got to be flying the flag."



Mapping your impact

Your support allows us to make some pretty unique and powerful maps. As a strategic visual tool they reveal crucial information. **Last month, our mapping department exposed some jaw-dropping destruction in critical caribou habitat.**

The map we released showed the B.C. forest ministry approved 314 new cutblocks in at-risk caribou habitat. This logging was approved at the same time the province was in negotiations with First Nations and the federal government to protect caribou. **They were approving logging in the same habitat they were negotiating to protect!**

Pressure from concerned people like you is forcing the province to create a plan for caribou. Forest protection is key for any successful caribou plan, but it's also the last thing the province wants to do. A plan created by Saulteau and West Moberly First Nations and the provincial and federal governments is really strong — and with great habitat protection. However, a second plan between the provincial and federal governments completely misses the mark on protecting any habitat.

Maps are critical tools for ourselves and our allies. It allows us to hold industry and governments accountable when we reveal their shady business. **Thank you for making our mapping possible!**



17k voices tell BC: "Don't frack our future"

For years, supporters like you have gathered petition signatures to ban fracking in B.C. Fracking uses and poisons an enormous amount of water, puts public health of nearby communities at risk and wreaks havoc on the global climate by leaking methane gas into the atmosphere.

With Woodfibre LNG and LNG Canada eager to start construction this spring, we decided it was the right time to deliver the petition to the legislature.

These two terminals alone would require 9,000 new fracking wells over the next 30 years. Our hope is that by demonstrating a growing movement to ban fracking in B.C., we can show LNG producers they should think twice before they spend billions to build a plant.

Our delivery went off without a hitch. We installed a 15-foot model fracking rig on the legislature steps and shared our message "Don't frack our future — no LNG." With great photos and media hits, we established our leadership and expertise on LNG. In the weeks following when the government released its scientific review of fracking and its legislation to subsidize LNG Canada, **we were front-and-centre in the media and public conversation by calling out the government's support for this industry.**

Your commitment to protect nature and ensure a wild Canada drives each of our campaigns. Since the Wilderness Committee is funded almost entirely by individual donors like you, your gifts have a huge impact.

Thank you



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