



Upcoming Events

Reminder - Access to "Members" only area

Hi Everyone; Yesterday I inadvertently sent out the e-version of the *BCnature* summer magazine to all members instead of just those who have requested it. Rest assured, if you are still wishing the printed version, you will still receive it via Canada Post. Summer *BCnature* Magazine should be in mailboxes starting next week.

However, it did remind me to give the membership a refresher on how to access the members only area, should you wish to download current or back editions of our fine publication.

Your login name as it is listed on an earlier mailed publication, or check with your club membership person, and/or contact [BC Nature office](#) and your password is your email address listed on your membership. So if you have more than one email address, please ensure you use the one listed on your club membership.

example: Mary & John Smith (Login Name)

maryandjohnsmith@email.com (password)

Thank you and sorry for the inconvenience!

Betty Davison

BC Nature, Office Manager

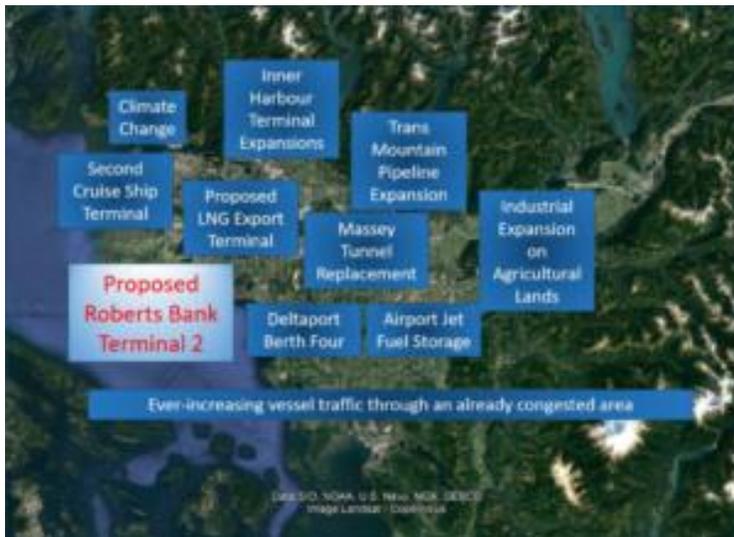
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We need your action! The Fraser Estuary is on the Brink of Collapse



A call to action for all naturalists, please send an individual letter to the federal government registering your opposition to Roberts Bank Terminal 2. The Environment Minister and your MP need to hear there is widespread opposition to this project. With a federal election likely in the fall, politicians should become more interested in knowing what is important to voters. Would each of you be willing to write a letter on your own behalf using the information in the briefing paper and/or adding your own commentary?

Here is the contact information:

The Minister's email address is [here](#). The mailing address is - The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister Environment and Climate Change Canada House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6 and letters can be sent postage free. If you do not already have it you can find your MP's contact details at [here](#).

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project could be the Tipping Point

Fraser Estuary Projects Destroying Remaining Natural Habitat Compounded By Climate Change. The Fraser River supports communities and wildlife all through British Columbia. But its estuary, in Delta BC, is in trouble and may well be on the brink of ecological collapse. The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) Project may be the tipping point. RBT2 and the cumulative impact of other projects planned for the Lower Fraser are pushing the estuary into environmental decline. [Read more here](#).

What's happening in the Nature Network:

A Webinar you're not going to want to miss!

Defending local wild spaces and species from harmful industrial development and government policies is difficult. Provincial and municipal governments may not be concerned about the harm that is caused. Join Stephen Hazell, Nature Canada's legal council, on **June 17th at 2pm EST** to learn about the various tools that nature groups, Indigenous communities and



citizens can use to impel federal action to conserve and protect nature.

Is a mine, pipeline, industrial plant or divided highway that will damage wildlife habitat being proposed in your municipality? Is an existing industry continuing to pollute the air or local waters while governments turn a blind eye? Are migratory birds or species at risk being killed or harassed without permits? Is a local wetland proposed to be drained for farming or a subdivision? Has a federal agency decided not to enforce a conservation law?

[Webinar Registration](#)

Hunters join forces with conservationists to call on B.C. to protect fish and wildlife habitat

By Matt Simmons, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, The Narwhal

As B.C.'s landscapes are fragmented by industrial activities and the province faces biodiversity collapse, with more than 2,000 species at risk of extinction, guide outfitters, hunters, fishers and trappers are standing shoulder-to-shoulder with naturalists, ecotourism operators and conservation organizations in a new coalition calling on the province to protect B.C.'s ecosystems before it's too late.

[Read more here.](#)

Credit: Surrey Now Leader



One Million Audio Recordings Powering Science, Conservation, and Birding Tools

What do one million audio recordings mean to you?

Mike Webster: One million is a big number! It represents a massive effort by our broader community of contributors interested in birds and the sounds that they make.



What will one million audio recordings allow the Macaulay Library to do?

MW: The sky's the limit. This large number of recordings will allow us to provide accurate and complete audio guides for the birding community, will help researchers use cutting edge "big data" approaches to understand the natural world around us, and will enable powerful machine-learning approaches that

can power conservation efforts. With this number of recordings we can enable scientific discovery aimed at questions that weren't even conceivable a few short years ago.

[Read and listen here.](#)

Save Our Salmon Campaign



One of the Lower Mainland's most important salmon rivers is under attack. The Alouette River, which flows from Golden Ears Provincial Park to the Pitt River, before joining the Fraser, is a unique and irreplaceable ecosystem, with a history that goes back millennia. Home to Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations since time immemorial, the Alouette is the only BC Heritage River that is solely within the Lower Mainland.

[For more information regarding the SOS Campaign:](#)

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"Fraser" the Sandhill Crane Release



Fraser, a Sandhill Crane, who was struck and injured by a golf ball in June 2020 was captured and rehabilitated by a volunteer team of wildlife veterinarians and biologists.

[See the video here.](#)

Have you seen this butterfly?

Taylor's Checkerspot is an endangered butterfly. Historically, it ranged on southeastern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands from Victoria to Comox. The butterfly lives in natural meadows, fields, clearcuts, ephemeral wet sedge swamps and roadside areas.

Please report butterfly sightings to Taylor's.Checkerspot@gov.bc.ca

The Taylor's Checkerspot project team is a group of biologists working collaboratively on recovering this species in Canada. For more information,

[Please visit here.](#)



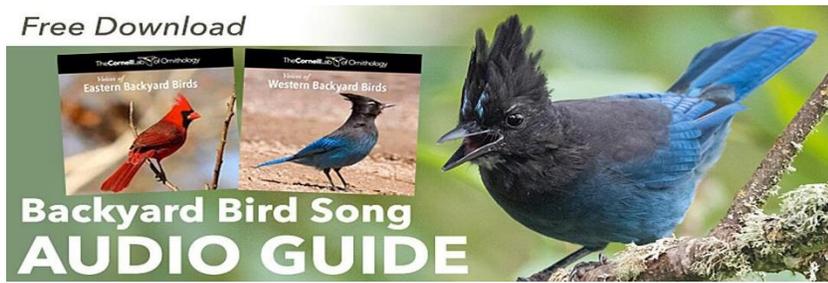
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