



Coming in November on Monday evenings at 7 pm: Drawdown BC is offering an online course on CLIMATE ACTION for BC Nature members only!



Below is the course description taken directly from Drawdown BC's website at drawdownbc.org. Would you please email Karen Crosby at karencr0@telus.net to obtain the registration link? First come, first registered with a maximum of 20 participants!

Getting Into Action Course

A facilitated interactive workshop series, exploring Project Drawdown climate change solutions in more depth, and supporting participants in identifying, supporting, and initiating climate change solutions at the household, community, and policy levels. Creating networking and support connections with other participants is a key aspect of this course.

5-sessions, online (Zoom until further notice), 1.5 hours per session, with a 2-hour final session. Free. **Dates: 5 Mondays: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Please take an action: Protect the Burde Street Beaver Ponds

Whereas Pacific Mayfair Estates has purchased the property around the headwaters of Wolf Creek including two ponds accessed from Burde Street in Port Alberni BC

And whereas Pacific Mayfair Estates (and the San Group) has submitted an Official Community Plan Amendment as well as an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw for a residential development that will:

[Read more here:](#)

Courtesy of Dan Neuman



NatureKids BC announces new \$1500 scholarship for youth - application open until October 30

Green Club Joseph Lin Legacy Fund Scholarship The NatureKids BC Green Club Joseph Lin Legacy Fund Scholarship will award one British Columbian young adult \$1,500 to continue to further their connection with nature. [More information is here.](#) If you would like to apply [click here.](#)



Death of endangered orca matriarch off B.C. coast could threaten whole pod, scientists say

Scientists are reporting another challenge to the population of critically endangered southern resident killer whales in the waters off British Columbia, Washington State and Oregon.

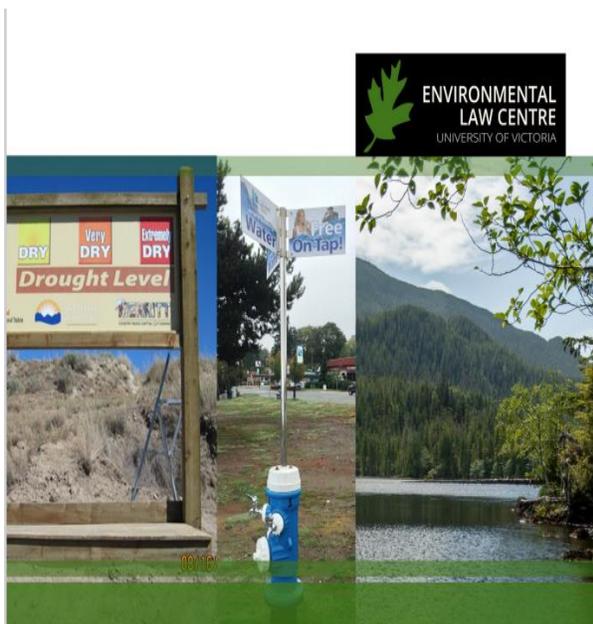
A statement from the Center for Whale Research in Friday Harbor, Wash., says a 47-year-old female identified as L47 has not been seen for nearly seven months and is likely dead.

The centre says its teams have spotted the female's three surviving offspring and their two calves several times since she was last seen off B.C.'s Salt Spring Island in February, but she was not with them. [Read the rest of news here.](#)

Credit : The Globe and Mail



Protecting our water in BC from Bottling, Commercial Sale and Export



**Water for the Future:
Why BC Needs an Immediate Moratorium
on New Water Bottling Licences**

Why BC needs an immediate moratorium on new water bottling licences?

[Read the article first.](#)

We need your voice by sending an email to the Premier and their MLA asking them to ban water bottling as a first step toward protecting our water in the face of rampant climate change, evidenced by the extreme heat dome this summer, the extended drought over much of BC (Stage 5 all over Vancouver Island and in a couple other regions) and the extreme rain events we are seeing on a regular basis.

[Watch the Water for the Future Video.](#)

Courtesy of Bruce Gibbons

Heat wave depleted glaciers Summer's extreme heat wave hit West Kootenay icefields hard

Scientists studying glaciers in the West Kootenay say local ice fields lost millions of tonnes of mass this summer, reinforcing fears about their long-term survival.

“It’s scary, but it’s not unexpected,” said Dr. Brian Menounos, an internationally renowned glaciologist at the University of Northern BC. “Climate scientists have been talking about this for several decades.”

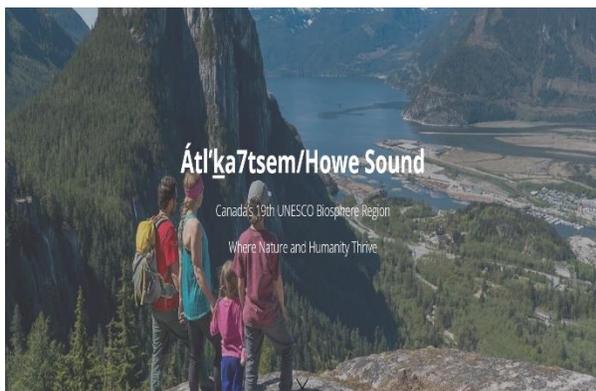
“It’s not a good-news story for the glaciers.”

Climate scientists say the relationship is clear: the end result of adding more thermal energy to the atmosphere is melting snow and ice. [Read more here.](#)

Courtesy of John Boivin



A UNESCO Biosphere Region for Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound



UNESCO has just designated the coastal inlet and watershed of Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound as Canada's newest UNESCO Biosphere Region.

The Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere offers improved collaboration between First Nations, all levels of settler governments, NGOs, businesses and individuals with a clear set of goals to conserve biodiversity, promote relationship-building between First Nations and settlers, and promote sustainable economies. [Read more here.](#)

This movie is my telling of what the Biosphere is and how it came to be. <https://youtu.be/IVUo5vy5wu0>

Courtesy of Bob Turner

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A photograph of a bird, possibly a shorebird, standing on a rocky outcrop. The bird has brown and white mottled feathers and a long, thin beak. The background is a clear blue sky.