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**A. Actions**

- A1. Find out more about KyotoPlus and 350

Find out more about KyotoPlus.ca. Individuals can pressure their politician's to sign the petition to work toward a post-Kyoto international agreement to reduce greenhouse gases to prevent dangerous climate change. Groups can post the petition on their websites and collect names or simply post a link to [www.kyotoplus.ca](http://www.kyotoplus.ca)

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[www.kyotoplus.ca](http://www.kyotoplus.ca)

See also [www.350.org](http://www.350.org) \*Global Day of Climate Action on October 24, 2009\*

## A2.

### **Check out the Fraser Institute's "Climate is Constantly Changing" video and report**

Check out the Fraser Institute's "Climate is Constantly Changing" video:

<http://www.fraserinstitute.org/newsandevents/multimedia/The-Climate-is-Constantly-Changing.aspx> Read their

latest report "Critical topics in Global Warming":

[http://www.fraserinstitute.org/commerce.web/product\\_files/CriticalTopicsInGlobalWarming.pdf](http://www.fraserinstitute.org/commerce.web/product_files/CriticalTopicsInGlobalWarming.pdf) that "provide(s) even more evidence that popularized notions about the causes and consequences of global warming are more fiction than fact."

## A3.

### **Watch PBS' God & Global Warming**

View it online here: <http://www.pbs.org/now/shows/343/index.html>

## A4.

### **Take Part! \*Buy Back Nova Scotia gearing up to Rally at Province House April 30.\***

When the House convenes for the first time on Thursday April 30, government leaders and elected officials will be greeted by members of Buy Back Nova Scotia (BBNS)—a coalition of groups, agencies and municipal units representing thousands of Nova Scotians who have been trying to get Premier Rodney MacDonald and his ministers to take an active role regarding the sale of 214,000 acres owned by J.D. Irving. Bids on most of the properties close May 2. The coalition hopes that the leader of each party will respond to the issues at hand: 1) results of requests to delay the sale of the lands; 2) plans for legislation regarding: foreign ownership; access ("right to roam"); protection of resources including water; and prohibition on timber liquidation and real estate development on large land sales 3) commitment to consult with the Assembly of Mi'kmaq Chiefs regarding the Made-in Nova Scotia process and 4) progress regarding the purchase of these lands. The lands referred to are in Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth counties. The three parcels are twice the size of Kejimikujik National Park and include the watersheds of the Bear River, Sissiboo River, Tusket River, Silver River and Carleton River. The land encompasses two of Nova Scotia's largest hydro electric systems; includes over 250 km of lake frontage on 69 undeveloped lakes; historic and culturally significant areas such as New France (Electric City); natural habitats for moose, martin and old forests; a 600 km trail system and over 1000 km of roads. A portion the land could contribute to Nova Scotia's 12 percent protected area goal. The rally starts at 12 noon on April 30. It will take place at Province House, 1726 Hollis Street. Trappers, ATVers, fishermen, paddlers, foresters, municipal counselors, bird watchers, Mi'kmaq, Acadians, Metis, snowmobile owners, conservationists, youth and grandparents—a vast and diverse group of Nova Scotians are planning to attend. For information visit [www.buybacknovascotia.ca](http://www.buybacknovascotia.ca)

## **B. Environmental Events and Capacity-Building Workshops**

### **B1.**

#### **TONIGHT! Oxfam Canada National Campaign on Women's Rights and Climate Change April 22**

On April 22, Earth Day, Oxfam Canada will be launching its national campaign "Stop Harming, Start Helping: Women's Rights and Climate Change". At Oxfam, we work passionately to end global poverty and injustice and to advance gender equality. But climate change is blocking the way. Poor women are least responsible for climate change, yet they are most burdened by its impact.

Where: Bus Stop Theatre, 2203 Gottingen St.

When: Wednesday, April 22, 7 – 9 PM

What: Introduction to Campaign, videos, entertainment, refreshments and chat.

Please come out and join us for a great night of entertainment and information!

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## **B2.**

### **TONIGHT! What Is Our Place: Fitting People Into Ecosystems Wednesday, April 22 7:00pm**

Scotiabank Theatre, Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University (903 Robie St)

Join the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) and Saint Mary's University Environmental Society (SMUES) for this Earth Day event to launch Herb Hammond's latest book, *Maintaining Whole Systems On Earth's Crown: EcoSystem-based Conservation Planning for the Boreal Forest*. The evening will include a visually beautiful and informative slideshow presentation with the author, Herb Hammond, forest ecologist, author of the 1992 award-winning book, *Seeing the Forest Among the Trees*. The event will begin with a presentation from CPAWS on the important conservation work happening in Nova Scotia. Then, learn about the philosophy, principles and practice of ecosystem-based conservation planning (EBCP) as both a means to achieving ecologically responsible land management and as a broader approach to tackling the many environmental challenges facing us today. Herb illustrates clearly how healthy societies are rooted in healthy ecosystems and provides a blueprint that combines scientific knowledge, Indigenous knowledge, and intuition to maintain and restore the ecosystems that sustain all life. *Maintaining Whole Systems on Earth's Crown* provides solutions to the current inappropriate and unsustainable exploitation of resources, a vital component in the fight to halt global warming. For more information visit [www.silvafor.org](http://www.silvafor.org) or contact [cmiller@cpaws.org](mailto:cmiller@cpaws.org)

Donations to CPAWS accepted

## **B3.**

### **Nova Scotia Nature Trust AGM & Reception on April 27**

Nature Trust Showcase and Reception, Volunteer/Member Appreciation, and Annual General Meeting

April 27, 2009

5:00pm

St. Mary's Boat Club, 1641 Fairfield Road (off Jubilee Road below

Connaught), Halifax

An appreciation reception for all of our supporters, a showcase of Nature

Trust successes for the year, followed by our AGM. The public is invited to learn

more about our land conservation work. RSVP Alison (902-425-LAND or [nature@nsnt.ca](mailto:nature@nsnt.ca)) for more information.

Visit the Nova Scotia Nature Trust [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)

## **B4.**

### **Canadian Environmental Network Annual General Assembly in Edmonton June 12-14, 2009**

Stay tuned for more details: <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/index.html>

## **B5.**

### **Celebrating the Past, Recognizing the Present, Envisioning the Future - 2009 Outdoor Practitioners Conference**

Organized By NSHPP and DNR

Location St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia Event Starts May 29 & May 31st, 2009

Interested in the outdoors? If your area of interest is in education, recreation, community programming, or adventure you will want to join us at this exciting conference. We will come together as an outdoor community to recognize past contributions, acknowledge current realities facing outdoor practitioners, and develop new directions for the future. Building on the success of the 2001 Sharing the Outdoors Conference, this will be an opportunity for fun,

learning, and celebration. The conference will include hands-on experiential sessions, a trade show, an engaging series of keynote speakers, entertainment, magic and much more including the Outdoors! For more information contact Jody Conrad: 424-7589, [Jody.Conrad@gov.ns.ca](mailto:Jody.Conrad@gov.ns.ca) or Sandra Fraser: 424-5481, [frasersx@gov.ns.ca](mailto:frasersx@gov.ns.ca)

**B6.**

**5th World Environmental Education Congress May 10-14 in Montréal**

The 5th World Environmental Education Congress, from May 10-14 in Montréal, will bring together environmental educators working in diverse settings and allow them to identify new and persistent challenges in the field of environmental education. Intended for all educators and all actors in environmental education, this event will gather international socio-scientific experts to present their ideas and to discuss with others, through presentations in the form of workshops, oral presentations, round tables and posters. Additionally, a unique forum for NGOs and NPOs will allow delegates to come to know organizations active in environmental education. The deadline for early-bird registrations is February 15, 2009. Visit <http://www.5weec.uqam.ca/EN/> for more information.

**B7.**

**4th annual Renewable Energy Conference 2009 :Emerging Opportunitites" May 27th & 28th, 2009**

Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, NS. You may now register online by February 21st at the Early-Bird Registration rate of \$475.00. For AGENDA and REGISTRATION information, go to [www.ENERGYEVENT.ca](http://www.ENERGYEVENT.ca) or contact Catherine at 902-237-7010 or Email at [Catherine@energyconsultant.ca](mailto:Catherine@energyconsultant.ca)

**B8.**

**Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute Seminar: Paddling the Shelburne River - April 28th, 7:00-8:00 pm**

With backcountry packing demo by Harold & Diane Clapp

Andy Smith

For more information: phone: 902-682-2371

Web: <http://www.merseytobeatic.ca/>

**B9.**

**Ocean Renewable Energy Group Meeting in Cornwallis May 13-14, 2009**

Annapolis/Digby Economic Development Agency is pleased to inform you that the Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG) will be holding their annual general meeting at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia on May 13-14, 2009. You can visit their website at [www.oreg.ca](http://www.oreg.ca). There will be pre and post conference tours, along with a tour of the Annapolis Royal Tidal Power site.

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**B10.**

**Build Green Atlantic Conference & Tradeshow May 15**

The momentum is building: take a day to catch the wave of inspiration and innovation at this year's Build Green Atlantic at the NSCC Waterfront Campus on May 15. Build Green Atlantic is a day-long conference, trade show, and networking event to advance the design, construction, and operation of greener buildings here in Atlantic Canada. Whether you are a builder, a designer, provide a product or service, or manage a building, explore the many benefits of making Atlantic Canada's buildings greener and more sustainable. For more information, please visit [www.buildgreenatlantic.org](http://www.buildgreenatlantic.org). If you are interested in presenting at this year's event, please contact Jennifer MacNeill at [Jennifer.macneill@interfaceflor.ca](mailto:Jennifer.macneill@interfaceflor.ca) or by phone at 902-456-4350. Submissions should be sent by March 13 and follow a theme of inspiration and innovation in designing and operating environmentally responsible buildings.

**B11.****Eastern Shore Forest Watch Meeting Schedule through July 2009**

All meetings will take place at Salmon River House, 9931 Highway 7, Salmon River Bridge. Our thanks to Elisabeth and Adrian for hosting Forest Watch, even during the busy season.

Tuesday, 22 April 7:00 pm

\*Annual General Meeting\*

Thursday, 14 May 7:30 pm

**B12.****MIDDLETON, TRURO & WOLFVILLE: Solar Construction Courses in May**

Cost: \$50 (\$40 for students) includes a CD, detail sheets, and other materials. Register by voicemail at 852-4758

Solar Shelter Courses:

MIDDLETON: May 29, 30, 31. Get particulars, and register at:

[solarhomes@hotmail.com](mailto:solarhomes@hotmail.com)

TRURO: May 1, 2, 3. Get particulars, and register at:

[solarhomes@hotmail.com](mailto:solarhomes@hotmail.com)

WOLFVILLE: May 15, 16, 17. Get particulars, and register at:

[solarhomes@hotmail.com](mailto:solarhomes@hotmail.com)

More info: <http://solarns.ca/support.php>

**B13.****NRCan Dollars to \$ense energy management workshops – April 23rd & 29th, 2009**

Energy Master Plan - April 23rd, 2009

Energy Efficiency Financing - April 29th, 2009

Dollars to \$ense energy management workshops, offered by Natural Resources Canada, allow business to explore the latest in energy management techniques while networking and sharing ideas with business, utility and government representatives. Please visit the Dollars to \$ense Web site

(<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/training-awareness/index.cfm?attr=20>) or

contact Genevieve Thachik ([genethac@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:genethac@nrcan.gc.ca)) for more information. Both workshops will be held at the Future Inns Halifax Hotel & Conference Centre (Aspen/Birch Room). If you have any questions regarding the events or general inquiries please feel free to contact the Centre. More info:

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E-mail: [eecentre@dal.ca](mailto:eecentre@dal.ca)

Web: [www.dal.ca/eco-efficiency](http://www.dal.ca/eco-efficiency)

**B14.****"Critical Mass Ride - March!" in Halifax on Friday, April 24 at 6:00pm.**

Event: Critical Mass Ride - March!

"ride daily, celebrate monthly"

What: Reunion

Host: Halifax Critical Mass

Start Time: Friday, April 24 at 6:00pm

End Time: Friday, April 24 at 8:00pm

Where: Victoria Park

**B15.****BIOBLITZ 2009 JUNE 5 & 6TH**

On June 5th and 6th, the second annual BioBlitz will take place. This is the only event of its kind to take place in Eastern Canada. The BioBlitz is a 24-hour taxonomy survey that identifies the biodiversity of a specific wilderness area. BioBlitz is part scientific endeavour, part contest, and part educational event. The event's first goal is to identify as many species as possible in that given area. This leads to a second goal, as the scientists take part in a contest to see who can find the most species, as well as other discoveries such as rare, previously unidentified, and

other unique or unusual species. The third goal is to educate the public. The BioBlitz is designed to increase public awareness of the biodiversity in their immediate neighbourhood and the services these various species provide to improve the quality of their lives. The event will take place in Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes, a Candidate Wilderness area. The 1,350 hectare area includes forests and barrens and a system of interconnected lakes, streams, and wetlands. To date, there has been no detailed survey of the diversity of species contained in this area. Thus this site likely holds among the widest array of species to be found in Nova Scotia. Last year's event, which was held on June 6th and 7th at Long Lake Provincial Park, had over 80 scientists, 250 members of the public, and exhibitors from 10 community groups in attendance. We discovered 694 species at this event, and we expect to exceed these numbers this year. Our organization includes members of Saint Mary's University, as well as individuals from the Ecology Action Centre, the Discovery Centre, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, the Museum of Natural History, and the Nova Scotia Departments of Environment and Natural Resources, the Sackville River's Association, the Young Naturalists Club and the Halifax Field Naturalists.  
<http://www.smu.ca/bioblitz/welcome.html>

**B16.**

**"Bay of Fundy Tidal Energy Forum", Cornwallis, Nova Scotia 13-14 May 2009**

More details: [http://www.oreg.ca/2009\\_Spring\\_Event.html](http://www.oreg.ca/2009_Spring_Event.html).

**B17.**

**Small Scale Wind - Making it Happen in Rural Communities Worldwide Thursday, April 23rd, 7:00 PM**

Join Hugh Piggott, world renowned expert in wind turbine design, author, and educator, shares his reflections on the promises of small scale wind in the world's rural communities. Hugh Piggott has 25 years experience teaching workshops around the world, empowering communities in Ghana, Costa Rica, Scotland, in self sustainability and wise energy management. Hugh is in Nova Scotia to lead a 6-day hands on wind turbine workshop, and this is a great opportunity to meet him and others and talk about your small scale wind project, ideas, plans and designs, and meet one of the leaders in the field.

Thursday, April 23rd, 7:00 PM

School of Architecture and Planning

Room HA19, Dalhousie University, Sexton Campus 5410 Spring Garden Road (across from the Public Library)

Reception to follow

\$2 suggested donation

This event is organized by Silver Foot Wind Initiative ([www.silverfootwind.com](http://www.silverfootwind.com)), and in partnership with the Ecology Action Center (<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/>) Any questions, please contact [jonathan@silverfootwind.com](mailto:jonathan@silverfootwind.com)

**B18.**

**Friends of McNabs Island Society's Annual General Meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2008 7:00pm**

You are invited to the Friends of McNabs Island Society's Annual General Meeting that will feature a special talk on Shipwrecks near McNabs Island by Dan Conlin, Curator of the Maritime Museum and author of the soon to be released book Pirates of the Atlantic.

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2008 7:00pm

Location: Findlay Community Centre

26 Elliot, Dartmouth (right off Prince Albert Road at Sullivan's Pond)

Contact: Faye Power 443-1749 or [mcnabs@chebucto.ns.ca](mailto:mcnabs@chebucto.ns.ca) for details.

**B19.**

**Free Film "Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home" Parklane Mall on April 28**

Please join Clean Nova Scotia on April 28th for a free movie screening of "Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home". The film will show at Parklane Mall on Spring Garden in downtown Halifax and complimentary movie snacks will be provided by Tim Hortons. Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope that you will help spread the word to others living in HRM. This event is a 'first come, first seated' occasion but we have 400 seats so don't worry about finding a spot! The film is not recommended for small children but kids in junior high on up will appreciate the content. There are some good laughs and good lessons so we think you will enjoy it! For more info, contact:

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**B20.**

**"Resource Development and its Implications in the Bay of Fundy and Gulf of Maine" May Workshop**

The Workshop with theme "Resource Development and its Implications in the Bay of Fundy and Gulf of Maine" will be held May 26-29, 2009 at Acadia University. Workshop information including registration and accommodation forms can be found online. The Preliminary Program Book in PDF format suitable for printing (legal-size,

landscape-orientation, double-sided) can be downloaded in PDF format. The Book of Abstracts (51 pages letter-size with author index) is also available in PDF format. Apologies for any duplications in this mailing and also thanks to those of you who may have already registered or responded to earlier notifications.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Wolfville in May.

Cheers

Jon Percy

BoFEP Communications

More info: jon-percy@ns.sympatico.ca

**B21.**

**NSEN WATER CAUCUS TELECONFERENCE ON APR. 27**

The next Water Caucus call is scheduled for April 27 at 9:30. For details to participate please contact Chair Anna McCarron. Please mark your calendars. The presentations from the Wading In Water Symposium are now posted on the CARP website. The link is <http://www.annapolisriver.ca/news.php?id=11>

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**B22.**

**NSEN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CAUCUS MEETING ON FRI. MAY. 8**

The next EEC meeting will be from 10am-12pm at the Environment Canada boardroom, 16th Floor, Queen Square 45 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth. For more information, please contact the Chair Sue Bone: Susan.Bone@EC.GC.CA  
Susan Bone, Education & Engagement Unit – Atlantic with Environment Canada, 16th Floor, Queen Square 45 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, N.S., B2Y 2N6 / 902-426-1704(ph) / 902-426-2062 (fax)

\*Note: Our next Sustainability Education in NS for Everyone Advisory Committee meeting is Weds. May 6 at 10am at the Ecology Action Centre. For more information about this working group, please contact Janelle Frail at esd\_novascotia@lsf-1st.ca

**B23.**

**Investing in Conflict: Carlos Amador and Francois Guindon – Mining in Central America April 28**

Mining Activists Speak Out against Canada's Goldcorp Inc

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre

2158 Gottingen St., Halifax

Carlos Amador and Francois Guindon will talk about community resistance to Goldcorp Inc.'s mining activity in Guatemala and Honduras. The Canadian government's CPP investments in mining will be examined as we explore ideas for solid change. Carlos Amador is a community leader and member of the Siria Valley Environmental Defense Committee (Honduras). Francois Guindon is a French-Canadian activist living in Guatemala and working for Rights Action on issues related to mining affected communities in Guatemala and Honduras.

Host: BTS/ARSN Social slash Dance Committee

Email contact: sarahwilburger@hotmail.com

Facebook Event listing: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=73344914058>

#### **B24.**

##### **Paint the Town Blue! Atlantic speaking tour on water issues**

Are you worried about water privatization? Is water a human right? Are you concerned about the impacts of bottled water? Learn more about how your community can become a Blue Community by resisting public-private partnerships, promoting water as human right at the local level, and banning bottled water in public spaces.

Featuring:

Meera Karunanathan, National Water Campaigner, Council of Canadians

Danny Cavanagh, President, CUPE NS

Angela Giles, Atlantic Regional Organizer, Council of Canadians

Tour stops:

April 29 - Halifax, NS (7:00pm, ScotiaBank Auditorium, Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building, Dalhousie University campus, 6135 University Ave.)

April 30 - Wolfville, NS (7:00pm, Beveridge Arts Centre, Room 244, Acadia University)

May 1 - Mahone Bay, NS (7:30pm at the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street)

May 3 - Charlottetown, PEI (7:00pm at the Atlantic Veterinary College Theatre A, UPEI, 550 University Ave.)

May 5 - Saint John, NB (7:00pm at the Saint John Arts Centre, 20 Hazen Ave)

May 7 - Saint John's, NL (7:00pm at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Rd)

A joint presentation by: The Council of Canadians and the Canadian Union of Public Employees

For more information regarding the tour, please contact Angela Giles at [agiles@canadians.org](mailto:agiles@canadians.org) or 1.877.772.7811.

For more information about how to keep water public, visit [www.canadians.org](http://www.canadians.org) or [www.cupe.ca](http://www.cupe.ca).

#### **B25.**

##### **Thursday April 23 12 noon Active Transportation Lunch n' Learn**

Learn more about how you can reduce your carbon footprint and be active at the same time!

\*For more info: ACAP Centre for Sustainable Communities 582 George St., Sydney [www.acapcb.ns.ca](http://www.acapcb.ns.ca) 567.1628

#### **B26.**

##### **Friday April 24 9 am -12 noon Everything Swap**

ACAP CB is taking 'one man's trash is another man's treasure' to a whole other level. Do you have usable items that you just don't want anymore? Think twice before you put them in the trash. Drop off your good used material at the ACAP Centre for Sustainable Communities anytime this week between 8:30 and 4:30, M-Thurs. Drop by on the day of the swap and see if there is any 'trash' that could be your 'treasure'.

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#### **B27.**

##### **Two-Eyed Seeing - Native Wisdom as our Climate Changes May 2, 10am - 4pm**

Tatamagouche Centre

Western science and technology has led us to where we are today - a world of pollution, imbalance, extinctions and threatening climate change. We fear that the knowledge that got us here will not get us out! Welcome to a vision that integrates our prevailing understandings with Traditional Indigenous Worldviews. Two-Eyed Seeing brings together the guiding principles, knowledge and strengths of indigenous worldviews with those of Western science

and technology, offering us a more complete picture of our world - and so a more complete approach toward the proper care for our planet. When we integrate our perspectives, we can more easily integrate ourselves, and move forward together to heal our planet. Join the Aboriginal Rights Coalition - Atlantic, for this truly cross-cultural experience of our world! Led by Elders Albert and Murdena Marshall, we will learn about Two-Eyed Seeing, and then peer through this lens as we examine our world, our relationships and our ways forward together. All are welcome to this accessible, inclusive gathering. Albert Marshall and Murdena Marshall are Elders of Eskasoni First Nation, who helped to establish and teach Two-Eyed Seeing in the Integrative Science program at Cape Breton University. Albert Marshall is a 2009 recipient of the Eco-Hero Award for Nova Scotia. For an introduction to Two-Eyed Seeing, view a video at: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4641523553883632087>.

Cost: \$40 (includes program, lunch and snacks)

To register, please contact Tatamagouche Centre at 1-800-218-2220 or [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca).

The Aboriginal Rights Coalition - Atlantic is a cross-cultural organization that works toward peace and justice between First Nations and non-Aboriginal people, through education, solidarity and relationship-building activities. For more information, please contact Shirley Childs at [childse@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:childse@nbnet.nb.ca).

### **B28.**

#### **Dalhousie Women's Centre Community Garden 2009 -- Planning meeting Thursday, April 23rd @ 5:30**

If you are interested in practicing your gardening skills, getting dirty, having a great time, and being outside, the DWC community garden is for YOU!! The community garden grows flowers, herbs, and vegetables to be used by individuals and the broader community. Find out more about the garden and how you can be involved!! ALL are welcome (community members, students, children, etc) to attend our first planning meeting on APRIL 23rd, 5:30pm. The Women's Centre is located in front of the Dalplex on South Street - larger white house off the road. 6286 South Street

For more information about the centre or our services:

Phone: 902-494-2432

Email: [dwc@dal.ca](mailto:dwc@dal.ca)

### **B29.**

#### **Getting out of the Storm - the economic crisis, environmental crisis & Atlantica Tuesday April 28 @ 7:00pm**

Bloomfield Centre (2786 Agricola St.)

A presentation and discussion with Jason Fraser and Asaf Rashid

Free, but donations welcome to help cover the costs. Coffee, tea and snacks provided!

Through the economic and climate crises, corporations and governments in the Atlantic Provinces are aiming to expand energy exports to the U.S. and act as a commodity super corridor from Asia to the U.S. This vision is called "Atlantica", and is based on the mega-production and mega consumption ideals that led to the crisis. But long-term survival will require different approaches entirely... An event supported by NSPIRG. More info Asaf Rashid: [asaf@nspirg.org](mailto:asaf@nspirg.org)

### **B30.**

#### **We all Share the Coast: A workshop on Coastal Access in Nova Scotia**

May 7th, 2009 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Room 05, Loyola Building, St. Mary's University

Public access to the coast is an issue of genuine interest to Nova Scotia. Key stakeholders and decision makers want to ensure that our current and future access to the coast respects customary use, private property rights, and the sensitivity of coastal features and habitat. The Province of Nova Scotia is currently developing a Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy. Coastal Access is a priority area identified within this strategy. It is an opportune time to bring together different stakeholders, user groups, and decision makers to look for ways to move forward on what often appears to be competing interests for access to the coast. The organization or agency you are affiliated with has the potential to play a significant role in coastal access issues in Nova Scotia. The Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia (CCNS), Ecology Action Centre (EAC), Saint Mary's University, and the Marne Affairs Program at Dalhousie University are inviting you to a working session on May 7th, 2009 to explore how to integrate different perspectives on access into emerging coastal policy strategies. The event will take place at Saint Mary's University in Room 105 of the Loyola Building between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. We think this workshop will improve our ability to work together, share information and create solutions. Resource people with various perspectives on access will

prepare short opening statements, but most of the workshop will be spent in small groups and facilitated plenary discussions. At the end of the day, we will summarize key ideas about access and potential next steps. In May 2007, Dalhousie University's Marine Affairs program hosted a one-day workshop on Towards a Definition of the Coastal Zone for purposes of Coastal Zone Management, in which experts shared their perspectives on among other topics, coastal access. It might be useful to review the contents of this document available at [http://marineaffairsprogram.dal.ca/News\\_and\\_Events/](http://marineaffairsprogram.dal.ca/News_and_Events/) before the "We All Share the Coast" workshop. For more information, please contact any member of the organizing committee (listed below). To ensure productive discussion, there will be a limited number of participants at the workshop. Please RSVP to [coastalnova@ecologyaction.ca](mailto:coastalnova@ecologyaction.ca) by April 30th 2009 in order to confirm your attendance. Space is limited and you must register in advance.

### **B31.**

#### **Nature Trust Benefit Concert – "Voices of Earth" May 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Halifax Camerata Singers and Camerata Xara Young Women's Choir will join forces in a concert entitled "Voices of Earth" at Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax. The evening will celebrate the beauty and mystery of our planet through descriptive music that evokes the natural elements that surround us: Earth, Air, Water and Fire. Tickets (\$25 regular / \$10 students) are available at The Madrigal, Spring Garden Place; or by calling (902) 492-4523. The concert will be repeated Sunday, May 3 at 4 p.m. at First United Church, Truro. Truro tickets are \$20 regular / \$5 students and are available at MacQuarries Pharmasave (Esplanade Location) and at the door. For more information: [www.halifaxcamerata.org](http://www.halifaxcamerata.org) or (902) 492-4523.

### **B32.**

#### **Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association Annual General Meeting Monday, April 27th**

At 7:00 pm

To be held at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm, 471 Poplar Drive

Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia

B2W 4L2

There will be a short meeting followed by a social gathering

For more information, please contact Jim Tudor: [jtudor@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:jtudor@ns.sympatico.ca)

### **B33.**

#### **Genuine Progress in Action, Level 1 from April 24-June 5**

A course in course correction for navigating turbulent times. A key purpose of the GPI (Genuine Progress Index) is to provide an early warning system of potentially troubling trends so that corrective interventions can be undertaken before development of a real (and potentially irreversible) crisis. We are proud to announce Genuine Progress in Action (GPIA), a new training program on using genuine progress indicators to shape sustainable development at the community level. Senior GPI Atlantic Researcher Linda Panozzo will lead the course, with additional presentations by Executive Director Ron Colman and other leaders in the field. For more information about GPI Atlantic and our work with indicators for sustainable development, please go to [www.gpiatlantic.org](http://www.gpiatlantic.org).

Course start date: April 24, 2007

Friday mornings through June 5th, 9:30-12 GPI Atlantic office, 3008 Oxford St., enter on Cork St.

Cost: \$140, includes 13% HST

A few work/study positions are available—please contact Gwen Colman at 489-7117

To apply/register, please email [gwen@gpiatlantic.org](mailto:gwen@gpiatlantic.org) with the following

information: name, address, phone numbers, email, and a few words about why you would like to participate in Genuine Progress in Action.

Participants will be asked to sign a photo use waiver so that we may videotape the course.

### **B34.**

#### **Public Meeting: Active & Safe Routes Initiative in Summerville April 28, 6:30 pm**

Location: Dr. Arthur Hines Elementary School, Summerville NS

The public is invited to a community meeting to discuss developing a safe walking and cycling trail through Summerville, NS. Currently, there is concern for the safety of families who walk children to school

along highway 215. In the long-term, it could grow into an intercommunity trail linking Centre Burlington to the Cheverie Salt Marsh. We look forward to this opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts on this initiative. Refreshments and sweet treats will be served.

For more info: Janet Barlow

Active & Safe Routes to School Coordinator Ecology Action Centre asrts@ecologyaction.ca www.saferoutesns.ca

Tel: (902) 442-5055 Fax: (902) 405-3716

2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS B3K 4L3

### **B35.**

#### **Introductory and advanced Fostering Sustainable Behaviour workshops in Halifax on June 11th and 12th.**

While registration closes on June 8th, please note that it is likely that the workshops will fill before that date.

Online Registration: <https://register.cbsm.com/workshops/?site=Halifax>

#### Workshop Description

The cornerstone of sustainability is behaviour change. If we are to move toward a sustainable future we must encourage individuals and businesses to engage in a multitude of actions (e.g., waste reduction, water and energy efficiency, pollution prevention, etc.). To date, most programs to encourage such activities have relied upon disseminating information. Research demonstrates, however, that simply providing information has little or no effect on what people or businesses do.

But if not ads, brochures or booklets, then what? Over the last decade, a new approach -- community-based social marketing -- has emerged as an effective alternative for delivering programs to foster sustainable behaviour.

This June Dr. McKenzie-Mohr, an environmental psychologist, will be presenting introductory and advanced community-based social marketing workshops in Halifax (June 11th and 12th -- please note that these sessions are the only the training sessions being offered until the spring of 2010 in Atlantic Canada and the Northeast United States). Dr. McKenzie-Mohr is the founder of community-based social marketing and has written and presented extensively on the topic. We invite you to attend either or both of these workshops, as we are confident that the training they provide will fundamentally change the way you think about program delivery.

**Introductory Workshop (June 11th):** The one-day introductory workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to community-based social marketing and how it is being applied throughout the world to foster sustainable behaviour. Those who attend the introductory workshop will learn the five steps of community-based social marketing (selecting behaviours, identifying barriers, developing strategies, conducting a pilot, and broad scale implementation) and be exposed to numerous case studies illustrating its use.

**Advanced Workshop (June 12th):** The one-day advanced workshop builds on knowledge gained from the introductory workshop. It provides an in-depth exposure to community-based social marketing and provides participants with the knowledge they need to design and evaluate their own community-based social marketing programs. Participants will have extensive opportunity to discuss the application of community-based social marketing to actual programs.

**Who Should Attend?** If you design or fund programs to encourage individuals or businesses to engage in environmentally beneficial behaviours -- such as those involved in waste reduction, water and energy efficiency, watershed protection, pollution prevention or transportation changes -- you will find these workshops invaluable. The workshops will also be useful for environmental education professionals who work in settings such as zoos, aquariums and parks. Public health professionals who work to foster sustainable lifestyle changes, such as being more active, will also benefit from attending.

**Online Registration:** Please visit <https://register.cbsm.com/workshops/?site=Halifax> to register for these sessions. Please consider forwarding this email to colleagues who might benefit from attending. Hope to see you in June.

Doug McKenzie-Mohr, Ph.D.

Environmental Psychologist

(506) 455 5061 voice

(506) 455 0550 fax

**B36.**

**New Earth Institute Mahone Bay Vision Session & Potluck: May 3, 6-9 p.m**

Join a small but growing group of people who are developing a new, international education and research institute in Nova Scotia. We would like to create a sustainably designed, living learning environment for people who are striving to understand, think and act in new ways to address the most pressing ecological and social concerns of modern life. Please contact Saskia Tait and Shahar Rabi for more information: info@newearthinstitute.ca, 902-489-2524.

Mahone Bay Vision Session & Potluck: May 3, 6-9 p.m, Community Room (near kitchen), Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street, Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia.

Halifax Vision Session & Potluck: May. 2, 6-9 p.m. 3008 Oxford Street, Suite 203 (corner of Cork and Oxford Street, entrance on Cork Street, upstairs).

New Earth Institute

E-Mail: info@newearthinstitute.ca

Tel: +1-902-529-1202

**B37.**

**For Schools: A Change in the Air or A Breath of Clean Air Workshops**

Enjoy a stimulating learning experience with your students!

Participate in A Change in the Air or A Breath of Clean Air, two free activities offered by Environment Canada's Biosphère in Halifax, Nova Scotia high schools and colleges May 27 to June 2, 2009.

Available in English or French!

Register your school right now!

The general objective of this activity is to make students more aware and proactive concerning their environment, while gathering the three levels of learning: cognitive, sensory, and emotional. Every presentation is made by a professional educator with a science degree in biology, meteorology or environment. The activities include an in class scientific experiment and are completed by individual or collective post-visit activities. Each presentation lasts 60 minutes and is offered to groups of 90 students or more, in high schools and colleges (12 to 18 years old). Your school must be equipped with:

- A computer with Windows' PowerPoint 2003 or more recent,
- A projector,
- A hall with a capacity of 90 people or more.

For more Information and registration:

René Brunet

Tel.: 1-866-487-8282 (toll free)

rene.brunet@ec.gc.ca

Youth Program: <http://www.biosphere.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=8AB791CF-1>

**B38.**

**Dump & Run: Community Garage Sale - Halifax, NS - May 3rd**

Do a spring-cleaning and donate your unwanted items to Dump & Run. Proceeds go to environmental and social justice community groups. For more information, please contact: Kristina Benoit, Co-coordinator, Halifax Dump and Run 2009. Email: halifaxdumpandrun@gmail.com Home Telephone: 344-2200 Website:

[www.halifaxdumpandrun.webs.com](http://www.halifaxdumpandrun.webs.com)

**B39.**

**Green Renovations and Alternative Heating Workshop Wed, April 22**

Location: Ecology Action Centre, Board Room, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax

Date: Wed, April 22, Time: 6-9 pm

The topics will be:

- \* Green Renovations
- \* Alternative Home Heating (Solar, Earth, and Biomass heating)

Speakers: Zak Miller, Janice Ashworth

Recommended Donation: \$30 , students/seniors: \$20

To register, please contact: (902) 429-2202 or Janice.Ashworth@gmail.com

**B40.**

**"43rd Congress of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society" 31 May - 4 June 2009**

In Halifax, Nova Scotia - <http://www.cmos.ca/Congress2009/index.htm>.

**B41.**

**ECO Canada & ESANS Nova Scotia Networking Luncheon May 13**

Delta Halifax May 13, 2009 - 11:30am to 2:30pm

Join us for a special networking lunch for Environmental Practitioners. This event is co-hosted by ESANS, ECO Canada, and ECO-Canada's certifying body - the Canadian Environmental Certification Approvals Board (CECAB).

The goal of the event is to bring together certified members (CCEP, CEPIT, and Auditors) of the Halifax Area's environmental workforce in a casual atmosphere to meet one another, discuss the nature of the environmental profession, and work towards building a strong environmental practitioner community in the region.

<http://esans.ca/pdf/ecocanadapromo.pdf>

**B42.**

**Eco-Efficiency Centre 10th annual Excellence in Business Breakfast June 3**

The Eco-Efficiency Centre is proud to announce our 10th annual Excellence in Business Breakfast to be held on June the 3rd, 2009.

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

8am – 10am

Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax

\$25 per person

For registration contact:

Eco-Efficiency Centre

t: 902-461-6704

f: 902-461-6703

2008 Award recipients and presenters e: [eecentre@dal.ca](mailto:eecentre@dal.ca)

For event details please click here: <http://eco-efficiency.management.dal.ca/index.htm>

**B43.**

**Earth Day Native Plant Sale Wolfville on April 25**

Celebrate Earth Day and help restore the Acadian Forest Region, one tree at a time. A variety of young native trees including red oak, mountain ash and white ash will be available for sale at the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens Earth Day Native Plant Sale on Saturday April 25th from 9am to 12pm. These plants have been cultivated by the Friends of the Gardens volunteer group. A wide range of exhibitors will be selling native plants and sharing information on ecological gardening and sustainability. Three nurseries from across the province: SpringVale, Baldwins and Bunchberry will be selling native plants specifically selected for use in home gardens. These plants will range from shrubs such as highbush cranberry to groundcovers including bearberry and teaberry.

<http://botanicalgardens.acadiau.ca> 902/585-1917

**C. Non-Environmental Events**

**C1.**

**Food Matters Film Screening on May 3**

NSAND (Nova Scotia Association of Naturopathic Doctors) is proud to present Food Matters, a film by James Colquhoun and Laurentine ten Bosch

([www.foodmatters.tv](http://www.foodmatters.tv))

Date: Sunday, May 3rd

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Oxford Theatre, 6408 Quinpool Road, Halifax

Cost: \$5

Food Matters is a hard hitting, fast paced look at our current state of health. Despite the billions of dollars of funding and research into new so-called cures we continue to suffer from a raft of chronic ills and every day maladies. Patching up an over-toxic and over-indulgent population with a host of toxic therapies and nutrient sparse foods is definitely not helping the situation. In a personal quest of discovery James and Laurentine together with a film crew and the editorial and production expertise of Enzo Tedeschi have set out on an independent mission to uncover the wholesome truth. After the film: Join members of NSAND, Raw food educators, local food promoters and nutritionists to learn practical skills for incorporating the lessons from Food Matters into your lifestyle.

Sandra Murphy, BSc ND

Naturopathic Doctor

(BDDT-N licensed and NSAND/CAND registered)

[www.nsand.ca](http://www.nsand.ca)

6156 Quinpool Road, Suite 102

Halifax, NS

(902)429-3303

[www.nurturetherapeutics.ca](http://www.nurturetherapeutics.ca)

## **C2.**

### **Dialogue for Peaceful Change, Facilitation Training –Tatamagouche, NS - April 26 – May 1st**

Dialogue for Peaceful Change (DPC) is a methodology used in community-based conflict mediation, and provides effective and useful tools and strategies for analyzing and addressing conflicts. Based on work in Northern Ireland, DPC is applicable to conflicts and disputes in communities, families and organizations. It has been implemented in global conflicts in Palestine, Uganda and the Philippines and amongst police and community groups in California. In the Maritimes, DPC Facilitators have been using these skills to address disputes between fisherfolk and government officials, sorting through tensions within First Nations communities, and promoting greater cooperation between community and Social Service agencies. DPC moves beyond traditional mediative methods, focusing on conflict content, culture and spirituality. The experiential nature of the program allows you to practice the stages of conflict mediation and apply the tools in a realistic context. See [www.dialogueforpeacefulchange.net](http://www.dialogueforpeacefulchange.net). Leadership: Ishbel Munro is Executive Director of the Coastal Communities Network, a Nova Scotia-wide grassroots, non-profit that works to ensure the future of Nova Scotia's rural and coastal communities. Ishbel is a Certified Mediator through Henson College and trained in the DPC methodology in Northern Ireland. Stephen Law, Social Transformation Program Coordinator, trained in DPC methodology in Turku, Finland and has been a DPC trainer in Northern Ireland, India and North America. He works extensively in areas of peacebuilding and community development, and is a former Board Member of Peace Brigades International.

For more information & to register: [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca)

## **D. Announcements**

### **D1.**

#### **The Future of Nova Scotia's Natural Resources: Our Common Ground Final Report Available**

Voluntary Planning's Natural Resources Citizen Engagement Committee, I am pleased to let you know that the Committee's final report The Future of Nova Scotia's Natural Resources: Our Common Ground is now available on our website at: <http://vp.gov.ns.ca>

### **D2.**

#### **Health Effects of Toxics: Metal Mining Effluent Regulations**

Mining Effluent Regulations: Amendments to Fathead Minnow Toxicity Test Method Method Environment Canada's Method Development and Applications Unit has published amendments for EPS 1/RM/22 Test of Larval Growth and Survival Using Fathead Minnows (originally published in February 1992; amended November 1997). The most significant change to this method includes the requirement of regression statistics for quantitative data analysis and endpoint generation, and the change to a biomass sublethal endpoint. Other minor changes include technical and terminology clarifications. This standardized test method is required under the Fisheries Act for the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations. The amended version of this method came into effect for

the Environmental Effects Monitoring program (Metal Mining) in February 2009. A four-month period from November 2008 to February 2009 allowed preparation time for private toxicology laboratories to revise their in-house Standard Operating Procedures and for staff training on the changes to the test methodology.

The method is available for download from the Biological Methods Publications website: [http://www.etc-cte.ec.gc.ca/organization/bmd/bmd\\_publist\\_e.html](http://www.etc-cte.ec.gc.ca/organization/bmd/bmd_publist_e.html)

Contact: Dr. Lisa Taylor (613) 991-4062

### **D3.**

#### **Senate Committee to Review Navigable Waters Protection Act on April 23**

The Senate Energy Environment and Natural Resources Committee will begin hearings on the Navigable Waters Protection Act. The first of the hearings will begin Thursday April 23rd at 8:00am, and continue with intensive study through to June. Information on the hearings, such as witnesses and times can be found here; to keep up to date on the committee's progress, be sure to watch the webcast of the proceedings. If you have not already done so, you can email the committee clerk (Lynn Gordon [eenr-eern@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:eenr-eern@sen.parl.gc.ca)) with your perspective on this issue, or your request to appear as a witness before the committee.

[http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/Committee\\_SenMeetAll.asp?Language=E&Parl=40&Ses=2](http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/Committee_SenMeetAll.asp?Language=E&Parl=40&Ses=2)

Sincere Regards,

Senator Elaine McCoy, QC

Alberta Senator

[mccoye@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:mccoye@sen.parl.gc.ca)

### **D4.**

#### **Meet Your Mower! Home Depot Campaign April 23 to May 3, 2009**

Bring your old, gas-powered lawncare equipment to any Home Depot store in Canada – April 23 to May 3, 2009

Receive up to a \$100 instant rebate on the purchase of a cleaner, environmentally-preferred alternative.

You can find the lawncare equipment you were meant to be with by visiting: [www.homedepot.ca/MeetYourMower](http://www.homedepot.ca/MeetYourMower)

### **D5.**

#### **New University Cooperative 2009 Summer Short Course Program in NS**

The New University Cooperative is pleased to announce our inaugural 2009 Summer Short Course Program, which will be held from August 1st - 28th 2009, in Nova Scotia. A residential course offering, the theme of the course is Sustainability and Social Justice: Capacity for Social Transformation. Founded in 2005, The New University Cooperative seeks to reclaim higher education and in so doing is building a New University in Canada, founded on principles of sustainability and social justice, inclusive and accessible to all. The 2009 Summer Short Course Program will provide a transformative education: a critical and diverse learning experience that gives graduates the understanding and skills needed to address the problems of increasing unequal distribution of wealth and ecological degradation which is impacting local and global communities. Costs, including organic, local and fair-trade meals, transportation during the program (field trips etc.), accommodation and tuition, are on a sliding scale from \$400-\$600/student. Please note that as per the principles of the New University Cooperative, subsidies are available for low-income participants. Course brochure is available at

<http://newuniversity.ca/attachments/Summer%20Course%20Pamphlet.pdf>.

For more information and to register for the course please visit [www.newuniversity.ca](http://www.newuniversity.ca) or contact us by e-mail: [info@newuniversity.ca](mailto:info@newuniversity.ca). Space is limited.

### **D6.**

#### **The First Annual, National HEALTHY SCHOOLS DAY April 27, 2009**

Why a National Healthy Schools Day?

1. Many schools have problems linked to indoor air quality (IAQ).
2. Children are more vulnerable to environmental hazards.
3. Children spend an average of 30 to 50 hours per week in school.
4. Staff spend even more time in their school workplaces.
5. Poor indoor environmental quality is associated with a wide range of problems that include respiratory illnesses and poor concentration leading to poor learning.

6. Asthma studies show up to 13% and in some areas 17% of school age children have asthma, the leading cause of school absenteeism, accounting for thousands of missed school days each year, and high costs to the medical system.
7. Many studies have found positive health impacts from improved indoor air quality.
8. Healthy new and existing schools provide cleaner air and reduced exposures to toxic substances, provide a healthier and safer learning environment for children, and improved academic achievement and well-being.
9. Research suggests that children attending schools in good condition score 5 to 10 percent higher on standardized tests than students who attend schools in poor condition.
10. Studies show that resources put into improving indoor environment quality have a rapid pay back.
11. Our Country's school boards commonly make very difficult decisions between cutting back much needed academic programs vs. cutting back on needed building maintenance.
12. Federal and provincial governments have demonstrated interest in this important issue by developing programs like the Tools for Schools IAQ Action Kit, creating data, information and conferences on school indoor air quality; and are working to provide healthier schools every day.
13. Our schools have the great responsibility of guiding the future of our children, who are our country's greatest resource.

More than thirty organizations from across Canada are together declaring April 27, 2009 the first national Healthy Schools Day in Canada - Journée des écoles saines du Canada to focus on indoor environments such as indoor air quality in schools across Canada. The purpose of the day will be to foster improvements, celebrate successes, and create projects that make indoor environments of new and existing schools the best they can be. Each year, Canadians will be encouraged to develop projects big or small to celebrate Healthy Schools Day in Canada and improve school indoor environments.

Healthy Schools Day in Canada is for all Canadians!

Healthy Schools Day in Canada - Journée des écoles saines du Canada will give citizens, students, teachers, parents, organizations, school boards, and all Canadians, an opportunity to focus on school buildings' indoor environment quality to benefit the health and learning ability of our country's school children and protect the health of workers in Canadian Schools. For more information please contact:

Karen Robinson, of Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment (CASLE)

- national coordinator of this inaugural Healthy Schools Day in Canada

902-457-3002

info@casle.ca

The Healthy Schools Day in Canada web page is: [www.casle.ca/HealthySchoolsDay](http://www.casle.ca/HealthySchoolsDay)

#### **D7.**

#### **New Book! By the EAC's Jamie Simpson "Restoring the Acadian Forest"**

Restoring the Acadian Forest: A Guide to Forest Stewardship for Woodlot Owners in the Maritimes, by Jamie Simpson is now available. The book is an introduction to the life and workings of the Acadian Forest and a guide to techniques for restoring economic and ecological value to woodlots. Visit [www.restelluris.ca](http://www.restelluris.ca) for more information or contact Jamie at [eacforestry@gmail.com](mailto:eacforestry@gmail.com).

#### **D8.**

#### **Revised Wilderness Area Boundary Open for Comment**

Nova Scotians have an opportunity for final comment on the revised boundary of what will be the province's newest wilderness area. The boundary of the 14,750-hectare area at Ship Harbour Long Lake in Halifax Regional Municipality was revised after extensive public consultation over the past year. "This wilderness area will protect a beautiful landscape and provide wilderness recreation opportunities for generations to come," said David Morse, Minister of Environment. "It will help meet the province's goal to protect 12 per cent of Nova Scotia's landmass by 2015, a commitment in the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act."

The wilderness area will protect diverse animal habitats, old growth forests, unique wetlands and many remote lakes and rivers. In revising the boundary, key access points were maintained and more ecologically significant elements were included. Agreements were reached on regional off-highway vehicle routes and mineral interests were considered. "This significant new wilderness area will protect important conservation lands and show a balanced consideration of other land uses," said Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Natural Resources Minister.

The Department of Environment will hold two information sessions: May 20 at the St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church hall in Musquodoboit Harbour, and May 27 at the Fairbanks Centre in Dartmouth. Both sessions will run from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. People may drop written comments in comment boxes at wilderness area displays at the Alderney Gate Public Library in Dartmouth and the Musquodoboit Harbour Public Library, from May 11- June 5. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department of Environment, Protected Areas Branch, P.O. Box 442, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2P8, or e-mailed to [protectedareas@gov.ns.ca](mailto:protectedareas@gov.ns.ca). Comments will be accepted until June 19th. For more information on Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area, or any other aspect of Nova Scotia's protected area program, visit [www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas) or call 902-424-2117.

## **D9.**

### **Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) Call for Nominations to National Caucuses-Apply by Apr. 26**

Join an RCEN Caucus Steering Committee! The RCEN is currently looking for members to join the Steering Committees of the following national caucuses: Agriculture; Atmosphere & Energy; Forest; Health; Mining; Water, Fisheries and Oceans; and Toxics. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, April 26, 2009. These calls are open to all RCEN members who belong to, or are interested in joining these caucuses. Steering Committee members will serve a two-year term from May 2009 to April 2011. Current members whose terms are up for renewal are encouraged to re-apply. Please click on one of the Caucuses below for more information and to apply:

RCEN Agriculture Caucus Steering Committee

Deadline: April 26, 2009

RCEN Atmosphere and Energy Caucus Steering Committee

Deadline: April 26, 2009

RCEN Forest Caucus Steering Committee

Deadline: April 26, 2009

RCEN Health Caucus Steering Committee

Deadline: April 26, 2009

RCEN Mining Caucus Steering Committee

Deadline: April 26, 2009

RCEN Toxics Caucus Steering Committee

Deadline: April 26, 2009

RCEN Water, Fisheries and Oceans Caucus Steering Committee

Deadline: April 26, 2009

For more information: <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/index.html>

National Caucus Coordinator

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## **E. Jobs & Internships**

### **E1.**

#### **Membership Coordinator, ACIC - Halifax, NS**

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) is looking for a responsible, experienced student to fill the position of Membership Coordinator.

Responsibilities:

- Organize logistics for Annual General Meeting, including registration, catering, travel arrangements, etc
- Assist in the on-going development/maintenance of membership processes including preparing, and coordinating the mail-out of membership packages, and processing membership applications
- Liaise with members and potential members on an on-going basis
- Support the Membership Committee and Board of Directors in reviewing and maintaining membership policies and procedures, as necessary
- Draft ACIC communications materials, including email announcements and newsletters

Desired Experience, Skills and Qualifications:

- Student with a background in International Development, Communications or equivalent
- Knowledge of NGO international development and community groups in the Atlantic
- Experience creating promotional materials

- Experience in editing, layout, and publishing of newsletters and other documents
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills - bilingual in English and French an asset
- Experience organizing logistics for workshops, conferences, and other events
- Ability to work independently
- Excellent organizational and time management skills
- Excellent computer skills (MS Word, Excel, Dreamweaver an asset)

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for this summer student position, individuals must:

- have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year;
- possess a Social Insurance Number;
- have been residents of Nova Scotia for the past six months; and,
- be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

Location: The position will be based at ACIC's office in Halifax.

Salary: \$12.00/hour for a 14-week contract, 35 hours per week

Application deadline: April 26, 2009.

Start date: TBD

Please submit your resume, cover letter and the names and contact information of three references, by e-mail at info@acic-caci.org by April 26th.

Thank you for applying. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted to arrange for an interview.

ACIC is an equal opportunity employer. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal ancestry and members of a visible minority.

**E2.**

**ACIC Summer Student Position – Youth Engagement Coordinator**

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) is a coalition of individuals, organizations, and institutions working in the Atlantic region, which are committed to achieving global sustainability in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social justice, human dignity, and participation for all. ACIC supports its members in international cooperation and education through collective leadership, networking, information, training and coordination, and represents their interests when dealing with government and others.

ACIC also takes a leadership role in engaging Atlantic Canadians around issues relating to international development, global sustainability, and social justice. Through our public engagement work, ACIC strives to give Atlantic Canadians the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to become active global citizens.

ACIC is looking for a responsible, experienced student to fill the position of Youth Engagement Coordinator.

**Responsibilities:**

- Work with a staff team to develop and implement an outreach strategy for First Voices, a youth project that connects indigenous people from Atlantic Canada and Asia;
- Liaise with relevant organizations and individuals to put together a Youth Advisory Board for ACIC;
- Collaborate with a planning committee to organize an Annual General Meeting and Public Engagement Symposium; and
- Other activities as necessary.

**Desired Experience, Skills and Qualifications:**

- University or College student with a background in International Development, Public Relations or equivalent
- Knowledge of NGO international development and community groups in the Atlantic
- Previous experience working with youth, particularly with engaging youth at different levels within an organization
- Experience working with First Nations Communities an asset
- Experience creating promotional materials and/or event planning
- Excellent communications skills – oral & written
- Ability to work independently.
- Experience working on a team with diverse groups of representation
- Excellent organizational and time management skills

- Excellent computer skills (MS Word, Excel, Dreamweaver an asset)

Eligibility: To be eligible, individuals must have been registered as full-time students in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year.

Location: The position will be based at ACIC's office in Halifax, NS.

Salary: \$12.00/hour for a 14-week contract (May 4 – August 7), 35 hours per week

Application deadline: April 24, 2009.

Start date: May 4, 2009

For full job description and further details, please visit ACIC's website: [www.acic-caci.org](http://www.acic-caci.org).

Please submit your resume, cover letter and the names and contact information of three references, by e-mail at [info@acic-caci.org](mailto:info@acic-caci.org) by April 24th.

Thank you for applying. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted to arrange for an interview.

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### **E3.**

#### **East Coast Environmental Law - Executive Director**

The East Coast Environmental Law Association (ECELAW) is seeking a new Executive Director for its Halifax office. The Executive Director will be responsible for the overall development, management, administration, representation and organization of all activities, initiatives, programs and affairs including but not limited to the following: law & advocacy - program planning and implementation; Communications and public relations; and operations and administration. The ideal candidate will have: management and organizational experience; strong communications skills; and experience with public relations, among other qualifications. The deadline to apply for this position is June 1st, 2009. For more details about this job opportunity, please visit <http://www.ecelaw.ca/>.

### **E4.**

#### **Education Assessment Coordinator, Sierra Club Canada - Atlantic Canada Chapter**

Organization: Sierra Club Canada - Atlantic Canada Chapter <http://www.sierraclub.ca/atlantic>

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Salary: \$447/week, 40 hours per week

Anticipated Start Date: May 1, 2009

Education: University or college degree in Communication, Social Science, Science, or Environmental Science. An Education degree or experience is an asset. Credentials: Not applicable

Experience: 1-2 years

Languages: Must speak, read and write English; French an asset

Work Setting Experience: Non-governmental organization. Generic Skills: Computer use, writing skills, public speaking skills. Other Information: Knowledge of Atlantic Provinces' ecological processes an asset, must work well with public and be able to work unsupervised at times. Must be willing to travel in Nova Scotia. Employment is for 42 weeks. Applicants must be in receipt of EI/ or have received EI in the last 3 years (or 5 years for maternity/parental benefits & reentering labour force) & meet local office criteria. Salary is non insurable. Duties: The Education Assessment Coordinator will work in two main areas: The first responsibility is, through a consultation process with various student, teacher, government and community interests, to evaluate, assess and redesign the Sierra Club Canada -- Atlantic Canada Chapter's educational programming in the field of Environment. The second major responsibility is to assist program delivery staff with the initial implementation of these new programs to ensure that project goals are met. Employer: Sierra Club of Canada -- Atlantic Canada Chapter.

How to Apply:

Contact Name: Marie Claire Brisbois

By Mail/In Person:

1657 Barrington St. Roy Building Suite 507

Halifax, NS B3J 2A1

By Email: [mcbisbois@sierraclub.ca](mailto:mcbisbois@sierraclub.ca)

Advertised until: 2009/04/30

When applying, please indicate that you saw this posting at [GoodWorkCanada.ca](http://GoodWorkCanada.ca).

## **E5.**

### **Pesticide Inspector with Clean Nova Scotia**

Clean Nova Scotia is currently accepting applications for the position of Pesticide Inspector. For details about this job opportunity, please click here: <http://www.clean.ns.ca/images/Pesticide%20Inspector.pdf>

## **E6.**

### **Retire Your Ride Summer Programs Coordinator Clean Nova Scotia**

Clean Nova Scotia is currently accepting applications for the position of Retire Your Ride Summer Programs Coordinator. For details about this job opportunity, please click here:

<http://www.clean.ns.ca/images/Retire%20Your%20Ride%20-%20Summer%20Coordinator%202009.pdf>

## **F. Volunteer Opportunities / HelpWanted**

### **F1.**

#### **CPAWS Nova Scotia Seeks Board Members**

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) is Canada's pre-eminent, national community-based voice for public wilderness protection. Since 1963 CPAWS has taken a lead role in establishing two-thirds of Canada's protected wild spaces - an area over seven times the size of Nova Scotia. The CPAWS Nova Scotia Chapter works to keep Nova Scotia wild. CPAWS-NS helped to conserve over 600,000 hectares of Nova Scotia's most treasured wild places in parks and other protected areas, as well as remarkable areas of the ocean, including The Gully and deep-sea coral reefs. CPAWS-NS is currently seeking interest from individuals willing to fill one of several volunteer Director positions available. The CPAWS-NS Board of Directors meets approximately six times a year and corresponds regularly by email. Board members are expected to actively contribute to the management of the organization through committee work (i.e. Human Resources, Financial Management, Fundraising, Policy). CPAWS-NS has two full time staff members and one part time financial administrator.

Currently, the CPAWS-NS Board is seeking individuals with experience in one or more of the following: Experience as a board of director for not for profit organizations; Experience and skills in financial management; Experience in capital fundraising; Experience with human resources management; • Experience in the administration of not for profit organizations; Interest and / or knowledge in protected areas and nature conservation; Interest and / or knowledge in marine conservation. This is an exciting time to be a part of the marine and wilderness conservation movement in Nova Scotia. For more information on the recent success of CPAWS-NS, see our recent newsletter at [www.cpaawsns.org](http://www.cpaawsns.org)

For more information, please contact: Craig Smith President, Board of Directors [cksmith@eastlink.ca](mailto:cksmith@eastlink.ca)

## **G. Funding & Awards**

### **G1.**

#### **Earth Day Canada Hometown Heroes Award Deadline April 22**

Earth Day Canada (EDC), in partnership with Cascades Inc., wants you to share your community and environmental heroes with us!

If you or someone you know is the environmental hero of your community enter the Hometown Heroes Award Program for a chance to win \$10 000—\$5 000 to keep and \$5 000 to donate to the environmental cause of choice.

Nominate yourself, an individual or group from your community by April 22nd 2009.

For more information or to download a nomination form, please visit [www.earthday.ca/hometown](http://www.earthday.ca/hometown) or call 1-888-283-2784 ext. 204

Good Luck Heroes!

## **H. News**

### **H1.**

#### **Eco-friendly labelling? It's a lot of 'greenwash'**

"All-natural" shampoo. "Planet-friendly" glass cleaner. "BPA-free" baby bottles. The labels on 98 per cent of those good-for-the-earth-and-your-body items you fill your shopping basket with are lying, a new study shows. Of the

more than 2,000 self-described environmentally friendly products in North America examined by the environmental marketing firm TerraChoice, only 25 were found to be indisputably "sin free." More from the article in the Toronto Star: <http://www.thestar.com/News/Canada/article/619936>

## **H2.**

### **Ottawa sued over curbs to environmental assessments**

MARTIN MITTELSTAEDT

Globe and Mail Update

The Sierra Club of Canada is going to court to try to overturn a controversial decision by Ottawa to exempt about 2,000 federally funded infrastructure projects from having to pass environmental assessments.

The legal action, filed in the Federal Court of Canada late last week, seeks to have to regulations allowing the exemption quashed.

The federal Cabinet approved the measures last month, arguing that its economic stimulus package would have faster benefits if infrastructure projects were freed from Canadian Environmental Assessment Act requirements of having to prove that they pose little risk of harming the environment.

“What they've done is under the guise of economic stimulus got rid of one of our most important environmental laws,” asserted Justin Duncan, a lawyer with Ecojustice, which is representing the Sierra Club in the legal action.

Under the federal changes, Ottawa says assessments will no longer be needed for such projects garbage dumps, public transit infrastructure, sewage treatment plants and road widening projects, among others, until March 2011. In announcing the changes, the government said that assessments can “unnecessarily slow down funding decisions” and that that reducing the number of these reviews would save \$100-million to \$150-million on the total cost of about \$3-billion for infrastructure projects. It said the exemptions will only apply to projects where there is minimal risk of environmental harm.

But Mr. Duncan said that the Conservative government is almost alone internationally in rescinding environmental protection measures to stimulate the economy. He said the approach has been rejected in the U.S., India, and China.

“You see this same debate going on in the U.S., but they've gone the other route and they've maintained their environmental protections,” he said.

The filing by the Sierra Club asserts that the Conservatives should have passed legislation in Parliament for the exemptions, and weren't legally permitted to do so through Cabinet decisions.

## **H3.**

### **Ex-chief of firm active in oilsands to head Canada-U.S. working group**

Former oil exec to be clean-energy envoy

By Glen McGregor, April 8, 2009

Charlie Fischer's inclusion on a group on clean energy has been criticized as a ploy to promote the tar sands. Photograph by: Mikael Kjellstrom, Canwest News, The Ottawa Citizen The Harper government has named a former oil and gas industry executive who led a company active in the Alberta oilsands as a representative on a United States-Canada working group on clean energy.

Charlie Fischer, who until recently served as president and chief executive officer of Calgary-based Nexen Inc., will head up one of three working groups with U.S. counterparts as part of the Clean Energy Dialogue, Environment Minister Jim Prentice has confirmed.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed to set up the working groups after a meeting in Ottawa with U.S. President Barack Obama, promising the two countries would co-operate on developing new ways to combat climate change.

However, only last week, in a response to a question in the House of Commons from a Liberal MP, did the government reveal who would serve as Canadian "envoys" on the groups.

The Sierra Club of Canada says the choice of an oil industry executive as a clean-energy envoy undermines the credibility of the effort.

"Appointing Charlie Fischer sends a clear signal that this is about promoting the tar sands, period," said Stephen Hazell, executive director of the environmental group.

"The government of Canada seems to be coming at this whole clean-energy dialogue from the perspective of how can they get special exemptions for the tar sands industry so that, when a cap-and-trade system is implemented, the tar sands aren't affected."

Hazell allowed that Nexen was among the more progressive of oilsands developers and he said that Fischer himself was "not a Neanderthal. ... It is a company that recognizes it can't go on doing what it's doing."

Fischer, 59, is also listed as a co-chair of Alberta Climate Change Central, an organization that promotes greenhouse gas reduction.

Last December, Nexen upped its participation in the Alberta oilsands with a \$735-million investment in the Long Lake project. Fischer retired from the top job at the company at the end of last year. As of December, Fischer held more than 500,000 common shares in Nexen, then worth about \$9.5 million, plus options on three million more shares, according to insider disclosure records. (Because he is no longer required to report his trades, his holdings may have changed since then.) While the exact mandates of working groups are still being developed, Environment Canada says none of the participants will be put in a position of a conflict-of-interest.

#### **H4.**

##### **Raw and sustainable**

Hello, arctic char - goodbye, Bluefin tuna. A new sustainability guide takes aim at the sushi meal. Fiona Morrow reports

FIONA MORROW

Globe and Mail

VANCOUVER — Iwana and iwashi are in. Tai and toro are out. Uni? Sake? Well, depending on where they are sourced, and how they are caught, they could be either.

A new pocket-sized guide is hoping sushi lovers are ready to take a closer look at that lunchtime maki roll.

Launching at restaurants in Vancouver and Halifax tomorrow, SeaChoice's Sustainable Sushi Guide is designed to help diners determine whether the raw fish on the menu is eco-friendly - and, it is hoped, to change attitudes about sushi in the same way that existing programs have focused attention on sustainability in a growing number of Western restaurants.

The free, downloadable guide is divided into seafood that is available in abundance and environmentally sustainable, including farmed arctic char (iwana), wild Pacific sardine (iwashi) and wild Dungeness crab (kani); seafood to be consumed infrequently because of concerns over stocks or impact on the ecosystem, including wild blue, king and snow crab and wild B.C. salmon (sake); and seafood to avoid, including farmed Atlantic salmon, freshwater eel (unagi) and wild red snapper (tai).

In many cases, the source is the key: For example, wild sea urchin (uni) from Canada gets a green light, while wild sea urchin from Maine gets a red light.

But topping a maki roll with unagi, or presenting glistening slices of top-notch hamachi (yellowtail) sashimi - another fish on the avoid list - are a sushi chef's bread-and-butter. Changing such established practices in this market is an uphill task.

"Sushi is one of the most common ways people eat fish out of the home," says Shauna MacKinnon, markets campaigner at Living Oceans Society, which teamed up with SeaChoice and other environmental groups to create the Sustainable Sushi Guide.

"There just hasn't been the same focus on sustainability in sushi and other Asian restaurants in general."

There are problems at both ends of the price spectrum, Ms. MacKinnon says. "We have farmed Atlantic salmon being used because it's cheap, and at the other end of the scale we have Bluefin tuna, which faces commercial extinction by 2012 if we keep eating it at the same rate."

Mike McDermid of Ocean Wise agrees that the scope of the sustainability campaign needed to be broadened. "In the Asian market generally, there's a disconnect between the information already out there and the seafood still being used. But sometimes we have to get away from our traditional options - move out of our comfort zones."

When environmentalist and sustainable fishing expert Casson Trenor began writing his book *Sustainable Sushi: A Guide to Saving the Oceans One Bite at a Time* a couple of years ago, he knew it would create waves. "I was very aware that the response from restaurateurs would be: 'That's impossible,' " he sighs down the phone from San Francisco.

But as he was putting the book to bed, Mr. Trenor met two sushi chefs, Raymond Ho and Kin Lui, who wanted to open a restaurant that was less damaging to the ocean ecosystem.

In February, 2008, the trio opened San Francisco's Tataki restaurant, which he calls "the world's first sustainable sushi restaurant." Since then, another sustainable sushi restaurant - Portland's Bamboo Sushi - has opened for business.

In Vancouver, Nobu Ochi, executive chef of Zen, says he has been considering the move for over a year. "We have been doing our own research for some time now, but we decided to join Ocean Wise because we really need help sourcing out menu alternatives."

Mr. Ochi has already removed all the international and compromised whitefish, such as Boston flounder, from the menu at Zen, substituting local halibut and farmed California striped bass.

Unagi is a big concern for him, he says. "There is no obvious alternative to it, and it is something we will eventually have to take off."

In Yaletown's swanky Blue Water Cafe and Raw Bar, the challenges are displayed in perfect microcosm: One side of the restaurant is an award-winning Pacific Northwest high-end restaurant; the other is a sushi raw bar run by a traditional Japanese sushi master.

Frank Pabst, executive chef of the Western side, is a huge believer in the Ocean Wise program. He even instituted an annual *Unsung Heroes* menu, where less popular seafood such as cockles and sardines are showcased. The issue of sustainability is discussed in detail in the new Blue Water Cafe cookbook.

But on the raw bar side of the restaurant, headed up by sushi chef Yoshi Tabo, unagi and hamachi, for example, are still on the menu.

Both chefs agree that unagi will likely be replaced soon, probably by anago (seawater eel). They are also trying to find a regular source for Hawaiian Kona Kampachi as an alternative to hamachi.

When it comes to tuna, part of the problem, Mr. Pabst and Mr. Ochi agree, is getting hold of the right information from suppliers.

"In the Japanese fish markets, it's not always easy to identify which red tuna has been caught by long-line [which risks by-catch of threatened and endangered species] or troll-pole [which is considered better because it is a simpler hook-and-line method]," Mr. Pabst explains. "It makes it very difficult for a traditional Japanese sushi bar to be completely sustainable."

Ocean Wise accreditation does not require that a restaurant be 100-per-cent sustainable, just that it is promoting positive choices and working to remove unsustainable items, Mr. McDermid points out. "Great chefs have the capacity to change our cultural tastes, and an educated consumer can also drive the change by making a decision to only buy the sustainable option on the menu."

Mr. Trenor is less patient. He wants to see sushi chefs taking a clear stand.

"Otherwise, it's a cop-out," he argues. "The bottom line is you go sustainable or you all go out of business eventually anyway - when we run out of fish."

To download a copy of the Sustainable Sushi Guide, go to <http://www.seachoice.org/page/guides>

## **H5.**

### **Not much progress noted on national water strategy**

By The Canadian Press

Wed. Apr 22 - 4:46 AM

OTTAWA — Canada's environment commissioner says the Conservative government has made negligible progress on a national water strategy it promised more than two years ago.

Scott Vaughan said the Tories have made plenty of announcements about the water strategy but they haven't yet followed up with enough action to merit an audit by his office.

"The position of the office is that we don't examine a program if it's based only on a press release," Vaughan told the Commons environment committee on Tuesday.

"We did not see any measurable progress in developing a national strategy or a national framework."

The Conservatives first promised a clean-water strategy in March 2007 when the government tabled its yearly budget, earmarking \$93 million over two years for projects.

Those projects included \$11 million to clean heavily polluted spots in the Great Lakes Basin and \$39 million to "increase fisheries science research programs to strengthen fisheries management and resource conservation."

But environmentalists have criticized the Tories for announcing only piecemeal projects. They say Ottawa still lacks a comprehensive approach to dealing with water pollution and shortages across the country.

Vaughan said little progress has been made.

"There's been a couple of media releases. There have been some announcements," he said.

"But when we went in to the departments, there wasn't enough in terms of discernable progress to say it actually looks like there's something in place."

Environment Minister Jim Prentice's office referred questions to Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq's office, which was not immediately available to comment.

Environment Canada drafted an internal report in December 2007 urging the federal government to be more hands-on in managing the country's water, which is now largely done by the provinces.

Ottawa still manages most of the fresh water in the North through water boards.

Vaughan appeared before the committee to discuss two recent audits on the safety of drinking water and air quality.

## **I. Resources**

### **I1.**

#### **Data for greenhouse gas emissions in Canada for the year 2007 available from Environment Canada**

[http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/GHG/inventory\\_report/2007/som-sum\\_eng.cfm](http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/GHG/inventory_report/2007/som-sum_eng.cfm)

Some key numbers:

- Total greenhouse gas emissions in Canada in 2007: 747 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq
- Increase from 1990: 26% above the 1990 total of 592 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq
- Kyoto target is 556.5 Mt and emissions in 2007 were 34.2% above the Kyoto target.

### **I2.**

#### **CarShare Halifax**

Find out more: [http://carsharehfx.ca/aboutus\\_news.html](http://carsharehfx.ca/aboutus_news.html)

### **I3.**

#### **New! Sustainable Sushi Guide**

go to <http://www.seachoice.org/page/guides>

### **I4.**

#### **Climate Literacy: The Essential Principles of Climate Science available online**

To read this handy report: <http://www.noaa.gov/climateliteracy.html> and <http://www.climatescience.gov>. It is also being distributed to teachers attending the National Science Teachers Association meeting this week in New Orleans.

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