

Welcome to *Eco-Connections*, a bi-weekly e-bulletin to update our members and supporters on various environmental actions, events, announcements, resources, funding, awards and job opportunities, and to provide a venue for communication across the province. Sent by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN). To add an item to the next e-bulletin or to unsubscribe, please email [nsen@cen-rce.org](mailto:nsen@cen-rce.org)

*\* Please note that Saturday, July 17 is Canada Parks Day: [www.parksday.ca](http://www.parksday.ca) Find out how you can explore Nova Scotia's parks and attend fun family events here: <http://www.novascotiaparks.ca/>*

*\* A regular reminder to post your local events to our interactive online calendar: [www.nsen.ca](http://www.nsen.ca) and click on **Connect!***

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## **A. Actions**

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If it was my home: <http://www.ifitwasmyhome.com/>

### **A2.**

#### **Read the Auditor General's report on contaminated sites in Nova Scotia**

<http://www.oag-ns.ca/June2010/full%20report.pdf>

### **A3.**

#### **Listen to Jocelyne Rankin Water Coordinator at EAC and NSEN Water Caucus Chair on Maritime Noon**

You can listen to Jocelyne online at the Maritime Noon web site – tune in here: <http://www.cbc.ca/maritimenoon/>

### **A4.**

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES STRATEGY 2010 – PLEASE SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Please review the recommendations made in the Phase 2 Report - A Natural Balance: Working Toward Nova Scotia's Natural Resources Strategy released in May. There are expert reports on Biodiversity, Parks, Minerals and Forestry (Crossman/Bancroft).

More information here: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/strategy2010/>

\*Please email the Minister of Natural Resources to say that you support the recommendations in "A Natural Balance" Phase 2 report and want a change in the management of our natural resources respecting biodiversity and an ecosystem-approach: Email Minister MacDonnell at : [min\\_dnr@gov.ns.ca](mailto:min_dnr@gov.ns.ca)

### **A5.**

#### **See the picture and read the notes from the SENSE Lockeport meeting**

Visit the SENSE page: [http://www.nsen.ca/sense\\_meetings.php](http://www.nsen.ca/sense_meetings.php)

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

### **B1.**

#### **NSEN Solstice Social: Environmental & Sustainability Education Workshop**

Date: June 25, 2010 Time: 9am – 4pm Location: Universalist United Church, 5500 Inglis St. (near South Bland St.), in Halifax's South end, Halifax

You're invited to the 2010 NSEN Solstice Social: Environmental & Sustainability Education Workshop!

Are you interested in learning more about environmental education and networking with environmental educators in Nova Scotia? If so, please join us on June 25th for this year's Solstice Social: A Professional Development and Networking Day on Environmental Education, hosted by the Nova Scotia Environment Network (NSEN) and the Environmental Education Caucus (EEC).

What: This is a full day event dedicated to environmental education and will include excellent professional development sessions on environmental education topics, and plenty of networking and sharing opportunities.

Potluck: Please note we will be having a potluck lunch and snacks so please remember to bring a potluck item to share! Plates, cups and cutlery will be provided.

Cost: Free! We encourage people to become members or renew their memberships to NSEN (<http://www.nsen.ca/join.php>). These memberships help NSEN, the EEC and SENSE (Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone) promote environmental education in Nova Scotia.

Agenda:

8.45 – 9.00am Registration

9.00 – 10.00am Welcome, introductions and warm-up activity

10.00 – 10.15am Short morning break

10.15 – 11.45am Morning concurrent PD sessions (you pick one to attend)

Session A:

Heidi Verheul Environmental Education in the Classroom

Session B:

Gerald Gloade Traditional Ecological Knowledge

11.45 – 1.15pm Potluck lunch (group photo, opportunity to network, visit displays, discuss resources)

1.15 – 2.45pm Afternoon concurrent PD sessions (you pick one to attend)

Session C:

Jolienne Stockley Geo-caching

Session D:

Wanda Baxter & Tamara Lorincz Developing a Green Schools Program for Nova Scotia Nova Scotia Initiatives for Community & School Gardens

2.45 – 3.00pm Short afternoon break

3.00 – 3.45pm Afternoon energizer

3.45 – 4.00pm Evaluation and wrap-up

Who: EEC, NSEN and SENSE members, teachers, or anyone who works with or is interested environmental education is invited to attend! If you are interested, **please register by June 18th**, by emailing Jolienne Stockley at [stockjl@gov.ns.ca](mailto:stockjl@gov.ns.ca). Please include the following information in your registration:

- Name, Contact info (phone, email)
- Which professional development sessions you are interested in attending:

Session A or Session B / Session C or Session D

- Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions we should be aware of?

\*Please note tables will be provided for displays.

For more information, please contact any of the following persons:

Organizers: Jolienne Stockley: [stockjl@gov.ns.ca](mailto:stockjl@gov.ns.ca) / Lori Crawford: [sits@dal.ca](mailto:sits@dal.ca)

Co-chairs of the NSEN Environmental Education Caucus: Susan Horton and Lori Crawford.

\*About the NSEN Environmental Education Caucus: <http://nsen.ca/environmentaleducation.php>

\*Join our EEC list serv: <http://groups.google.com/group/ns-eeec>

## **B2.**

### **We'll Find a Way: Video Premiere from Planet Atlantic on June 15**

The video will premiere in Halifax at St. Matthew's church at 7pm on June 15th

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tat2BK\\_7rY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tat2BK_7rY)

More about the project go to

<http://www.planetatlantic.com>

## **B3.**

### **Hooked Up: SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD EVENT! On June 16**

A very exciting event named "Hooked Up" is in the works for June 16th. The MICm (us!), Slow Food NS and the NS Museum of Natural History are hosting this fabulous event. Hooked Up will definitely include tasty sustainable seafood, a film showing of The End of the Line and networking for chefs, seafood producers, and consumers (aka sustainable seafood lovers). Would you like to be a part of the planning and execution? I sure do! Will you join me?

Stephanie Boudreau

MIC Chair

<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/content/marine>

**B4.**

**Clean Nova Scotia AGM June 15**

More info: Address:

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Dartmouth NS, B2Y 1H8

Main Phone Number: (902) 420-3474

Fax Number: (902) 424-5334

General e-mail: [cns@clean.ns.ca](mailto:cns@clean.ns.ca)

<http://www.clean.ns.ca>

**B5.**

**GROW YOUR OWN! NSAC 2010 Summer Workshop Series**

Start Your Food Production Journey with NSAC...

Workshop 2: Weeds, Tools and Pests July

Workshop 3: Preserving Your Bounty August

For registration and more details visit: [nsac.ca/cde/courses](http://nsac.ca/cde/courses) or phone 902-893-6666

**B6.**

**Windhorse Farm upcoming programs: forest workshops, beekeeping etc...**

<http://www.windhorsefarm.org/events.htm>

**B7.**

**Natural Organic Beekeeping Workshop, June 25-27, 2010**

Ross Conrad: Author of *Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches To Modern Apiculture*, is a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker with years of public speaking experience. Able to tailor his presentations to the level of the audience's knowledge base, *Organic Beekeeping* (for beginning, intermediate or advanced beekeepers) - Learn about the current state of the honeybee and the beekeeping industry and alternatives to the failing status quo. Safe, nontoxic and effective methods for controlling hive pests and diseases such as mites and foulbrood are covered. Whether you are looking to use fewer chemicals and increase your profit margin, or are committed to keeping bees organically, this workshop is for you. To View a short video by Ross go to: [http://www.chelseagreen.com/authors/ross\\_conrad/](http://www.chelseagreen.com/authors/ross_conrad/) Workshop Price, \$235.00 + tax, Includes 2 full days of instruction and hands-on practice with Ross Conrad AND Beautifully and simply Prepared local, organic, seasonal meals: Friday supper Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper Sunday breakfast and lunch Register early as space is limited. If you would like to stay overnight at Windhorse Farm, you can book accommodations with Jim. [jim@windhorsefarm.org](mailto:jim@windhorsefarm.org) or 543-6955 visit [www.windhorsefarm.org](http://www.windhorsefarm.org)

**B9.**

**The Tatamagouche Model of Education, Design and Leadership: Level I**

This foundational program will enable you to design relevant and effective projects or programs, and enhance your abilities to offer facilitation leadership. It draws from a number of sources including human relations training, popular adult education, participatory development, spiritual growth, and organizational planning. The model combines theory and practice in "action-reflection" cycles through which participants learn from their own experience and efforts. It is this participatory, "hands-on" learning process, combined with inputs from contemporary adult education, human development and social change theory, which constitute the heart of the model. This transformational "Tatamagouche Model" is now foundational for many community education programs throughout the Maritimes. Program Start: August 08, 2010 7:00 P.M. / Program End : August 13, 2010 1:00 P.M. Cost: \$725 (\$345 tuition + \$380 meals/accommodations)

More info: <http://tatacentre.ca/programs/details/1458>

**B10.**

**Atlantic Eco Expo from Sept. 17-20**

<http://www.atlanticecoexpo.com/>

**B11.****Achieving Water Quality Standards by Effective Stormwater Management Conference**

Halifax, NS (Jun 23 - 24, 2010) EPIC:

[http://www.epic-edu.com/courses\\_details.asp?CourseID=4135](http://www.epic-edu.com/courses_details.asp?CourseID=4135)

**B12.****Contaminated Soil and Groundwater Chemistry, Assessment and Remediation**

Halifax, NS (Jun 21 - 23, 2010)

EPIC: [http://www.epic-edu.com/courses\\_details.asp?CourseID=4141](http://www.epic-edu.com/courses_details.asp?CourseID=4141)

**B13.****Sustainability & Education - 2010 ACASE Summer Conference - in PEI in July**

2010 ACASE Summer Conference (July 7-9, 2010). The PEI Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is partnering with the Atlantic Canada Association of Science Educators (ACASE) and the PEI Sustainability Network (PEISN) to organize and host the 2010 ACASE Summer Conference. The theme of the 2010 conference will be A Climate of Action - Science, Technology, and Global Sustainability.

WHERE: University of Prince Edward Island. COST: \$125 (plus GST), which includes lunches, breaks, sessions, keynotes, and field trips. FOR MORE INFO or TO REGISTER: [www.gov.pe.ca/acase](http://www.gov.pe.ca/acase)

ACCOMMODATIONS: Available on campus at BLANCHARD HALL (\$91.04 Up to a maximum of quad occupancy), BERNARDINE HALL (\$46.74 Single, \$61.34 double) or ANDREW HALL (\$97.76 Single or Double, \$125.21 Triple). TO RESERVE: Email [conference@upei.ca](mailto:conference@upei.ca), Telephone 902-566-0442 or toll free: 1-877-734-7327, or Online <http://www.gov.pe.ca/acase/index.php?lang=E>

**B14.****The Nova Forest Alliance's Annual General Meeting on June 22**

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

St. Mary's River Association Interpretive Centre, Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia (Time TBA)

More info: Terry Stanislaw, Administration and Communications Coordinator

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**B15.****Master Gardener Summer School NSAC in July**

Master Gardener Summer School is a practical session that supports the Master Gardener online program.

It is a unique opportunity to interact with other gardeners who share the same passion. It is said to be so much fun, participants do not even think of it as school! Summer school Level I topics include plant propagation, planting techniques, pruning, garden tool maintenance and pest management. The week includes garden tours, a dinner and a graduation ceremony. Summer School Level II is held annually for students who have completed the Level I Summer School, or for individuals with an interest in horticulture. The Level II Summer School encompasses two days of great learning activities in the classroom and outdoors. This year's topics include grafting, cross-pollinating, creating a monarch habitat and supporting community gardens.

For more information on these workshops or the Master Gardener program, please visit [www.nsac.ca/cde](http://www.nsac.ca/cde).

**B16.****Digging Deeper: Conference/Symposium in August**

This year, the Canadian Horticultural Therapy Association (CHTA) in partnership with the People Plant Council is presenting the CHTA Annual Conference and 2010 International People Plant Symposium (IPPS) on the NSAC

Campus. This joint meeting runs from August 6 to 8, 2010. CDE's Sarah Macdonald and Lana Chisholm are contributing to the conference as members of the organizing committee. The attendance at this conference is expected to reach 250! Researchers, educators and practitioners will present their work on the beneficial interaction of people and plants and the wide ranging applications that this unique relationship offers. Dissemination of industry information will encourage further use and development of Horticultural Therapy in the healing arts and sciences. This conference is open to everyone with an interest in horticultural therapy. Please visit <http://nsac.ca/diggingdeeper/> for more information.

#### **B17.**

##### **Climate Change and the G8/G20: Not Business as Usual on June 15**

KAIROS North-South Town Hall Meetings

When: Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Where: St. Mary's Basilica, 5221 Spring Garden Road

While Canada welcomes the world's most powerful leaders to the G20 summit in June, KAIROS and Canadians welcome Southern and Indigenous partners to share with us the real impacts of climate change on their daily lives ... and to discuss what a just solution to the climate crisis could look like. Those who are most affected by climate change have no place at the decision-making table. This "Global Town Hall" is a chance for us to come together in a dialogue of real substance to talk about real solutions. Participants will have an opportunity to hear from partners, local experts, and then to engage in dialogue with them and each other as we search for effective solutions to the global injustice of climate change.

Speakers:

Isaiah Kipyegon Toroitich, Kenya Climate and Economic Justice, Norwegian Church Aid;

Naty Atz Sunc, Guatemala - General Coordinator of CEIBA, the Association for Community Development and Promotion

Contact: Bev MacDonald, [pharmin@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:pharmin@ns.sympatico.ca), 902-228-2603

Addtl info: <http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/ecojustice/climate-change-the-g20/>

#### **B18.**

##### **Improving Non-Profit Governance Online Interactive Course – September Dalhousie**

Is now the right time for your organization to take a close look at its own governance?

If so, there is an opportunity, starting this fall, for executive directors and volunteer board members who are really committed to helping their boards improve, to do so with the support and expertise of others from across Canada. Improving Non-Profit Governance is an interactive online program offered by the Dalhousie University College of Continuing Education. It joins together our expertise in board development, adult education and online learning in a comprehensive and demanding program facilitated by a great instructional team. The program is divided into four modules designed to engage you and your board in a five-month process of experimenting with and adopting some new practices, some of which we think are pretty cool, and sharing what works with the other organizations involved. This exciting programs starts on September 27, 2010. For more information click on the link below.

<http://collegeofcontinuinged.dal.ca/Continuing%20Management%20Education/Non-Profit%20Sector%20Leadership/improvingnonprofitgo.php>

#### **B19.**

##### **Mining Matters 2010 – Growing the Economy on Oct. 25 & 26**

Mining Matters 2010 will be held on October 25 and 26 at the Westin Hotel in Halifax. This year's event will showcase opportunities to grow Nova Scotia's economy through development of our mineral resources. There will be geoscience exhibits, technical sessions and special guest speakers, and the conference will address issues including environmental stewardship, reclamation, and sustainable and economic development. In attendance will be government and non-government organizations, prospectors, exploration and mining companies, employees of the industry, consultants, investment and service companies, students and the general public. Additional details will be provided as they become available in the next issue of the Nova Scotia Minerals Update and on the Minerals Resource Branch website (<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/meb/>). For further information please contact the author.

Diane Webber email: [webberde@gov.ns.ca](mailto:webberde@gov.ns.ca) and phone: 902-424-3053

**B20.****Harrison Lewis Centre Events – Digital Nature Photography**

JUNE 25, 27: Digital nature photography with Len Wagg whose PixelPlus column appears monthly in the Chronicle Herald. Wagg's striking images in "Wild Nova Scotia" (Nimbus, 2007) delight and inform - we live in a beautiful and frequently unspoiled corner of the world!

Friday evening (dinner and introduction) through Sunday morning includes a sunrise walk on Sandy Bay beach, followed by a leisurely hike to the seal rocks at Keji Seaside Park with a picnic lunch along the way. Evening sessions cover filing, storing, editing and printing techniques. Five home-cooked meals, plus overnight accommodations (shared cabins or tenting). Small class assures plenty of one-on-one assistance. Early-bird registration by May 25. Registration closes June 15. More information or to register contact the Harrison Lewis Centre, RR 1 Port Joli, NS B0T 1S0. (902) 683-2763.

**B21.****Eco-Sustainability - Does the HRM have what it takes? June 25th**

This promises to be one of the our most important events of the year! Come & discuss Environmental Sustainability in the HRM with 6 environmental leaders in our community

Friday, June 25

Time: 12-1:30 pm

Cost: \$39.95 plus tax & gratuity

Halifax Club: <http://www.halifaxclub.ns.ca>

**B22.****CONFERENCE PROGRAM: COASTAL ZONE CANADA 2010 PEI in July**

The "9th Coastal Zone Canada International Conference" is scheduled for 25-29 July 2010 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The Program focuses on the challenges and opportunities of coastal management in Canada; linking land and ocean planning and management; strengthening coastal communities; planning for the impacts of climate change; planning a coastal policy for PEI; and the culinary advantages of managing Canada's coasts. The Conference Program is now online at <http://www.gov.pe.ca/czc2010>.

**B23.****Mine Water Conference (IMWA) 2010 Conference Site, Cape Breton, Sept 5-9, 2010**

Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada 5 – 9 September 2010

Abstract submission closed on January 31st. We received 231 abstracts and can't accept any more contributions  
Cape Breton Island is on the Atlantic coast of Canada. As one of the earliest North American areas to be settled it is rich in new world culture – you will find vibrant First Nations, French, English, and Celtic communities throughout the Island. Furthermore, it is the location of the first coal mine in the North Americas. The national parks and breathtaking natural beauty of the island have been recognized by premier travel experts, Conde Nast, as they have rated Cape Breton Island as one of the best island destinations in the world. Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the coastline offers spectacular vistas, world class sailing and beautiful beaches – we have earned the title of Canada's Ocean Playground. Scientific research has a long history here in Cape Breton. It is here that inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Guglielmo Marconi did much of their research. Coal mining was once the life blood for people living in Cape Breton. Most of the large undersea coal beds are no longer active and remediation efforts are underway for the former Cape Breton Development Corporation's legacy mines. However, coal mining on Cape Breton Island might come to a peak as once again Xstrata Coal is developing a new, modern undersea coal mine near Donkin, Nova Scotia.

<http://www.imwa.info/imwa2010/>

**B24.****NSEN Annual Gathering at Stonehame Lodge in Pictou Harbour Sept. 10-12.**

Be sure to mark on your calendars on our annual NSEN gathering at Stonehame Lodge

(<http://www.stonehamechalets.com/>) with a toxic tour of Boat Harbour in Pictou County from September 10-12.

Partnering with the Sierra Club of Canada – Atlantic Chapter and Pictou County Watershed Coalition. More details to come on our web site: [www.nsen.ca](http://www.nsen.ca)

**B25.**

**RCEN 2010 Annual Conference September 17-19, Montreal, QC**

“Conserving Biodiversity Pays: The Values of Ecosystem Services”

More details: <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/index.html>

**B26.**

**NS Biking for Breakfast Challenge August 28**

The Biking for Breakfast Challenge (BFBC) is a fund-raiser for school breakfast programs. Bike the Cape Breton Highlands in one day (there are solo and team relay options). Learn more and register here:

<http://www.ns.bikingforbreakfast.com/>

**B27.**

**Otesha Fall Tour: Fredericton to Halifax**

From September 7 to November 2, the Otesha Project will cycle from New Brunswick to PEI to Nova Scotia while delivering a play on environmental and social justice issues to schools and other community groups. The Otesha team is a motivated and energetic group of young people with a mission to mobilize and equip Canadians to create local and global change through individual and collective choices. Learn more here:

<http://www.otesha.ca/bike+tours/index.en.html>

**B28.**

**Capturing the Idea of Change: Why Stories Matter**

WHEN: JUNE 23-24 , 2010 from 9:00 – 4:30 (Doors open at 8:30)

LOCATION: Halifax, Downtown Location, TBD

REGISTRATION FEE:

685.00 for two days (plus HST) Materials and Handbook included

Registration will be confirmed via email. Light refreshments will be served. Lunch not provided.

For more information:

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**B29.**

**EAC Annual General Meeting - Thursday, June 24**

EAC Annual General Meeting - Thursday, June 24 from 7 to 9 pm Web: [www.ecologyaction.ca](http://www.ecologyaction.ca)

Bloomfield Centre, Corner of Agricola and Almon Streets, Halifax, All EAC members and guests welcome.

**B30.**

**Hope for Wildlife Society Open House on August 29**

August 29, 2010 from 12pm-4pm Location: Hope for Wildlife Society, 5909 Highway 207, Seaforth  
More: Event held Rain or Shine. Wildlife Displays and Demonstrations, Tours, Horseback Rides, Barbeque, Auction, Facepainting, and much more - fun for the whole family. Contact: [www.hopeforwildlife.net](http://www.hopeforwildlife.net)

**B31.**

**Nova Scotia Nature Trust Annual Dinner & Auction on Oct. 28**

October 28, 2010 at 5:30pm Location: World Trade & Convention Centre, 1800 Argyle Street, Halifax. Please join the Nova Scotia Nature Trust for our Annual gala dinner and conservation celebration. This year we are excited and honoured to have as our guest speaker, Dr. George Archibald, co-founder of the International Crane Foundation.

Come partake in a wonderful evening with friends and support the important land conservation work of the Nature Trust! To order your tickets, please contact Robin or Nicole at 902-425-5263 or [robin@nsnt.ca](mailto:robin@nsnt.ca).

Contact: Robin Levy, Nova Scotia Nature Trust, [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)

**B32.****FOCO Executive Director Circle meeting this Friday June 18th, 8:30 am**

10:30 am at the Citadel Halifax, 1960 Brunswick St., Cavalier A Room.

A great opportunity for E.D.'s to connect with their peers in Halifax.

Free Breakfast & Parking. To RSVP call or email Veronica at FOCO: Federation of Community Organizations 461-3065 or [foco@foco.ca](mailto:foco@foco.ca)

**B33.****Dartmouth Area Watersheds Network workshop: Water, Water, Everywhere on June 19**

Arrangements for the Dartmouth Area Watersheds Network FREE workshop, entitled Water, Water, Everywhere; Who's Governing (Part II), are well under way. This workshop is supported by Unilever-Evergreen.

The Workshop will be held Saturday, June 19 from 8:30 - 3:00 at the Fairbanks Centre located at 54 Locks Rd, Dartmouth. The organizing committee anticipates a very productive day that will lead us toward a water resource governance model that could provide better protection of water quality and quantity in Nova Scotia. To help us determine the number attending the workshop, please register your interest by responding to this email address [amccarron@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:amccarron@ns.sympatico.ca) by Friday, June 11. Space is limited.

Please indicate the following when you register:

Name:

Address:

Group / Agency Affiliation (all levels of government, industry, academic, landowners and community/ENGO/recreation/health group representatives and individuals are welcome):

Position:

Phone:

Email:

The purpose of the workshop is to develop a governance model we're calling the Dartmouth Region Watersheds Forum (DRWF)

Agenda:

8:30 – 9:00 Registration –sign up for breakout exercise groups (Highway interchange, subdivision or golf course)

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and Introductions: Purpose of workshop and how we got here.

9:30 – 10:00 Presentation by motivational speaker - TBA.

10:30 – 10:45 Refreshment Break

10:45 – 11:30 Break out into 3 concurrent exercise forums to examine a given case (Highway interchange, subdivision or golf course) and make recommendations to mitigate negative impacts on waterways based on current jurisdictional and regulatory regimes. Identify ALL of the challenges you faced in making these recommendations, including those associated with synergies, relationships, differences of opinions, jurisdictional overlap, gaps in knowledge, etc..

11:30 – 12:15 Reconvene whole group - summarize exercises and describe each forum's outcomes

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch and walk in Shubie Park

1:15 – 2:00 Each exercise group will test a pre-prepared governance model on the case previously worked on to determine whether it will overcome any challenges faced in the first exercise.

2:00 – 2:30 Reconvene whole group to see whether the DRWF works and where it might be tweaked.

2:30 – 3:00 Wrap-up one DRWF and follow-up action: What do we do with the DRWF?

Please forward to your affiliates. I look forward to your participation!

Best regards,

Anna McCarron, on behalf of DAWN

**B34.****MyCharityConnects Workshop: Philanthropy & Web site! June 18**

Supported by Direct Energy and in collaboration with the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection

Join Zenia Wadhvani of CanadaHelps for a morning of social media training. Learn about some of the Web 2.0 tools that everyone is talking about and the fundamentals of a great website. We'll tell you the good, the bad and

the ugly. We'll tell you what's easy, what's challenging, what you can try for free, and what might not be worth your time.

Philanthropy 2.0 - Web 2.0? What's Web 1.0? Learn about the difference as well as the basics on some of the more common social media tools being used including, Facebook, blogs, YouTube, Twitter and CanadaHelps GivingPages. Find out how other charities are taking advantage of these tools and how yours can too!

Websites 101 - Your website is one of the most important communication vehicles you have - is it working for your organization the way it should? Take your website from good to great by learning the fundamentals of what makes for a really good website, one that is user-friendly, attractive and drives up online donations.

Light refreshments will be served.

Cost: \$40.00

Halifax-Dartmouth

Date: Friday, June 18, 2010

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: East Dartmouth Community Centre (Meeting Room 105 A&B)

50 Caledonia Rd., Dartmouth

Register today: <http://mcc2010-halifaxdartmouth.eventbrite.com>

### **B35.**

#### **Community Garden Fair, Sunday June 20th from 1pm to 3pm**

Bloomfield Centre Multipurpose Room, 2786 Agricola Street (corner of Agricola and Almon across from the Royal Bank.). Join us at 1pm for a presentation by author Elizabeth Peirce on "10 Tips for Urban Gardeners" followed by a fun Garden Fair. There will be vegetable garden walking tours, a traditional Mi'Kmaq basket making demonstration, and tables showcasing information about local, sustainable food production, volunteer opportunities, vendors selling books, cookbooks, seeds, fresh vegetables, and more! If you would like to have a display and/or sale table related to gardening or eating locally at this event, please email Christina at [leslim1b@parl.gc.ca](mailto:leslim1b@parl.gc.ca)

Please join our Facebook group at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=127923387226126&ref=ts>

### **B36.**

#### **SeeMore Green Collective Garden Upcoming Open Hours and Workshops**

Gardeners old and new are invited to garden together and learn from each other during our open hours!

The garden is located at 1411 Seymour St., on the Dal campus.

TUESDAYS 4:00 pm-6:00 pm followed by a workshop! from 6:00-8:00pm THURSDAYS 2:00-5:00 pm

SUNDAYS 2:00-5:00 pm

Also check out our garden workshops, every Tuesday from 6-8pm, in the garden!

June 15- Worm Composting

June 22- What Weeds mean in Your Soil!

Contact [garden@nspirg.org](mailto:garden@nspirg.org) for more details.

### **B37.**

#### **CSAE --NS Chapter June Luncheon and AGM**

This is the last Luncheon for the season--- so come out and take advantage of this very interesting topic and very knowledgeable speaker

Topic: What's Next for Nova Scotia

Speaker: Don Mills

As the President and co-founder of Corporate Research Associates Inc., Don is one of Canada's leading public opinion and marketing research professionals. He has been involved with all aspects of public opinion and market research both nationally and internationally, and has been personally involved in thousands of studies for nearly thirty years. His broad research experience qualifies him as an expert witness in the field of public opinion and market research and he has appeared before numerous boards, commissions and judicial courts. Don is also a frequent guest commentator on radio and television on public opinion issues

Date: June 22, 2010

Time: 11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



**B41.****Darwin, Divinity and the Dance of the Cosmos: An Ecological Christian Experience**

August 13 - 15

Tatamagouche Centre

Within the transformational community of Tatamagouche Centre, awaken to a spirituality of awe and wonder, and fall back in love with Creation! Using experiential processes and conversations with author, Bruce Sanguin, rediscover your deep connection with the earth. Recommit to the Great Work of repairing the planet, through theological and cosmological models that offer deep confidence in the capacity of human beings generally, and the church, specifically, to step up and transform our ecological crisis into opportunities for the emergence of a new humanity.

Bruce Sanguin is author of the bestseller, *Darwin, Divinity and the Dance of the Cosmos*, and is a director of the Be the Change Earth Alliance. Ann Evans, his partner, is a marriage and family therapist. They both love to lead workshops together, and are excited to come to the Maritimes from British Columbia for this program! See also [www.brucesanguin.com](http://www.brucesanguin.com).

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

Margaret Tusz-King

Program Director

Tatamagouche Centre

1-800-218-2220

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

**B42.****Teaching and Learning with Monarch Butterflies Workshop, Wolfville in Aug. 2010**

August 26-27th, 2010 - Old Orchard Inn - Wolfville, NS

The Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Educational Information and Research Centre (EIRC), and Atlantic Cooperative Study Unit have partnered together to offer the Monarch Teacher Network workshop, Teaching and Learning with Monarch Butterflies for the first time in the Maritimes! This two-day workshop is generously supported by The W. Garfield Weston Foundation, allowing teachers and other educators to participate for the low cost of only \$75.00 (plus taxes) per person.

This workshop provides two days of classroom and field experiences. Participants learn to raise and tag monarchs and about their ecology and conservation, and leave with the knowledge, materials and passion to produce outstanding learning experiences. Appropriate for teachers of all grade levels and subject areas...a truly interdisciplinary experience! Over 2500 teachers from 15 states, five provinces, and five countries have been trained and are part of a growing Monarch Teacher Network.

The workshop includes expert instruction, lunches, and a plethora of resources (Journeys Lesson Guide, DVD, CD's, T-shirt, rearing and holding cages, and much more) allowing teachers to deliver their lessons immediately. Visit <http://events.signup4.com/mtnmaritimeworkshop> to learn more and register!

**B43.****Invasive Species Pull in Wolfville - June 26th**

For those enthusiastic land stewards who aren't afraid to get a little messy! Join us in the afternoon for a chance to learn about invasive species, including the Glossy Buckthorn, for which you will learn identification and removal techniques. Contact: Shannon MacDonald at [shannon@nsnt.ca](mailto:shannon@nsnt.ca) for exact time and location. More details: [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)

**B44.****Clean-up at Shelter Cove, with Canoe/Kayak Nova Scotia - July 17th**

Every year more and more garbage seems to wash up onto the shore. The Nature Trust, in partnership with Canoe/Kayak Nova Scotia, invites you to help us clean up the trash. There will be a paddle and clean-up event held at our Shelter Cove property. Participants are asked to bring their own canoe or kayak. Contact: Sally-Jo Gallant, [sallyjo@nsnt.ca](mailto:sallyjo@nsnt.ca) or 406-3320. More details: [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)

**B45.****Wolfville Watershed Walk, and Great & Selig Islands Campaign Celebration - July 22nd**

Join us for an exciting afternoon as we hike the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve, from 1pm-3pm. All are welcome to regroup in the Garden Room of the KC Irving Environmental Centre (on the Acadia University Campus), from 6-7pm, for a reception and public announcement and celebration of a significant coastal conservation success. Contact Sally-Jo at 406-3320 or [sallyjo@nsnt.ca](mailto:sallyjo@nsnt.ca) for the hike and RSVP to Robin at 425-5263 or [robin@nsnt.ca](mailto:robin@nsnt.ca) for the coastal celebration. More details: [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)

**B46.****Great and Selig Islands Community Celebration - August 6th**

Join us for a local celebration for the Great and Selig Islands Campaign, set to take place in Medway Harbour (location TBA). Contact Sally-Jo at 406-3320 or [sallyjo@nsnt.ca](mailto:sallyjo@nsnt.ca). More details: [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)

**B47.****Halifax North West Trails Association Hikes in June & July**

[www.HalifaxNorthWestTrailsAssociation.ca](http://www.HalifaxNorthWestTrailsAssociation.ca) Upcoming events 2010

*Monday, June 14 Hike on the Old Coach Road Trail*

Join members of the NS Wild Flora and HNWTA to take an evening walk along the historical Old Coach Road Trail in Bedford. Look at plant life, or merely enjoy a stroll through one of Bedford's best kept secrets. Enjoy the tree canopy, a mature Hemlock and linking walkways providing views over the Bedford Basin. Meet at 6:30 PM above 70 Southgate, off the Bedford Highway. Park near the mail boxes. Bus number 80 stops nearby. Easy walking on a gravel path and paved streets. Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Call Pat at 457 9197 for more details. If cancelled a recorded message will be available

*Tuesday, June 22 Charlies Lake Hike 6pm*

Hike into Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area (This hike is held in cooperation with Nova Scotia Natural Resources, for other Event listings, go to [www.novascotiaparks.ca](http://www.novascotiaparks.ca) )

The group will hike in from the trailhead near Maskwa Aquatic Club up a series of ridges to Charlies Lake. Participants will learn about the history leading to the Wilderness Area designation and possible future plans. Along the trail, we will be looking for flora and fauna typical of the Acadian forest. The trail is quite challenging in places and so the hike is not recommended for children under 10. No dogs please. Please bring hiking boots, bug repellent, water, and a snack. We will meet at the parking area on the left through the gates at the end of Saskatoon Drive.

Pre-registration is required. Sponsored by the Halifax North West Trails Association.

To pre-register, please contact Bob at (902) 443-5051, email [bobathome@eastlink.ca](mailto:bobathome@eastlink.ca) or visit [www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca](http://www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca)

Rain date: Wednesday, June 23.

*Wednesday, July 14 Hike into Susies Lake*

An evening walk into Susies Lake, part of which is protected by the Province within the Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area. Let's hope that the rest will soon be similarly protected! We'll look for interesting flora and fauna along the trail. The trail may be wet in places so wear suitable footwear. Meet in the parking lot in front of Kent Building Supply in Bayers Lake Business Park at 6:15 PM for a 6:30 start. Pre-registration with Nancy at [snjennin@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:snjennin@ns.sympatico.ca) is advised in case the hike is cancelled or postponed.

Stay tuned for other events - check the website - <http://www.halifax.ca/rec/walking.html> to order a walking kit with maps for 15+ trails in HRM

**B48.****Adjusting to New Realities Transportation Association of Canada (TAC); September 26-29, 2010; Halifax,**

Nova Scotia. Visit the conference web site for details and registration information. <http://www.tac-atc.ca/english/annualconference/>

**C. Non-Environmental Events**

### **C1.**

#### **Social Justice Youth Camp 2010, August 25 - 29; Wed 10am to Sun 1pm**

Youth Making a Difference! This 8th annual multicultural camp is an opportunity for youth (ages 14-19) to learn how to make a difference. Lots of games, dynamic activities and discussions will be mixed with awareness and action. Join youth from all over Atlantic Canada to practice strategies against racism, use arts against injustice, discuss gender relations and cultural contexts, build alliances, and have a whole lot of fun! The camp will be facilitated by a diverse team of young adults from the region who actively live their lives working for social change. Bursaries available! Register Now! Contact Us 1.800.218.2220 [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca)  
[tatacent@tatacentre.ca](mailto:tatacent@tatacentre.ca)

### **C2.**

#### **The Art of Peace Summer Camps**

Who: Children ages 8 - 13

Dates: Week 1, July 26 to 30, Week 2, August 16 to 20

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, with extended care available

Where: Saint Mary's University, Robie Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Cost: \$125 per week

This summer, Peaceful Schools International will again host the Art of Peace Summer Camp for 8 - 13 year-olds. The camp provides children with an opportunity to creatively explore the meaning of peace – within ourselves, in our communities and in the world. Local artists and peace activists visit and make presentations throughout the camp. Children will learn about peace through activities such as drama, puppetry, tie-dye, and writing. Participants also have the opportunity to understand more about global peace by learning what life is like for children their age in Sierra Leone and Pakistan.

For more information, or to register, please visit the website at

<http://peacefulschoolsinternational.org/peacecamp/peacecamp10.htm> or contact us at 1-866-532-0228 or [info@peacefulschoolsinternational.org](mailto:info@peacefulschoolsinternational.org).

### **C3.**

#### **Being the Change: Building a Culture of Peace . . . in our classrooms, our communities, and our world – July** Halifax, NS – July 7-9

Mount Saint Vincent University

This interactive and action-oriented conference will give participants the opportunity to explore together how peace education, the women's movement, and the disarmament movement have contributed and can continue to contribute to building a more peaceful world for all of us. Building on inspiration from local and global leaders in these areas, the focus of the conference is to encourage dialogue around these themes and to develop some concrete action steps that we can all take to build a culture of peace in our communities. For more information, contact [peaceconference@msvu.ca](mailto:peaceconference@msvu.ca). A website, program information, and registration details coming soon!

### **C4.**

#### **Modern Business Leaders: Sinners or Saints? June 15**

One of North America's leading professors of corporate social responsibility and marketing, Dr. Peggy Cunningham, has been appointed Dean of Dalhousie University's Faculty of Management. Dr. Cunningham's aim in taking the position is to foster a new model of responsible, values-based business education and research. Join Dr. Cunningham as she presents her inaugural speech, Modern Business Leaders: Sinners or Saints?.

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Potter Auditorium

Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building

6100 University Avenue

Reception to follow

RSVP by Friday, June 11 to: [ermgmt@dal.ca](mailto:ermgmt@dal.ca) or 902-494-2582

### **C5.**

#### **Making your Work more Effective, Easier and Possibly Even More Fun on June 17**

Come join us for a networking lunch and an informative and practical presentation by Robyn Kalda, Information Specialist at Health Nexus (formerly Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse) to be followed by our second AGM. Building on the theme of last year's AGM, Robyn will share and discuss information and ideas about a range of new media tools that can help you work more effectively, reach more broadly and function more easily. Together, we'll explore some possibilities for online meetings, conferencing, webinars, document sharing, meeting scheduling, and beyond. Have you ever wondered about blogs, wikis, Facebook, Twitter, RSS, or Google's wide array of online tools? If so, Robyn is the one to ask. However great or slight your experience with new media, this session is for you.

Date: Thursday June 17, 2010

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (registration begins at 10:30)

Where: Atlantica Hotel Halifax, 1980 Robie St., Halifax

Cost: Free (including parking)

RSVP to: Lisa Ramsay at (902) 494-7126 or [hpc@dal.ca](mailto:hpc@dal.ca) by June 10th. Register now- space is limited. Please indicate if you will be joining us for lunch and if you have any dietary restrictions.

Agenda

10:30 - 11:00 Registration

11:00 - 12:15 Opening Remarks & Guest Speaker(s): Keynote Speaker - Robyn Kalda (Innovative Use of Information Technology for Health Promotion)

12:15 - 1:00 Buffet Lunch and Networking

1:00 - 2:00 AGM Business Meeting

If you are interested in attending, but not a member of HPC, please join by clicking here.

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

#### **C6.**

**Talk: Welcoming Warships? A Critical Look at the International Fleet Review Tuesday, June 22 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

Room 224

Student Union Building, Dalhousie University

6136 University Avenue

Free public lecture on Canada's naval centennial and the upcoming international fleet review that is welcoming warships into our harbour. The world's largest weapons manufacturers are funding the international fleet review and warships with terrible arms are coming into our harbour: <http://halifaxifr.ca>

Organized by the Halifax Peace Coalition For more information, please visit: <http://www.hfxpeace.chebucto.org/>

#### **C7.**

**Talk: Nova Scotia & Canada at the Crossroads: Sustainability or Militarism? June 29**

Tuesday, June 29

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Room 224

Student Union Building, Dalhousie University

6136 University Avenue

Free public lecture on Canada's military spending and defence policies. Join us in a critical dialogue about the troubling rise of militarism in our country and our province. Come to learn about Canada's military spending and the Canada First Defence Strategy. Find out about the Nova Scotia government's new plans to make our province a "world leader in defence". What should be our defence and foreign policies? What is the appropriate role for our military? How can we create a culture of peace and sustainability?

Organized by the Halifax Peace Coalition For more information, please visit: <http://www.hfxpeace.chebucto.org/>

#### **C8.**

**Film Screening: Martin Luther King & Call to Conscience on July 7**

Tuesday, July 7

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Room 224

Student Union Building, Dalhousie University

6136 University Avenue  
Free public film screening

This powerful documentary delves into one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s greatest speeches, "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence," which Dr. King delivered on April 4, 1967, at the Riverside Church in New York City. Today this speech is acknowledged to be one of the most powerful ever written by Dr. King and filmmaker PBS Host Tavis Smiley deconstructs the meaning of the speech, as well as put it in a contemporary context, particularly in light of the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is an important critique of militarism. A must see. Organized by the Halifax Peace Coalition For more information, please visit: <http://www.hfxpeace.chebucto.org/>

## **D. Announcements**

### **D1.**

#### **Call For Input: Federal Sustainable Development Strategy 2010 – Deadline July 12, 2010**

The Federal Sustainable Development Strategy is now open for consultation until July 12, 2010 [date in bold]. Read the Federal Minister of Environment Jim Prentice's letter and consultation paper: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/dd-sd/default.asp?lang=En&n=E19EE696-1> For more information, email the Sustainable Development Office. Read Planning for a Sustainable Future: A Federal Sustainable Development Strategy for Canada: [http://nsen.ca/documents/Planning\\_for\\_a\\_Sustainable\\_Future\\_a\\_Federal\\_Sustainable\\_Development\\_Strategy\\_for\\_Canada.pdf](http://nsen.ca/documents/Planning_for_a_Sustainable_Future_a_Federal_Sustainable_Development_Strategy_for_Canada.pdf)

### **D2.**

#### **RCEN Launches Eco Jobs, Events and Volunteering Web Service**

The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) is excited to announce the launch of three new services, in partnership with Planetfriendly and GoodWork Canada:

- Eco Events Calendar <http://calendar.rcen.ca/>
- Eco Jobs Board <http://jobs.rcen.ca/>
- Eco Volunteer Opportunities <http://volunteer.rcen.ca/>

Along with news and information from the environmental NGO sector, the RCEN website now features these dynamic, user-driven resources to help connect Canadians of all backgrounds with rewarding opportunities.

Getting Involved Just Got Easier

- Find the most relevant, up-to-date environmental events and opportunities;
- Post your events and opportunities where they'll be seen by Canada's environmental community, non-profit groups and green businesses of all sizes.

To post an event or opportunity, just use the submission form (e.g. go to <http://jobs.rcen.ca> and click "Add a Job"). RCEN member organisations receive a 10% discount when posting job opportunities.

### **D3.**

#### **NS Consultations on Contaminated Sites: Deadline July 6**

In 2007 the government made a commitment under the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA) that Nova Scotia would have clearer rules concerning cleaning up contaminated sites in our province by the year 2010. These rules will ensure that measures are in place to protect public health, protect the environment and stimulate economic development. This is your chance to tell Nova Scotia Environment how we can make the rules around cleaning up contaminated sites clearer and easier to follow. Nova Scotia Environment is proposing a variety of options to manage contaminated sites in the province. We need to know what you think of each idea. As such we are providing you with a document which presents the options we are proposing.

The discussion paper "Cleaning Up: Help us make contaminated land safe and productive" may be downloaded from the following site:

[http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/contaminatedsites/docs/Consultation\\_Cleaning.Up.pdf](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/contaminatedsites/docs/Consultation_Cleaning.Up.pdf)

In this discussion paper you will find:

- ideas tied to particular concerns we have received
- some information about the ideas
- questions for you to answer about the ideas

Comments: Public comments on the discussion document will be accepted until July 6, 2010. We invite you to comment in a variety of ways.

Online: Comments can be submitted via our online consultation form at <https://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/contaminatedsites/policy.consultation.comments.asp>

In writing: Written comments can be sent to:

Contaminated Sites Management Development Project c/o Policy and Planning Branch P.O. Box 442

Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

E-mail: [policy@gov.ns.ca](mailto:policy@gov.ns.ca)

Fax: (902) 424-0644

#### **D4.**

#### **EXTRA! EXTRA! Environmentalus educatoralis—a thriving sub-population discovered in Nova Scotia, Canada! Read on in our REGIONAL REPORT from NOVA SCOTIA.**

From our Environmental Education Caucus

[http://www.eecom.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=144&Itemid=38&lang=en](http://www.eecom.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=144&Itemid=38&lang=en)

#### **D5.**

#### **PROVINCE SEEKS INPUT ON RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS**

People and organizations with an interest in renewable electricity generation are invited to comment on draft regulations designed to guide the implementation of the province's new renewable electricity plan. Earlier this spring, government introduced its plan to achieve 25 per cent renewable electricity by 2015, and set a goal of 40 per cent renewable electricity by 2020. Legislation supporting the plan was passed last month. The regulations establish eligibility for community-based projects and a process for determining how they get paid, along with a special process to support the next stage of tidal development. They also establish a new renewable electricity administrator to manage bids for larger projects from independent power producers. Copies of the Renewable Electricity Plan and the draft regulations are available online on the Department of Energy website at [www.gov.ns.ca/energy](http://www.gov.ns.ca/energy) or by calling 902-424-8802. Submissions can be made by e-mail to [renewableregs@gov.ns.ca](mailto:renewableregs@gov.ns.ca) or in writing to, Department of Energy, Renewable Regulations, 400-5151 George St., P.O. Box 2664, Halifax, N.S., B3J 3P7. The deadline for submissions is July 23. A series of public meetings will be held around the province later this spring to discuss the regulations. Check the department website in the coming weeks for consultation dates and locations. More information here:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/energy/renewables/renewable-regulations/>

\*Check out the Renewable Electricity Plan: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/energy/renewables/renewable-electricity-plan/default.asp>

#### **D6.**

#### **WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH EARLY REGISTRATION**

Active & Safe Routes to School offers early registration prizes for International Walk to School Month in October. Schools/groups registered by June 30 enter a draw for one of 13 prizes. There are more prizes to be won by participating schools/groups. Register online at [www.saferoutesns.ca](http://www.saferoutesns.ca). Active & Safe Routes to School is coordinated by the Ecology Action Center in partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection as part of the Active Kids Healthy Kids Initiative.

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Please join, renew or donate today: [www.ecologyaction.ca](http://www.ecologyaction.ca).

#### **D7.**

#### **Forest Management Certification Re-assessment of Nova Scotia Landowners and Forest Fibre Producers Association including all member woodlots in Nova Scotia in July**

Introduction - The SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance is conducting a forest management and chain of custody certification re-assessment of Nova Scotia Landowners and Forest Fibre Producers

Association (NSLFFPA) including all member woodlots. The re-assessment will be conducted from June 21 – 25th, 2010 in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia.

Scope of the Certification Re-assessment – The forest management certification re-assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural, Aboriginal and socioeconomic aspects of member woodlots of NSLFFPA. The Maritime Small and Low Intensity Standard are available on the FSC Canada website at: <http://www.fscCanada.org/Maritimes.htm>. SmartWood is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council and this re-assessment process will follow procedures which have been approved by the FSC.

Re-Assessment Team Composition -

Bruce Byford R.P.F. – Bruce Byford is a Licensed Professional Forester (Ontario) and the President of Arbex Forest Resource Consultants Ltd. He has 29 years of experience as a consulting forester and project manager. Bruce has been Lead Auditor on thirteen Independent Forest Audits in Ontario. As a consultant to SmartWood he has participated as a Lead Assessor, Forest Management Specialist and/or First Nations and Socioeconomic assessor on certification and annual assessments. These assessments have taken place in Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec. He has completed ISO 14001 Lead Auditor Training and has completed the Forest Assessor Training delivered by SmartWood.

Tom Beckley, Ph.D. Sociologist - Tom is a professor in the Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management at the University of New Brunswick. He teaches courses in social values, forest policy, woodlot management, certification and a graduate course in adaptive natural resource management. Tom was on the FSC Boreal Coordinating Committee and on the CCFM Criteria and Indicators Scientific Panel. He has previously been involved in two full audits, one scoping audit and has done one FSC audit peer review. He has an extensive research record in social dimensions of forest sustainability, First Nations issues, public involvement, and public values for forests.

Re-Assessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the re-assessment process and a tentative agenda:

- Re-Assessment organization – The SmartWood team will receive and review written information pertaining to NSLFFPA and its member woodlots prior to the field re-assessment.
- Field assessments – Members of the re-assessment team will gather in Port Hawkesbury, NS on June 20, 2010 and will do field visits, review documents, and interview interested parties until June 25, 2010.
- Consultation – From now until July 25, 2010 the team will contact a variety of interested parties (including government and Aboriginal representatives, other forest tenure holders, workers and contractors, non-government organizations and individuals) in communities surrounding the forest area regarding NSLFFPA and its member woodlots forest management. This will include private interviews and discussions. The re-assessment team will continue to seek and receive input until July 15, 2010.
- Report production – A final report will be written and a public summary will be posted on the FSC website (<http://info.fsc.org>) by mid-January, 2011.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification re-assessment process we invite any interested groups or individuals to offer comment and feedback on NSLFFPA and its member woodlot's management of the forest in relation to the requirements of the forest management standards referenced above. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the re-assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments prior to June 20, 2010 in order that your comments can be factored into the field reviews. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows:

1. Contact Bruce Byford, team leader at [bbyford@arbex.ca](mailto:bbyford@arbex.ca) or (613) 216-9534 to arrange an in-person or phone interview.
2. Contact Krista West, SmartWood task manager, at [kwest@ra.org](mailto:kwest@ra.org) or 250-871-6598 to arrange an inperson or phone interview with a team member.
3. Submit written comments by mail or email to Bruce Byford or Krista West. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing NSLFFPA and its member woodlots.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential, available to only the FSC and SmartWood staff.

Anyone who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access SmartWood's dispute resolution procedures at [http://www.rainforestalliance.org/forestry.cfm?id=dispute\\_resolution](http://www.rainforestalliance.org/forestry.cfm?id=dispute_resolution)

## **D8.**

### **Nancy Vanstone, deputy minister Environment has announced that she plans to retire in August.**

Premier Darrell Dexter thanked Ms. Vanstone and offered best wishes on her upcoming retirement.

"I want to offer my sincere thanks to Nancy for all the work she has done and wish her congratulations on her retirement," said Premier Dexter. "As deputy minister of Nova Scotia Environment, Nancy worked tirelessly to move forward and implement some of the most aggressive and ambitious environmental legislation in the country."

Ms. Vanstone has worked for the province for 33 years and has served as assistant deputy minister of Environment and Labour and executive director at Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

Kim MacNeil, executive director of environmental science and program management, has been appointed acting deputy minister. Ms. Vanstone starts vacation Saturday, June 12. Mr. MacNeil will assume the role of Acting Deputy Minister. "I wish Mr. MacNeil much success in his new role," said Premier Dexter. "Kim has been at the Department of Environment for many years, serving in a variety of roles and will bring a wealth of knowledge with him as acting deputy minister."

Recruitment for a permanent deputy minister will begin shortly.

## **E. Jobs & Internships**

### **E1.**

#### **Environmental jobs with the provincial government**

<http://www.careerbeacon.com/corpprof/govns/govns.html>

### **E2.**

**ACORN has a new job posting for our Organic Transition Coordinator** -- check it out:

<http://acornorganic.org/pdf/transition.pdf> - Deadline June 15

### **E3.**

#### **Job Posting: Forestry Campaigner – Deadline June 16**

##### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is a leading voice in Nova Scotia on environmental issues. We work on environmental education and advocacy and “action” is our middle name. We are looking for a forester, forest technician, or other with background in forest ecology and/or forest management for a 3 month contract as a Forestry Campaigner.

##### **Overview:**

A provincially appointed panel recently released the Natural Resources Strategy Phase Two report which contains a number of recommendations on forestry. The government will shortly be responding to these recommendations.

With assistance from the Forestry Campaigner the EAC Wilderness team plans to formulate a response that advances the interests of sustainable forestry.

The Forestry Campaigner will conduct outreach work with government, First Nations, community organizations and industry groups with an interest in forest management, to identify and develop opportunities for strategic collaborations. The Campaigner will also assist in drafting policy positions, recommendations, etc.

The Forestry Campaigner will report to Wilderness Coordinator, Raymond Plourde and collaborate closely with Forestry Coordinator Jamie Simpson.

##### **Responsibilities:**

- Create a list of groups and individuals with which to discuss the Strategy recommendations
- Communicate with groups and individuals via phone and email
- Travel to meet with groups and individuals for discussions, and to make presentations
- Build public support for progressive policies and reforms stemming from the Natural Resources Strategy

##### **Phase 2 Report**

- Assist drafting of policy vis a vis implementation of Strategy recommendations
- Support the overall work of the EAC

##### **Skills and Experience**

- Sound knowledge of forestry and woodlot management issues
- Excellent communicator, both written and oral
- Outgoing and persuasive
- Good Judgment, well organized
- Proven ability to work with diverse groups and individuals
- Strategic thinker with an understanding of government and policy change
- Ability to work independently and also as part of a larger team
- Driver's license and access to vehicle

Duration: late June to September 30, 2010

Wage: \$20.00 per hour for 30 hours per week (4 days per week)

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia, plus travel

Application: Send a cover letter, resume and two references to Ray Plourde, Wilderness Coordinator, wilderness@ecologyaction.ca, with subject line - Forestry Campaigner by 16th June 2010, 4pm

The Ecology Action Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from traditionally underrepresented groups such as women, visible minorities, First Nations, and persons with disabilities.

We thank all applicants for their time and interest, however only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

The Ecology Action Centre was founded in 1971 and is one of Nova Scotia's most active environmental organizations. The Centre welcomes new members and volunteers: [www.ecologyaction.ca](http://www.ecologyaction.ca)

#### **E4.**

##### **Part-time job opportunity Urban Farm**

Part-time position as Coordinator of Programs for the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield. Our programs include work with adults, youth and children who are learning to grow food in the city.

Coordinator works as a team with Urban Farm volunteers and summer student. Skills focus on planting and tending gardens, nurturing relationships and partnerships with other community organizations, communication with the public and reporting on programs, as well as supporting children to learn garden skills. Approximately 15 hours per week (more hours if our grant application is successful!) at \$15.00/hour. Starts immediately.

Apply by email with cover letter and resume with references to:

Urban Farm Hiring Committee

[martha.leary@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:martha.leary@ns.sympatico.ca)

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

#### **F1.**

##### **Breeding Bird Survey - Volunteer birders needed**

The Nature Trust is always looking to gather more biological data on Nature Trust land, because this data can inform management decisions. To this end, we are gathering information on breeding birds and are in the process of identifying which properties require surveying. Hopefully, some data can be gleaned from the Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas, which is in its last year this year. However, given that Nature Trust lands may not have been visited by birders during their work, we also plan to identify specific properties for surveying. This survey will continue after the Maritime Atlas field work is completed, for as long as it takes to accomplish our goal. We are looking for keen birders (who are not "atlased out") to carry out breeding bird surveys on specific Nature Trust properties. The kind of information we will be looking for is: evidence of breeding, success of breeding (or if failed breeding, why), number of breeding pairs and their location on the properties. Also, any other "casual" bird records would be useful. If you would be interested in being allotted a property, please contact Dennis Garratt at 425-5263 or [dennis@nsnst.ca](mailto:dennis@nsnst.ca). He will try to match you with a property close to where you live.

## **G. Funding & Awards**

#### **G1.**

##### **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation is Seeking New Applications**

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) is a national organization with a grassroots focus that supports local environmental projects, and works with people who want to protect and preserve the environment in their own backyard. TD FEF encourages non-profit organizations with a Charitable Registration Number,

municipalities and schools to apply for funding online at [www.tdfef.com](http://www.tdfef.com). Since 1990, TD FEF has provided \$47 million in funding to over 17,500 grassroots environment and wildlife projects across Canada. In 2008, FEF provided more than \$3 million in support of over 800 projects. For more information on how you can access funding, donate or get involved in your community, visit [www.tdfef.com](http://www.tdfef.com).

## **G2.**

### **RBC Blue Water Grants**

<http://www.rbc.com/donations/blue-water-pre.html>

## **G3.**

### **Community Action Program for the Environment Funding - Web Portal Launched**

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Community Action Programs for the Environment (CAPE) web portal, which brings together, for the first time, Environment Canada's 10 community funding programs on a single website. Canadians now have easy access to information about all our community funding programs, including each programs' goals, eligibility criteria, funding deadlines, geographic range, available funding, and website.

Thank you for your interest in the CAPE portal. Please take a moment to bookmark the link at:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/pace-cape/Default.asp?lang=En&n=06DD166D-1>

## **G4.**

### **Canadian School Eco-Fundraising Program**

The Canadian Public Employee Acquisition Club has developed a program that offers Canadian schools the unique opportunity to fundraise while promoting discussion on the environment across the classroom, family and community arenas. The Canadian School Eco-Fundraising Program works on multiple levels to deliver age appropriate curriculum, carbon neutrality for participating schools and much needed funds for Canadian schools and classrooms. By discussing and involving the students directly in the fundraising program, we are able to stimulate discussion and cascade information on the environment between students and teachers, child and parent, and friends and neighbours. To view the centralized porthole which will be personalized on behalf of the individual schools and their fundraising events, follow this link: <http://cpeac.org/ecofundraising>. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.cpeac.org/>.

## **G5.**

### **AVIVA Community Fund & Competition**

Find out more: <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/>

Check out also: <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/pages/aboutthecompetition>

## **G6.**

### **The Seagull Foundation - Coastal Preservation & Enhancement Grant June 30**

About this Program

The Seagull Foundation is pleased to work with the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia for its 2010 granting.

Grants Available

2 cash grants of \$500 each.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for a grant, an organization must:

- Be actively working on the preservation and/or enhancement of coastal or estuary lands in the province of Nova Scotia, and
- Be registered as a charity with Canada Revenue Agency, or
- Create a formal partnership with a local charity or municipality to carry out the work supported by this grant.

In addition, eligible projects must include:

- An educational component that involves either the dissemination of information to the public/community or the active involvement of students in the project.

Assessment Criteria

All submissions will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Who/what will be impacted by the project and in what way?

## How to Apply

Please complete the application form on the following page. Applications may be submitted electronically (ak@cfns.ca) or through the post to: Seagull Foundation Coastal Preservation and Enhancement Grant c/o Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, 806-1888 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS B3J 3J8.

### Application Deadline

Applications are due by June 30, 2010. Successful applicants will be notified by end of July 2010.

### About the Seagull Foundation

Founded in 1990, the Seagull Foundation is committed to funding and supporting projects primarily focused on education and the environment within the province of Nova Scotia.

### About the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is a public charitable foundation created by and for the people of Nova Scotia. We work with private donors, communities, and charitable organizations to stimulate charitable giving, establish permanent endowment funds, and support initiatives which make an ongoing difference in communities across Nova Scotia. For more information please visit our website at [www.cfns.ca](http://www.cfns.ca) or contact Allison Kouzovnikov, Executive Director, at [ak@cfns.ca](mailto:ak@cfns.ca) or 1-877-999-5907.

## G7.

### **Newman's Own Foundation – Grants to Charities of \$20,000**

More info here: [http://www.canadianliving.com/food/\\_generously\\_delicious/newmans\\_own\\_expression.php](http://www.canadianliving.com/food/_generously_delicious/newmans_own_expression.php)

## G8.

### **Engagement through Environmental Education Leadership Clinic Application – June 30**

June 30, Application Deadline, "Engagement through Environmental Education", Environmental Education and Communication 2010 National Leadership Clinic, Contact Andrea Swain, (204) 586-3398, [news@eecom.org](mailto:news@eecom.org)

## H. News

### H1.

#### **Millions of litres of sewage, dangerous liquids accidentally dumped in cities: analysis**

Far more sewage has been spilled in Canadian urban centres over the last six years than any other harmful contaminant, newly released figures show. An analysis by The Canadian Press reveals hundreds of millions of litres of sewage, as well as many other dangerous liquids, have been dumped right under Canadians' noses. This never-before-released information has been kept in a classified government database called NEMISIS. The acronym stands for National Enforcement Management Information System and Intelligence System. Federal enforcement officers use the database to go after polluters.

TORONTO STAR <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/823043--millions-of-litres-of-sewage-dangerous-liquids-accidentally-dumped-in-cities-analysis>

### H2.

#### **Feds fail to hit greenhouse gas reduction targets\***

By Mike De Souza

Canwest News Service June 3, 2010 12:02 PM

<http://www2.canada.com/scripts/story.html?id=3106988>

OTTAWA - The Harper government has quietly acknowledged its climate change policies will be 10 times weaker than what it had predicted exactly one year ago.

In a report that was discreetly posted late Wednesday on the Environment Canada website, the government says its policies would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about five megatonnes in 2010, after estimating last June it would deliver a 52 megatonne reduction for the year.

The report, a Climate Change Plan for the Purposes of the Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act, was tabled as part of the government's obligations under legislation that was introduced by the federal Liberals and adopted in June 2007 with the support of the Bloc Quebecois and New Democrats.

The legislation requires the government to report annually on the effectiveness of its climate change policies in meeting its legally binding obligations under a global warming treaty that was signed in Kyoto, Japan in 1997.

But the government has been forced to regularly revise and downgrade its projections every year since it started issuing the reports in 2007 after independent reviews by its advisory panel, the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy, as well as the federal environment commissioner.

Under the Kyoto agreement industrialized countries agreed to reduce emissions by an average of five per cent below 1990 levels between 2008 and 2012, with Canada specifically agreeing to a six per cent target.

However, when it was elected in 2006, the Conservative government announced Canada would not respect its commitment either through domestic reductions or investments in certified projects overseas that delivered reductions.

The government now says it's focusing on a non-binding agreement from international negotiations last December in Copenhagen, as well as developing a joint plan to cap industrial pollution with the Obama administration.

But Environment Minister Jim Prentice has said Canada will not introduce its own regulations unless the U.S. is also going to take action.

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### **H3.**

#### **Funding for 40 school gardens in Vermont**

News from Burlington Free Press:

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20100605/NEWS02/6050312/Sanders-announces-school-garden-grant-program>

Video: <http://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/announcement-funds-40-school-gardens>

## **I. Resources**

### **I1.**

#### **HRM Community Gardens Web page – Check it out here:**

<http://www.halifax.ca/crca/CommunityEngagement/CommunityGardens.html>

### **I2.**

#### **New online map shows network of protection for North America's marine ecosystems**

Montreal, 10 June 2010—North America's nearly 2,000 marine protected areas represent an unprecedented effort to protect the continent's fragile marine environments and are found throughout the marine ecoregions that encircle our continent.

The latest map from the North American Environmental Atlas-coordinated by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)-for the first time brings together information about all types of marine protected areas in Canada, Mexico and the United States, offering details about protection status and those responsible to manage the sites.

A functional network of marine protected areas is crucial for maintaining ecological integrity and protecting migratory species and transboundary habitats. They are also important to help ecosystems recover from or adapt to a wide variety of threats, including pollution from oil spills, overexploitation and rapidly changing environmental conditions.

"North Americans are particularly reliant upon oceans. At the same time, human economic activity is driving changes profoundly affecting the integrity and balance of our marine ecosystems, with serious habitat destruction,

wildlife impacts and loss of biodiversity. Greater knowledge and collaboration are essential elements in safeguarding these priceless ecosystems," said Evan Lloyd, CEC Executive Director.  
More info: <http://www.cec.org/Page.asp?PageID=122&ContentID=2914&SiteNodeID=532>

**I3.  
NSEN Board Development & Governance Resources**

Check out our documents, links and resources for effective board development and good board governance. New board self assessment tool added: [http://www.nsen.ca/board\\_development.php](http://www.nsen.ca/board_development.php)

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