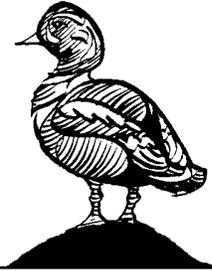


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by Alison Spriggs

The Land Conservancy is delighted with the success of its campaign to protect Matthews Point. This extraordinary 36 acre Gulf Island property in the heart of Active Pass will now be protected forever as Galiano Island's first Capital Regional District (CRD) Park. Due to TLC's successful fundraising efforts CRD Parks can now purchase Matthews Point with TLC holding a conservation covenant to protect it in perpetuity.

Matthews Point is located on southern Galiano Island directly overlooking Active Pass. It is a highlight on the B.C. Ferries route from Vancouver to Victoria. Its familiar bluffs rise steeply to heights of 400 feet with magnificent stands of mature Douglas-fir and scattered pockets of arbutus and Garry oak. The property also provides essential eagle and other migratory bird habitat, and includes a large area of natural forest and a quarter-mile of sand beach along Active Pass.

This area has been recognized by many as an important area for preservation. In 1998, during the CRD Parks Master Plan process, Galiano residents identified Matthews Point as an area of great significance. Since Galiano Island was the only major Gulf Island without a Regional Park at that time, CRD Parks



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BILL TURNER, PHOTO

An orca whale, pictured off Brooks Point on South Pender Island, TLC's next Gulf Island project.

A Swartz Bay-bound ferry passes Matthews Point in the heart of Active Pass.

identified the area as a priority acquisition in its Draft Master Plan. In addition, the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy (a cooperative provincial federal effort to acquire and protect gulf island properties), and Parks Canada also recognized the importance of preserving the ecology and outstanding beauty of Active Pass.

A group of Galiano and Vancouver Island residents have been working for some time to protect the area. They approached TLC for help when they learned that a 36 acre portion of Matthews Point was about to

be purchased for logging and subdivision.

The Land Conservancy negotiated a contract to purchase the property contingent on financing. CRD Parks contributed \$350,000, with the balance of approximately \$175,000 to be raised through community fundraising by TLC.

The Matthews Point fundraising campaign was launched at the end of April 1999 with strong support from both The Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Victoria. The campaign

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**Spectacular Matthews Point
protected for all time**

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TLC'S PROJECTS EXPANDING THROUGHOUT BC

By Tamsin Baker

BC's population has doubled in the last 30 years and is expected to grow by another 60% to 2 million people by 2020. Our communities tend to be located in valleys and lowlands where the climate is mild, the soil is fertile and water is plentiful. Unfortunately, these are also places where wildlife is most abundant and the plants are most diverse. We must act quickly if we are to protect and maintain BC's endangered spaces.

In *Green Space and Growth: Conserving Natural Areas in BC*, Calvin Sandborn explains that "development on private lands is by far the greatest threat to endangered, threatened and vulnerable species in BC. Of the 151 vertebrate species designated as at risk, 55% are affected by urban and agricultural development, compared to 34% that are affected by timber management." In British Columbia, two of Canada's top four most endangered ecosystems are now threatened by urban and agricultural expansion: the Garry oak meadows on southeast Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, and the

grassland ecosystems of the interior.

TLC is dedicated to protect what is left of these endangered natural ecosystems with projects throughout the province. The race to save what remains of BC's Garry oak meadows includes acquisition efforts at Matthews Point on Galiano, Brooks

Point on South Pender (for more details, see page 1), South Winchelsea Island and the Ballenas Winchelsea Archipelago near Nanaimo. TLC purchased South Winchelsea over a year ago and \$300,000 remains to be raised to complete this purchase. In the city of Victoria, TLC has launched a campaign to save the Garry oaks of Christmas Hill.

Of all BC's threatened or endangered animal species, over one-quarter is most closely associated with grasslands. TLC has undertaken various projects to protect the interior grasslands from threats such as urbanization, invasive plant species and

over grazing. Reynolds Ranch, about 30 km west of Clinton, was purchased in May. It is comprised of 1,000 acres of private land and about another 75,000 acres secured by tenure. An experienced ranching family will lease Reynolds Ranch for five years, while TLC works out a long-term management plan. This ranch is part of the endangered Cariboo-Chilcotin grassland ecosystem and is distinctive since it contains a mixture of northern and southern plant species. To protect the

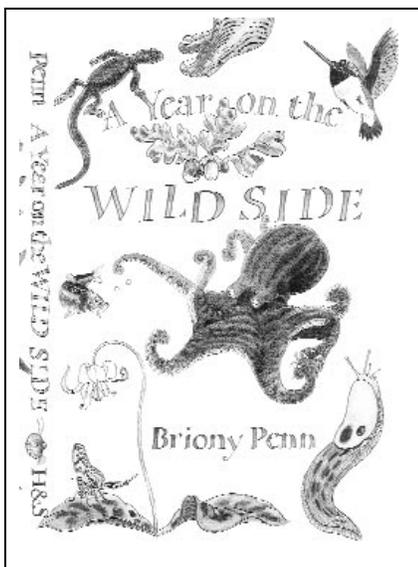
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grasslands of the East Kootenays, TLC has established a Landowner Contact Program based out of Cranbrook (for more details, see page 4.)

Throughout BC people are concerned about dwindling wild fish populations. TLC has responded by acquiring the Black Creek ranch, an 800-acre property that straddles the Horsefly, River northeast of Williams Lake. The property provides vital salmon rearing and spawning habitat. TLC is also raising funds to purchase the last remaining intact riparian area along the lower Nanaimo River. This area provides habitat for numerous species of salmon and trout and consists of two properties totaling 140 acres (for more details, see page 6).

Like the National Trust in the UK, TLC also protects areas of historical value. With the recent purchase of the Ross Bay Villa, located on Fairfield Avenue in Victoria, TLC has undertaken its first architectural heritage project. The remarkably intact Villa is an 1860's cottage located directly across the street from the historical Ross Bay Cemetery. The house will be restored

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A Year on the Wild Side

by Briony Penn

Drawings and lyrical essays on Coastal natural history by environmentalist, lecturer, and artist, Briony Penn. Every book sold through TLC contributes \$6.50 to The Land Conservancy of BC.

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ongoing projects



to its original state and opened for public visits, historical displays and meetings.

In order to respond to the ever growing demand for our help and to manage the many projects that we have undertaken, TLC has expanded its staff and coordinated its efforts under three general campaigns: Coastal Wildlands Campaign (Eileen Palmer), Interior Forests and Grasslands Campaign (Nichola Gerts) and Urban Greenspaces and Farmlands Campaign (Tamsin Baker). Thanks to the province's Environmental Youth Team program, TLC had full-time summer staff working in Victoria (Mark Traverso and Susan Wilkinson) and Vancouver (Monica Kosmak and Brandy Ridout). In Cranbrook, Laura Shillington and Kathryn Martell kicked off the East Kootenay Landowner Contact program with the help of funding from the federal EcoAction 2000 program and BC Hydro. As well, there were three Youth Community Action students in Victoria working to obtain credits for tuition. TLC has also recently welcomed Alison Spriggs on board as TLC Communications Coordinator and Clint Abbott as



BRANDY RIDOUT PHOTO

Some TLC staff & volunteers at South Winchelsea Island.

Special Projects Manager.

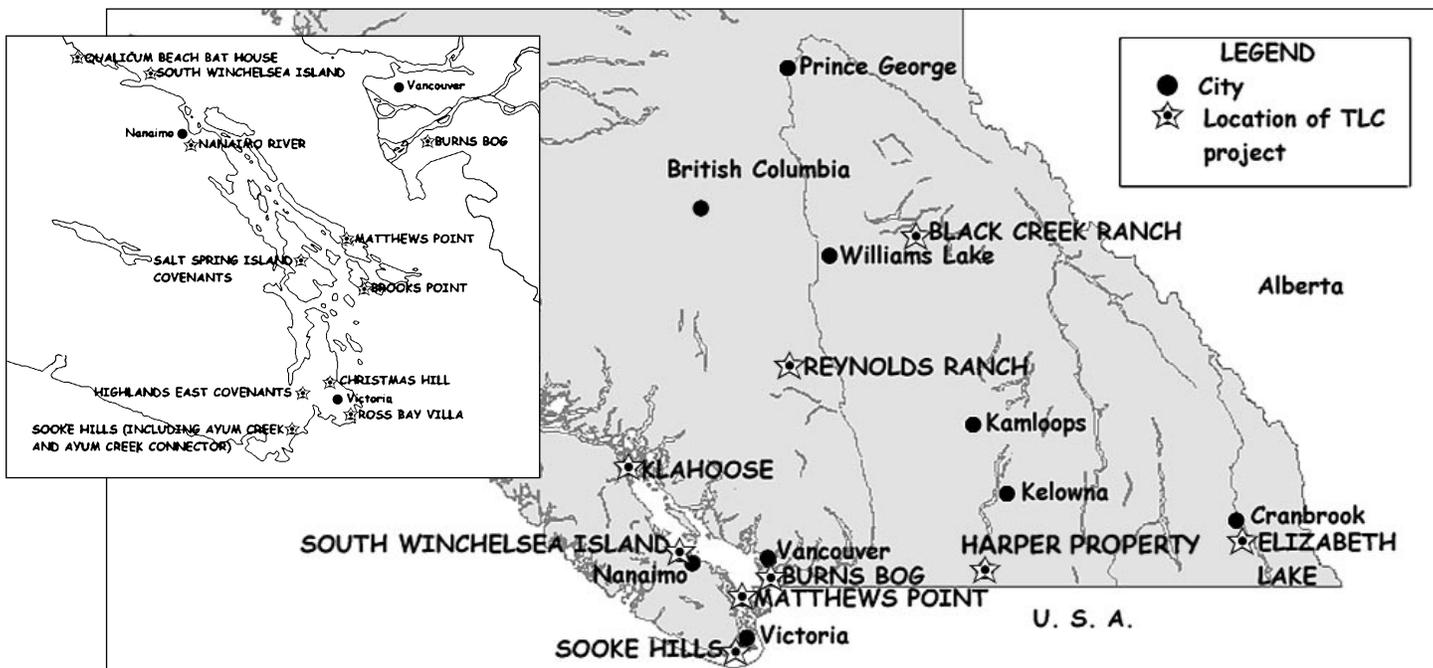
While our head office is still in Victoria, TLC opened a second office in Vancouver to help coordinate our activities in the Lower Mainland. Our address is 2150 Maple Street in Kitsilano and visitors are

always welcome. With the launch of our Grassland Stewardship Program in the East Kootenays, we now have an office in Cranbrook. Students will also be working in the Williams Lake region to promote the Black Creek ranch and TLC.

To directly participate in our conservation efforts, become a member of the Conservancy. Memberships are the lifeblood of our organization. A committed membership base will strengthen the voice of TLC and lend further credibility to our conservation efforts. If you would like to become a member, fill out the form on page 11 and send it to our main office in Victoria. If you are already a member, we thank you for your support and ask that you pass the TLC message to a friend. Together, we can continue to protect BC's heritage leaving a legacy for generations to come.

For more information about membership, and to find out about other TLC projects not listed here, please call us at (250) 479-8053 in Victoria, (604) 733-2313 in Vancouver or (250) 489-0172 in Cranbrook—and be sure to check out our website at www.conservancy.bc.ca.

TLC PROJECT SITES THROUGHOUT BC



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TLC'S LANDOWNER CONTACT PROGRAM

PROTECTING THREATENED GRASSLANDS, ONE YARD AT A TIME

By Michael Achuff & Nichola Gerts

The Land Conservancy launched its first Landowner Contact Program to promote grassland stewardship in the East Kootenays this June. Kathryn Martell and Laura Shillington have had a full summer contacting property owners in the Kootenays, explaining the significance of grassland ecosystems and what individuals can do to protect important grassland species.

Encouraging private stewardship is developing relationships with people, acknowledging their contributions, and making them aware of resources, partnerships, and other options that are available to help provide lasting protection for their property. Many landowners do the best they can to take care of their land, but may be limited by time, costs, a lack of expertise and equipment. Our goal is to empower people. We offer resources to help people protect or enhance their property and promote grassland conservation. This information can vary widely—from explaining more about the local ecology, to arranging formal conservation covenants.

“Every site visit has been a success,” says Laura. “Everyone has been interested in learning more about their land and sharing what they already know. People are really interested in doing what is best for their land.”

For example, a landowner approached



East Kootenay grasslands provide habitat for many important species, including the badger.



us with concerns about cattle grazing near watercourses. We visited his property with the regional range specialist from the Ministry of Environment, provided information on funding sources for fence work, and have put him in touch with the Cattlemen's Association and the Grazing Enhancement Fund.

TLC is working closely with local government agencies and has built a strong rapport. “The people at Ministries of Forests, Environment Lands and Parks and Agriculture that we have contacted for information have been very helpful and a great support,” says Laura. “Most have expressed great interest in having this program in the East Kootenays. It helps get information out to people who are not normally contacted by the Ministries.”

In a few short months, our team has

visited over 30 properties and spread TLC's message to communities up and down the Rocky Mountain Trench. “One reason why landowner contact may be an effective approach is that the East Kootenay region has a relatively small population with astounding community support,” states Laura. “If one landowner has a positive experience, he or she will spread the word to neighbors.”

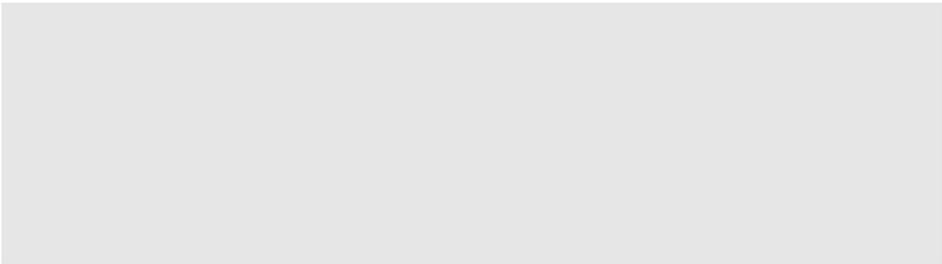
Many landowners support our work by passing on the information they have received. One participant phoned to tell us that she had learned a lot from us, especially about weeds. After our visit she went to her neighbour to explain about knapweed and the problems it is causing in the area. The neighbors were out pulling it from their yards later that same afternoon!

Landowner contact nurtures a sense of community. Perhaps this is why this has become a popular technique for resolving local environmental concerns? Because this is based on active dialogue with private citizens, everyone has an opportunity to become involved in decision-making processes that affect them personally. Who better to steward the land than those who have the most invested in it? Landowner contact is a successful way to work with people and save our precious environment, one backyard at a time.

BEQUESTS

Leave a lasting legacy for generations unborn. When you are making out your will, please consider a Conservancy Bequest of land or money. If you would like information on Bequests or if you would like to establish a conservation covenant on your land please contact Bill Turner, Executive Director, TLC, at 250-479-8053, or by e-mail at btturner@conservancy.bc.ca

new projects



TLC DIRECTOR PROFILE: KATIE STEWART

By Eileen Palmer

The Board of Directors provides an essential role in the overall success of an organization. It provides not only time and commitment, but also dedication and energy toward a common goal. This dedication is exemplified by the active role Katie Stewart plays as a director for The Land Conservancy.

Katie's first glimmerings of environmental awareness began when, as a tree planter and avid fisher on the Fraser River, she witnessed first hand the results of clearcut logging and pollution of the river. Over the years she has belonged to many organizations including: The Victoria Horticultural Society, the Native Plant Society

We have been inundated with requests for help to preserve the special places people have taken for granted.

of British Columbia, the North American Native Plant Society, and the Garry oak Meadows Preservation Society (GOMPS). It was her involvement as a volunteer director for GOMPS that placed her in an active role in land conservation efforts, "innocently and unknowingly plunging into a world of council meetings, public hearings, apathy, bylaws and public acrimony".

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Directors Katie Stewart (left) and Briony Penn share a laugh.

Katie Stewart has been involved with the Conservancy since its beginning two and a half years ago. Her strong interest in her natural surroundings, particularly Garry oak ecosystems, and her keen interest in making a difference made TLC an ideal organization to volunteer for.

Katie has the ability to create and make things happen, such as organizing the recent garage sale.

In recognizing the importance of becoming a member of The Land Conservancy she says:

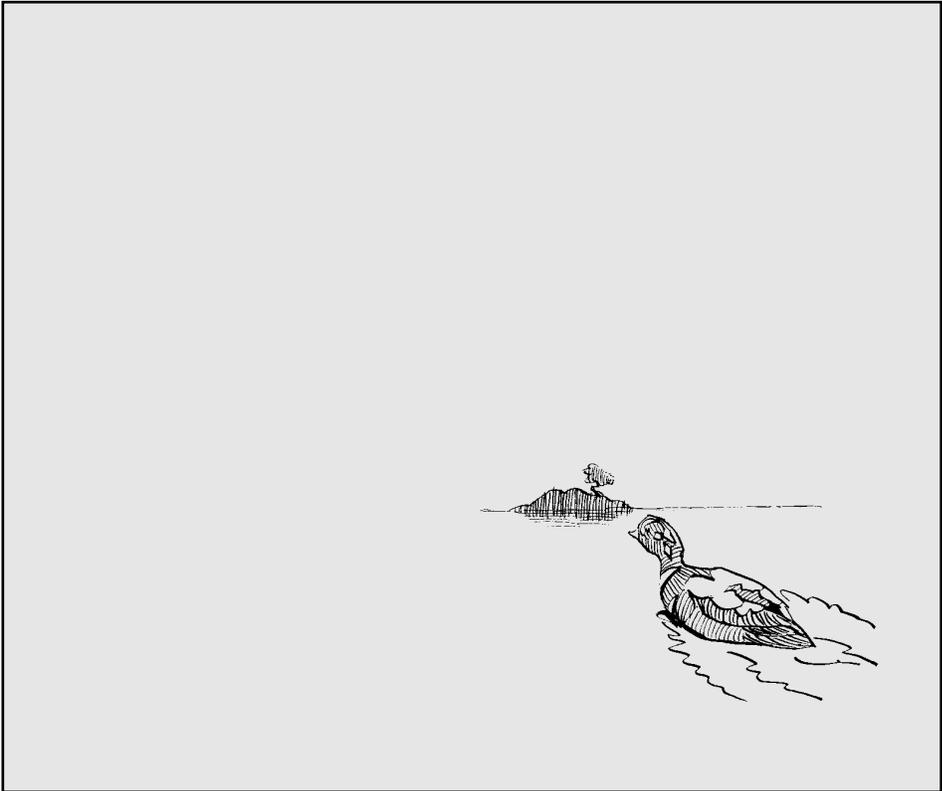
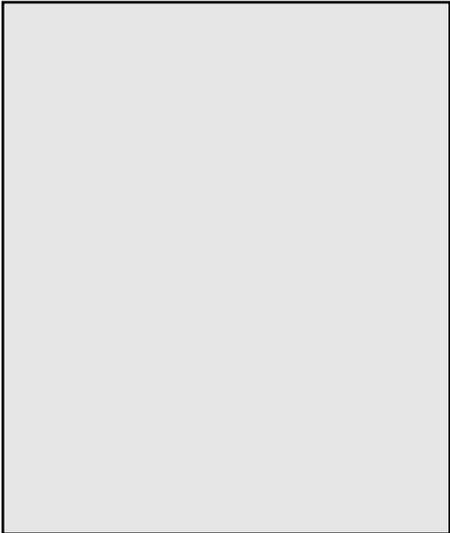
"The Land Conservancy has become a potent and respected force in British Columbia in a very short time. A strong membership base will provide the needed support for a stable and effective organization. Every person who joins TLC adds to our ability to achieve our mandate of preserving endangered habitat. We have been taking on a lot of financial and managerial commitments in a short time because we have to. We have been inundated with requests for help to preserve the special places people have taken for granted. We cannot save them all, but we are doing our best."

Katie is a mother, works full-time at the Times Colonist, and is a dedicated Board member and volunteer. Katie's endless energy, enthusiasm and the joy that she brings to all she does is the foundation on which we build hope for the future. Thank you, Katie.

SPEND A WEEK IN PARADISE AND HELP SAVE IT

Last year, TLC purchased South Winchelsea Island, a pristine example of the Garry oak ecosystem, one of the most endangered ecosystems in Canada. TLC is now offering the cottage on South Winchelsea for rent in order to help raise money for upkeep on the land and mortgage payments. The cottage is available weekly (7 nights) and on weekends only. Rent is on a sliding scale based on the season. The maximum number of guests is 6 people, no pets and no camping. The cabin has wood stove heating, a propane range, and solar powered lights.

The cottage will also periodically house a research station to study the 275 Californian and stellar sea lions that winter around the Island as well as the terrestrial ecosystem, thus the number of available dates are limited. Please respond quickly. For more information call the Victoria office at (250) 479-8053



STEELHEAD SURVIVAL: HABITAT MUST COME FIRST

By Clint Abbott and Katie Stewart

ou can't always judge the importance of habitat by its surroundings.

That is surely the case if you're standing below the Highway 1 bridge near Cassidy on Vancouver Island. The roar of traffic above, the thick broom at the provincial rest stop by the highway and the biker bar close by belie the importance of the lower Nanaimo River riparian area TLC hopes to protect.

The 140 acres that TLC has been negotiating to buy has two parcels: 40 acres and 100 acres of mature coastal Douglas-fir. They provide riverside habitat critical for four species of salmon, (chinook, coho, chum and pink) and three species of trout, (cutthroat, rainbow and steelhead).

Stocking the Nanaimo River would not be necessary if the river could be protected for its habitat values and its fish populations stabilized and increased.

Steelhead is a prized angling fish. Unfortunately their numbers have declined recently due to habitat destruction, overfishing, and poaching.

Stocks on the Nanaimo River have declined for a number of years. In response, there is a vigorous replacement program of hatchery steelhead raised at the Vancou-



The 140 acres that the TLC hopes to buy straddles the river along the full length of the bend shown here.

ver Island Trout Hatchery, near Duncan. Some 45,000 to 46,000 smolts are typically released annually but in 1998 the amount declined drastically to 17,000 due to low numbers of wild brood stock captured to provide the eggs and milt (sperm).

The Nanaimo River is popular with anglers, who pay a \$15-\$40 fishing licence surcharge (depending on their residency status) to fish steelhead. The flat riverside area that TLC is interested in buying is a popular fish-

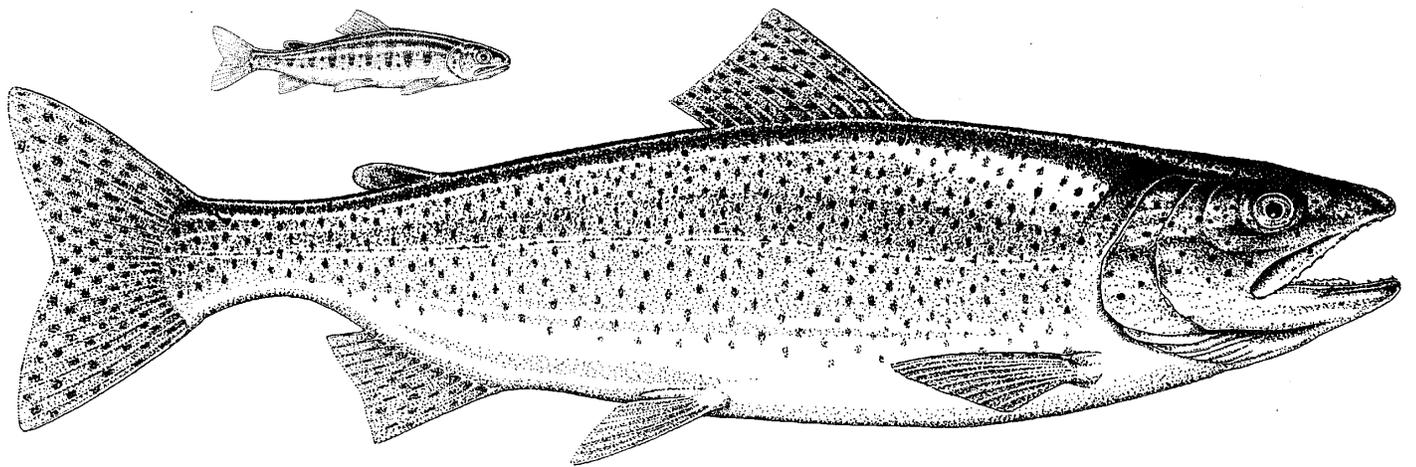
ing spot and easily accessible by foot.

Stocking the Nanaimo River would not be necessary if the river would be protected for its habitat values and its fish populations stabilized and increased. Both Department of Fisheries and Ministry of Environment biologists who are responsible for salmon and trout have emphasized how important the intact forests along the edge of the lower Nanaimo River are for fish survival.

Correct gravel size for incubating eggs

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MICHELLE BIGG PHOTOS

Coho fry found in streams that traverse the forested area.



is crucial; cool, oxygenated water is a must and ample food for the growing juveniles is important. If trees are logged to the river banks, the volume of silt and water temperatures tend to increase dramatically. Silt prevents fresh water from reaching the developing eggs and can reduce the oxygen

Unfortunately, the Forest Practices Code does not apply on private land.

available. High water temperatures promote fungal growth and the spread of other diseases. These problems can seriously affect the survival rates for the egg to alevin stage in Steelhead development. Rearing grounds must include areas of shade (overhanging branches, rocks, logs and deadheads) to ensure correct water temperatures and shelter from predators.

The Forest Practices Code would not normally permit logging to the edge of a major river such as the Nanaimo. Unfortunately, the Forest Practices Code does not apply on private land.

Logging had already begun on one of the two properties before TLC stepped in to make an offer in March of 1999. Since then TLC has managed to negotiate an agreement to purchase the 40 acre site for \$250,000. An agreement toward the purchase of the 100 acre site is imminent. If TLC is able to purchase these properties, we can prevent their being logged and ensure that the conditions necessary for fish survival are retained.

This important acquisition project needs your financial support. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is hoped to give a substantial portion but TLC is responsible for raising several hundred thousand dollars. Please send in a donation by clipping and mailing the form on Page 11 of this newsletter.

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received a tremendous boost in June when a concerned Victoria area resident made a generous gift of \$56,000.

Galiano residents also rallied to help TLC raise funds. The Galiano Conservancy donated \$5000 and an information booth was set up at the Daystar Market on Galiano Island. Finally, a huge banner reading "SAVE THIS" was hung at each end of the point and included a local Matthews Point Hotline Number. The signs could easily be read from passing BC Ferries so that passengers could call for more information about the campaign. On July 21st, with the deadline to close the deal drawing nearer, TLC appealed to all Canadians to help protect this Gulf Island treasure by participating in a "Countdown by Hundreds". People from across the country were asked to donate

\$100 each to help purchase and protect this property so central to the natural beauty of Active Pass. The response was overwhelming! On July 31st, TLC removed the "Subject to Financing" clause on its offer to purchase Matthew's Point and committed to the purchase. The deal to purchase Matthews Point was completed on August 31.

The Land Conservancy would like to thank all those who have contributed time and money to achieving this important parks acquisition. Without this support to protect Matthews Point, we would not have been successful.

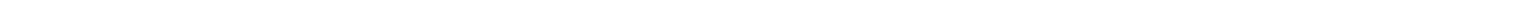
TLC's campaign to purchase and protect Matthews Point is part of a larger commitment to ensure that Active Pass and the Gulf Islands remain areas of natural beauty.

In the spirit of this vision we have em-

barked on our next Gulf Island project. Brooks Point is a magnificent natural headland at the south end of South Pender Island. The property includes mixed forest and native meadows, which are habitat for numerous rare native plants and wildflowers and several species of endangered birds. Brooks Point is also home to a variety of wildlife species including otter and mink and has an abundance of intertidal marine life. Orcas often frequent the area to rest in the shallows off the point.

Several local organizations have been fundraising for several years to purchase Brooks Point and a balance of approximately \$150,000 remains to be raised.

To find out more about Brooks Point and other Coastal Wildland Projects, please check our web site at www.conservancy.bc.ca or call (250) 479-8053.



FATE OF BURNS BOG HANGS IN THE BALANCE

By Brandy Ridout

Nestled within the sprawling development of Greater Vancouver is a vast urban wilderness that supports a wide variety of animal and plant life. This area, Burns Bog, contributes to the biodiversity of BC and performs ecological functions that are vital in preserving the environmental quality of the Lower Mainland. At approximately 7,000 acres, Burns Bog is the largest raised peat bog on the West Coast of North America and the largest undeveloped urban land area in Canada. Unfortunately, only about 2% of the bog is protected in the Delta Nature Reserve.

Burns Bog is home to 178 mammal and bird species, including 11 blue-listed birds, such as the greater sandhill crane, great blue heron, bald eagle, barn owl, and peregrine falcon. Mammals found in the bog include blacktail deer, black bears, beaver, porcupines, pacific water shrews, red foxes,

Burns Bog is the largest undeveloped urban land area in Canada.

coyotes, and bobcats. Amphibians and reptiles present in the bog include pacific tree frogs, bullfrogs, green frogs, and garter snakes. The rare Mariposa butterfly is one of the many insects inhabiting the bog.

Along with typical bog plant species such as sphagnum moss, labrador tea, bog laurel, and shore pine, Burns Bog is also home to arctic plants such as the sundew and the cloudberry. These plants stayed in the delta after the glaciers receded because they thrived in the low nutrient, high acidic environment.

In addition to providing vital habitat, it is believed the bog plays an important role as an environmental regulator for the Lower Mainland. It performs numerous ecological functions such as water purification and storage, flood reduction and control, and air filtration. As well, the bog acts



Mist settles on Burns Bog, the largest raised peat bog on the West Coast of North America, and home to 178 mammal and bird species.

as a carbon sink. Although 8% of the world's organic carbon is stored in forests, about 15% is stored in peatlands.

Burns Bog has a long history of human use beginning with First Nations. In 1905, a cattle rancher named Dominic Burns purchased the majority of the bog for \$26,000, to graze cattle. Although it proved too wet for grazing, the bog has since been used for peat harvesting, cranberry and blueberry farming, garbage dumps, and

residential development.

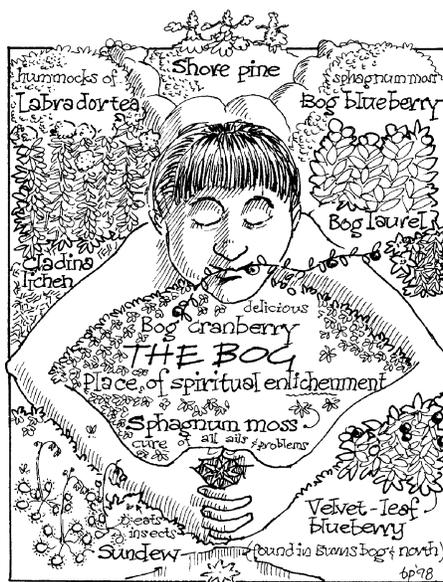
Because the bog is situated so close to an expanding urban area and since bogs have historically been thought of as "wasted" land, there have been numerous development proposals for the area. These included a \$10.5 billion megaport project, racetrack, four-lane highway, and numerous golf courses.

In the most recent proposal Delta Fraser Properties (DFP), owner of approximately 5,000 acres in the bog, agreed to donate 2,600 acres as a park, in return for the right to develop about 1,700 acres to house the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) and an "integrated, themed retail-leisure-entertainment centre". This latest proposal caused a massive public outcry that led to cancellation of the plan.

After the public outcry over the DFP proposal, the provincial government announced it would conduct an ecosystem review through BC's Environmental Assessment Office. The review involves an examination of the natural systems essential to maintain the ecological integrity of the bog. The study will help to make informed decisions about the extent and location of areas that must be protected in order to

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WINCHELSEA CABIN: A MODEL FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

By Clint Abbott

South Winchelsea Island was purchased by TLC in 1998 with the goal of protecting the island's rare Garry oak/arbutus ecosystem. As part of the purchase, we are responsible for maintaining the cabin. We are attempting to manage the cabin as a model of sustainability.

Sustainability is managing in a manner that balances needs and wants today without compromising the needs and wants of tomorrow. In our situation this means using natural, renewable resources and reusing and recycling materials. The remote location and climate of the island has provided an opportunity to use innovative and environmentally responsible forms of energy.

Many of the Gulf Islands have underwater freshwater and electricity lines from Vancouver Island, however South Winchelsea does not. Originally, the cabin was outfitted with a large gas generator and a complicated desalination unit for water purposes; the latter proved to be unreliable and the generator was stolen prior to our acquisition of the island.

We decided to install a solar electric system. This technology has been used for many years, however only recently has it become an affordable and efficient option. We have installed 4 solar panels on the roof of the cabin, which charge a bank of batteries. The combined output of the system is 320 watts and almost 20 amps of current. The system supplies our lights and auxiliary 12 volt items in the cabin.

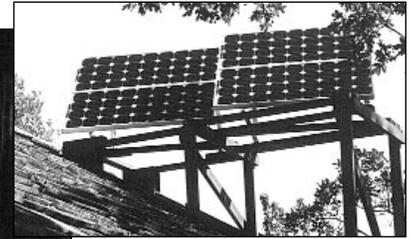
With the help of volunteers, we rebuilt the cabin's large deck. Rather than using cedar, as originally used, we chose a new product: recycled plastic lumber. Plastic lumber is manufactured from items such as: old pop bottles, milk jugs, plastic bags. We found the product easy to work with, although the people hammering can attest to the high density of the material. The finished product requires little

sustain the bog. The review will be completed in the late fall.

TLC believes that the review will find that any further development in Burns Bog would irreparably harm the bog's ecological integrity, and that DFP's best option would be to sell their area of the bog with conservation in mind. In keeping with this possibility, TLC, in cooperation with Western Canada Wilderness Committee and the Burns Bog Conservation Society, is raising \$3 million in pledges to put towards the purchase of the bog. The pledges would also provide leverage to negotiate with DFP and the provincial government. In addition, TLC is distributing "Save Burns Bog" bicycle and bumper stickers to raise awareness of the issue.

Your help is needed to save Burns Bog! To make a pledge or for more information, please visit TLC's web site or call the Vancouver (604) 733-2313 or Victoria office (250) 361-7693.

EILEEN PALMER PHOTOS



Four rooftop solar panels provide 320 watts (20 amps) of electrical current.

A summertime work party.

maintenance and should last a long time.

While a supply of fresh, clean water continues to present a problem, we are in the process of experimenting with a gutter collection system for cleaning and washing purposes. We have connected all the gutters on the cabin to a large collection tank, which in turn has been connected to the cabin's existing piping.

Although the above mentioned modifications to the cabin are only a small step towards a sustainable future, we are proud of the progress we've made. We also hope that those who stay at the cabin will gain an appreciation of the amount of energy and resources we consume on a day to day basis at our own homes.

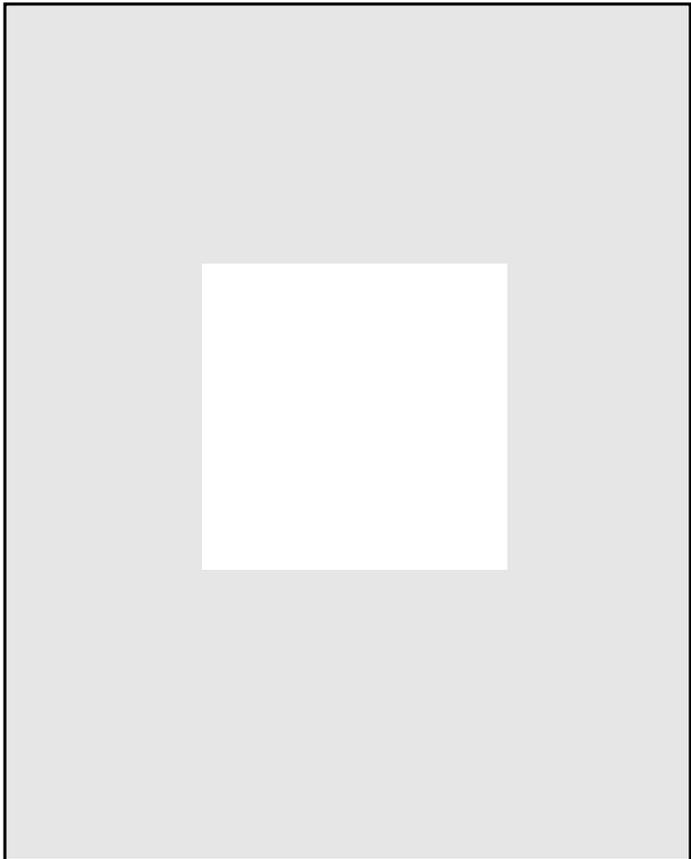
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GREEN GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

By Katie Stewart

TLC has much to celebrate this year. As both a member and director I share the passion and excitement of what we are doing: volunteering at a display, cutting broom, writing letters and, above all, sharing with others so they too can become supporters of habitat protection and TLC.

Doing what we do takes "big bucks" and membership support. It comes from sources as varied as generous individual donors, grants from the government and private foundations, kids collecting bottles and folks having \$10 automatically deducted from their account every month.

"Green gifts" are another important source of funds for TLC. You can help support our projects by buying some of our square metres, sponsorship certificates or memberships for family and friends. I've just bought brother number three his membership (four siblings down, two to go) and hope that he will like what we do enough to continue as a member and give to our campaigns, even though he lives in Ontario. Last year I bought a membership for my best friend, who in turn bought one for her mom as a birthday present, who then sent in a \$50

cheque to sponsor the purchase of 8 square metres on South Winchelsea Island in the name of her grandson who's only one year old! She wrote on her form that

she wanted to ensure that he, too, will be able to experience its endangered Garry oak ecosystem later in life.

It's not too early to think about Christmas. Your family and friends will appreciate their "Adopt an Acre" certificate or "Sponsor Certificate" knowing that they have helped to protect BC's natural heritage. Your gift recipient will receive a description of the pro-

ject, a picture and a map of the area, a certificate in his name and, of course, an acknowledgment of you, the donor.

So think TLC. Think habitat protection. Think green and share the vision.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

To remember a loved one, please suggest that friends and relatives send a donation to the Land Conservancy of B.C. Their support will help to create a lasting legacy by supporting the purchase of South Winchelsea, Reynolds Ranch and other endangered places.

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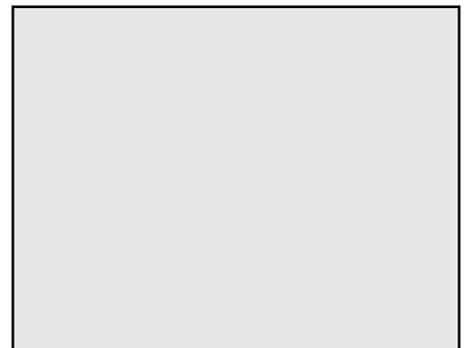
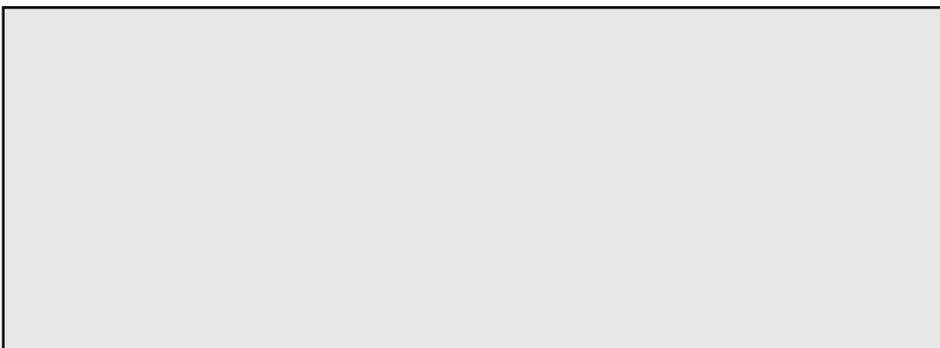
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GET INVOLVED WITH TLC!

by Eileen Palmer

As The Land Conservancy continues to protect areas throughout British Columbia, there are many opportunities arising to help protect our lands and waters. Please help by volunteering your skills, knowledge, interests and talent.

There are opportunities to:

- Work with TLC staff on various displays and presentations
- Help on restoration projects (South Winchelsea Island invasive plant removal and Ross Bay Villa restoration)
- Complete baseline inventories and covenant monitoring on lands throughout the province
- Create maps using computer programs such as Corel Draw 8 and ArcView
- Apply sewing, carpentry and metal work skills
- Research potential areas for acquisitions or conservation covenants in BC

- Use research and writing skills, artistic and photographic talents

Many volunteers have done much to help TLC and new faces are always welcome. The Vancouver and Cranbrook offices have only recently opened and need people willing to donate time. As the Conservancy grows, we will also need help establishing roots in other parts of British Columbia.

Volunteers have been helping on South Winchelsea Island. In April of this year, a week was dedicated to installing solar panels, rebuilding the deck using plastic lumber made of recycled material, repainting the cabin, and removing blackberry and broom. We have also presented our displays at many events throughout Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

The Land Conservancy wishes to thank the volunteers who have donated their time, hard work, and endless support over this past year.



The Land Conservancy of British Columbia

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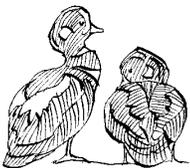
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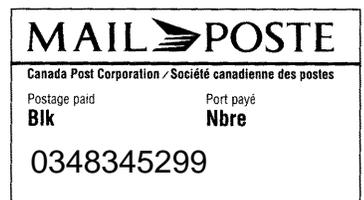
The Harlequin ranges throughout BC, from rocky coastal shores and islets to turbulent inland mountain creeks and calm lakes. A vulnerable species, the Harlequin population is endangered due to habitat loss and degradation.

When challenged by boulders and swift spillways the Harlequin will clamber over them, tuck into eddies, dive deep and swim through the current. The plucky Harlequin is an inspiration for us to persevere in overcoming our obstacles.

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