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BCWF's New Executive Director

Patti MacAhonic

BCWF Press Release

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In September Patti MacAhonic was appointed as the new Executive Director of the BCWF. Patti is an avid outdoorswoman who grew up in a hunting family. She has post secondary education in business and education and has experience with not-for-profit organizations at the political level. These are but a few of Patti's positive attributes which made her the best candidate to take the BCWF to the next level.

Patti's passion for the outdoors is very apparent. She is an avid fisher, hunter and conservationist who relates to the passion BCWF members have for the conservation and the outdoors. Her academic background consists of a Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education and she has nearly completed a Masters in Business Administration specializing in Management Consulting. Her practical experience involves financial and managerial roles with not-for-profit organizations as well as changing and forming legislation at the political level. Patti has the background, the experience and the passion to carry BCWF's message on a Provincial and National level!

Patti believes in education and the future of conservation in British Columbia. Patti believes the strength of the BCWF comes from the membership and wants to hear from you! In the next couple of months Patti will be attending meetings at your local club getting feedback and providing insight into possible programs and the future direction she'd like to take the BCWF with your support.

As a passionate outdoorswoman Patti is a perfect fit for the BCWF; she will be a great asset to the organization. Patti's contact information is as follows:

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According to latest sources a regulation introduced by the Liberal Government in 2004 which has been delayed several times is coming into effect December 2,

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**Kamloops White Cane
Club Fishing Forever
Fish-out**

Fishing Forever

Using the E Newsletter

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2007. The regulation requires all newly imported guns to be engraved on the frame or receiver reading "CA-07". The intent of the regulation is to comply with the UN *Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking of Firearms*.

The best way to meet this Canadian imposed regulation is through computerized laser engraving. This will undoubtedly result in long delays and a much higher price tag being passed on to you, the consumer. Estimates show the cost could be as much as \$200 per gun. Exactly how the engraving will occur to ensure the gun is still protected after the heat of the computerized laser engraving is not known. This will be another blow to Canada's already struggling firearm industry since the introduction of the *Firearms Act*. This is another case of users of firearms being punished to satisfy decisions based on emotions.

It should also be noted that Canada is the only country to require these special markings as all other countries have either refused to comply or have accepted current manufacturers' markings as sufficient for tracing purposes.

This regulation is another barrier that will affect the firearms industry and firearms users. Let the Federal government know you do not support this regulation. Addresses and contacts to send letters and faxes to are on the sidebar.

Kamloops White Cane Club Fishing Forever Fish-out

Article & Photo Submitted by Verne Sundstrom

The Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association held its fourteenth annual fish-out for the Kamloops White Cane Club at Lac Le Jeune on September 9th under glorious sunny skies. With sponsorship from the BCWF Fishing Forever program, Kamloops Fish and Game Club members organized a day of fishing for White Cane Club members.

This year eleven club members with boats acted as guides for the eleven visually impaired individuals that headed out fishing. The weather and the fish were very co-operative on this sunny warm day. Five fish weighing about three pounds each were caught, as well as a number of smaller Rainbow trout. Many stories were told of the exciting struggle to land the fish by a fisherman or fisher-woman when not able to see the movement of the line and location of the fish. In the end everyone agreed that the fishing had been a great success.

When the club members and guests returned to shore they were treated to a barbeque of burgers, hot dogs, hot coffee and hot chocolate. An additional five White Cane club members who did not partake in the fishing were able to enjoy the shoreline chat and the BBQ. Guide dogs and an assortment of other dogs also enjoyed the day.

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West Coast Women's Show

The show will be held at Tradex in Abbotsford Oct 19,20, 21

Becoming an Outdoorswoman has a booth and will be in attendance representing women in the outdoors

For more information or if you would like to volunteer contact :

Darlene Clark or the BCWF Office



The annual event has now been held for fourteen years under the watchful supervision and dedication of Dubs Pulley from the Kamloops & District Fish and Game Association and Linda Hall from the Kamloops White Cane Club. Dubs was ably assisted by Mike Hanry who arranged for boats and food. A special thank you to BC Parks for the free use of the site to hold our annual event.

A number of members of both clubs have participated in this event for several years and always look forward to the renewal of old acquaintances each September.

The End of the Canadian Duck Stamp?

Environment Canada Duck Stamp Consultation Paper

Delta Waterfowl Press Release

Ducks Unlimited Press Release

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2006 Duck Stamp
Resting Time-Brant Geese
Artist Pierre Leduc

In 1984 the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp was created to fund conservation projects related habitat specifically directed at waterfowl. Since its inception the fund has been managed by the Canadian Wildlife Service, an independent, non-profit organization. The concept is similar to the provincial Habitat Conservation Trust Fund putting hunters' dollars right back into habitat to benefit fish and wildlife. The future of the stamp could be in jeopardy!

Environment Canada released a consultation paper in August which looks at the different ways to manage and administer dollars generated by waterfowl hunters. The thrust behind the review is in large part due to the fact that administration costs have increased and the dollars coming in from the stamp are declining. The costs of administration do not come out of the stamps but out of Environment Canada's budget. Annual sales of the Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit peaked in the late 1970s at more than 500,000 and have declined since. Recent sales average about 159,000 permits annually, a decline of close to 70%. In 1984 conservation revenues exceeded \$3 million dollars - today less than \$1.4 million is

collected annually. Had hunter numbers remained stable and the stamp price been adjusted for inflation the fund would have generated more than \$5 million dollars in 2007.

The options being considered go as far as eliminating the stamp and directing the revenues to Environment Canada's Habitat Conservation Program. In this case Waterfowl hunters' dollars could be used to acquire and manage protected areas, many of which are not open to public hunting. This would also likely eliminate the existence of Wildlife Habitat Canada.

To find out more go to [Environment Canada's](#) website regarding the consultation, [Delta Waterfowl Opposes Proposals To Kill Canadian Duck Stamp, DUC urges continuation of duck stamp program](#) news releases on the proposals.

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2008 Budget Survey

The BC Provincial Government has created an online survey to get your feedback regarding what you would like to see in the 2008 Provincial budget. There is a discussion paper which talks about reducing greenhouses gases, emissions, funding for health care, education, community programs and housing. The survey asks questions pertaining to those topics and also asks about other comments. This is not only your opportunity to be heard as a conservationist but also as a citizen of the Province of BC; the budget directly affects all facets of your life. Make sure your voice is heard. Follow the link to the [2008 Budget Survey](#).

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