



# BCWF News



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BOW participants in the middle of a chain and axe activity & Falconry Class

## BOW: Becoming an Outdoors Woman. Featuring the BOW Weekend in Lake Cowichan

The Cowichan Lake Education and Conference Centre on beautiful Lake Cowichan was the site of the Becoming an Outdoor Women (BOW) weekend, May 30 – June 1, 2008. Valley Fish & Game Club was the host club (for the 5th time) of this very successful BOW weekend with 78 participants, 23 volunteer instructors and Pennie Arnason and Sue Ludlam working hard as the host committee, to make this weekend the huge success it was.

These two ladies did a great job recruiting volunteer instructors, allowing us to offer some different and very interesting courses for this BOW weekend. Besides the always popular archery, ATV riding and safety, trapshooting, rifle marksmanship, map & compass, first aid, outdoor cooking, canoeing etc, we were able to offer the women – human tracking; falconry; chainsaw & axe; wildlife viewing; boat, motor & trailer and hawk & knife and all had very good response from the participants.



With the generous support from the Colleen Laviolette Fund we are able to help women who might otherwise not be able to attend a BOW weekend, this year the Fund assisted two women in attending.

It is with the support of this generous benefactor and the many volunteers that we are able to offer a weekend to women to give them an opportunity to learn outdoor activities in a comfortable, non-competitive, beginner level atmosphere. Many women have gone on to more in-depth pursuits of these outdoor activities after gaining the confidence and basic knowledge that we offer at our BOW weekends.

Are you interested in having a BOW weekend in your area? Are you willing to volunteer your time, knowledge and experience to give women the opportunity to learn about the many outdoor activities that are available to them? Call BCWF BOW Coordinator, Darlene Clark at 250-724-4657 or email [dclark8@shaw.ca](mailto:dclark8@shaw.ca). Let's work together and make it happen!

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## B.C. Wildlife Federation Hosts B.C.'s Minister of Environment at the Wild Kidz Camp in Chilliwack

The B.C. Wildlife Federation was honoured to receive the visit of the Hon. Barry Penner, Minister of the Environment to one of the Wild Kidz Camps organized by BCWF's Wetland Education Program this year.

Minister Penner interacted with the campers and spent some time sharing conservation information as well as reading a conservation story to the participating children.

Minister Penner is shown right with participants of the Chilliwack camp held at the Chilliwack Fish and Game Protective Association.



Wild Kidz is a week-long day camp for kids ages 9-12 to develop a new sense of wonder and discovery, exploring wetlands, lakes, and the Boreal forests to find out how everything works; focusing on the interconnections and diversity of the planet. Fun recreational activities lead participants into the world of Nature.

In celebration of what would be the 100th birthday of Roderick Haig-Brown; the BC Wildlife Federation, the BC Conservation Foundation and the Haig-Brown Institute have partnered to offer one-of-a-kind summer day camps. Due to the resounding success of this program, BCWF will be seeking sponsorship for 2009 so that more

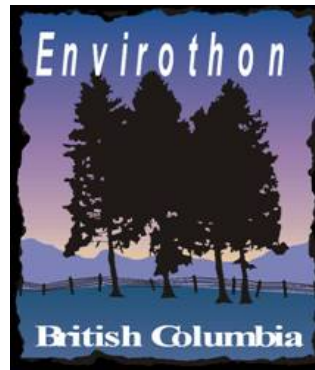
children province-wide can participate in this unique conservation education program.

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## BC Wildlife Federation Supports Envirothon BC

Your BC Wildlife Federation sponsored Vancouver North Shore's Argyle Secondary students to the 2008 Canon Envirothon in Flagstaff, Arizona. Argyle Secondary team – five bright young women – were the winners of this year's Provincial Competition which invites teams of high school students to test their environmental knowledge and skills; giving the top team the opportunity to continue their development at the North American event each summer.

Sending Our Future  
Leaders Abroad to Share  
BC Perspectives!



Over 55 teams from Canada and the US competed for scholarships and connected with their counterparts across the continent. Participation in this event allows these students, our future community leaders, to bring home new perspectives and ideas on resource management issues while sharing BC perspectives with students from abroad.

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## BC Wildlife Federation Supports the Pacific Salmon Commission Recommendations to Renew the Agreement

The BC Wildlife Federation has been following with considerable interest the progress of the Pacific Salmon Treaty agreement negotiations. The recommendation made by the Pacific Salmon Commission for a new bilateral agreement for the conservation and harvest sharing of Pacific salmon stocks to the Governments of Canada and the United States is the product of nearly 18 months of negotiations. The agreement represents a major step forward in science-based conservation and sustainable harvest sharing of the salmon resources between Canada and the United States. These new fishing regimes would be in place from the beginning of 2009 through the end of 2018.



Covering a geographic coastal span of more than 1,500 kms, the agreement is intended to ensure the conservation and fair harvest sharing of five species of salmon comprised of thousands of separate and diverse stocks that range from healthy and

abundant to threatened and declining. The approval process in Canada will involve consultations with First Nations and other stakeholders.

This new agreement would replace the current versions of the Chapters on Transboundary Rivers, Northern British Columbia and Southeast Alaska Boundary Area, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Southern British Columbia and Washington State Chum Salmon; each of which is scheduled to expire at the end of this year. The current Chapter 4 on the Fraser River Sockeye and Pink salmon, does not expire until after the 2010 season.

The BCWF is supporting this agreement and its changes due to its continued reliance on science-based decisions and the enhanced application of a precautionary approach to the management of the resource when required by stock assessment. This approach will address conservation concerns for depressed salmon stocks and rebuilding efforts that target depressed natural spawning salmon stocks and ongoing efforts to address habitat issues and other non-fishing factors that affect many salmon stocks.



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Show at TRADEX.

## Volunteers Needed for West Coast Women's Show at TRADEX, Abbotsford Oct.24 to 26!

Any volunteers interested in helping the BCWF at this show – we're looking especially for women from the Lower Mainland who are members of BCWF affiliated clubs – please contact the numbers below at the end of the Newsletter.

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