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## A Celebration of the life of Bert Brink Conservationist, Educator, Mentor 1912-2007

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Past President BCWF*

On January 31<sup>st</sup> 2007 accompanied by Executive Director Patti MacAhonic I attended a "Celebration of life" for Bert Brink who passed away in Vancouver November 29<sup>th</sup> 2007

Bert Brink was recognized by all as one of the greats, those that pass through our lives all too seldom. His honors and awards were many and included the Order of BC and The Order of Canada. He was a much respected educator serving as professor in the Plant Science Department of UBC Faculty of Agriculture for close to 40 years. Many of the scientists and biologists still involved in the earth sciences in British Columbia passed through Bert's Classes.

We in the Federation knew him more as president of the Federation of BC Naturalists, now Nature Canada. In the years we were involved in Rangeland Park issues Bert was a great source of information and advice. In 1982 Bert was the 8<sup>th</sup> recipient of the BC Wildlife Federation's highest award, the Barsby Trophy for "Conservationist of the year". The award was presented to Bert by Ted Barsby who had served with Bert as one of the first commissioners of the newly formed Agricultural Land Commission.

The "Celebration of Life" held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club was a standing room only affair, a testament to the respect that Bert held, from the Conservation, Government and academic communities.

On behalf of the members of the BC Wildlife Federation I made a presentation telling those present of the respect that we in our organization held for Bert and that he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

As John Holdstock stated in his BC Wildlife Internet Alert reporting Bert's passing:

**"We have lost a good one."**



Ed Mankelow  
Past President BCWF

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## Allocation Policy starting to Work for you

The Provincial *Wildlife Allocation Policy* has started to work for resident hunters in BC. After a couple of years and several thousands of hours invested by the Wildlife Committee the new allocation policy was signed in March 2007. Since the policy was signed the BCWF Wildlife Committee has been hard at work ensuring the new policy is implemented.

The past policy created several inconsistencies across the Province allowing non-residents as much as 77% of the annual allowable harvest. The new policy is more transparent and gives resident hunters a guaranteed allocation for species which are on LEH or quota.

As part of the implementation period from 2007-2012 there is a hardship rule which means neither residency groups allocation can be affected by more than 20%. The *Allocation Policy* minimums will take affect in 2012 and a new set of percentages will be developed for any species on LEH or Quota in 2012.

In 2006 the resident allocation for Stone's Sheep in Region 7B was only 23% of the annual allowable harvest. The hardship rule resulted in an increase of the residents share to 38% for 2007. To help residents achieve their portion of the annual allowable harvest the 1 in 3 year harvest regulation for resident hunters was removed. The average resident harvest from 2001-2005 was 87 rams and in 2007 residents harvested 118 rams, an increase of over 35%!! Should participation and resident harvest continue, per the *Allocation Policy* resident allocation will change to 67% of the annual allowable harvest in 2012. That means resident allocation will double in 5 short years! For resident hunters that means twice the opportunity.

In Region 6 the allocation is also beginning to be implemented. Sheep harvest in Region 6 has historically been extremely low. In Region 6 the non-resident quota was reduced by 20% effective 2008 to begin the transition to resident share.

The allocation policy is a fairly complex document. If you have any questions about the allocation policy contact [Jesse](#).

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## BCWF Legal Defense Fund - Message to the Clubs

For those of you who don't know at last year's convention the membership passed

Rod Wiebe

## Convention 2008

The Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club and Region 3 are hosting the 52nd Annual BCWF Convention in Salmon Arm - April 9-12, 2008. [Click here for details](#) leading up to the convention. Don't forget to get your tickets in advance.

## Bill C-45 is back with a new name

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a resolution which has created the BCWF Legal Defense Fund. BCWF Vice-president, Rod Wiebe is the driving force behind the fund and has some words to share with the membership.

I wish to thank the clubs that have begun to build this important “war chest” and urge others to participate. Some of you may recall at last years convention in Dawson Creek there was overwhelming support for the resolution that created this fund.

At that time the point was raised that \$250,000 amounted to almost \$10 per BCWF member. That was offered as a clear picture of the challenge the clubs were committing to by passing the resolution. **This is not intended to be an immediate demand on any member or club. It is a goal to be achieved together and over time.**

So I would urge all clubs and Direct Members to consider creative ways to achieve our goal. Every contribution is significant and **any donation is appreciated**. A charitable tax receipt can be issued to anyone who makes a personal donation to the fund. Any donation should clearly indicate that it is for the Legal Defense Fund for the benefit of staff and accounting purposes. Once we get this fund building we can seek partner funding. But we can't do that until we, the BCWF membership, have demonstrated our own commitment.

Please remember what we are doing here. We are building a fund to defend our hunting and fishing rights. Sometime in the future, likely sooner than later, we will have to commit to a legal challenge in the name of future generations. We cannot be a pack of “barking dogs”. The BCWF Legal Defense Fund will give us some “bite” when we need it.

Yours in Conservation

Rod Wiebe  
VP, BC Wildlife Federation

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## Bill C-45 is back with a new name- Bill C-32

Bill C-45 was something we tackled in February and March of last year. The Bill received much opposition from conservation organizations across Canada. There was no guarantee to keep fish as a public resource and the protection for habitat was not clear.

The Bill has come back, other than a new set of numbers little has changed. In light of recent actions on the Fraser River and the continued support for fish farming in British Columbia fisheries habitat protection is and has been dismal across British Columbia. This Bill does not contain the language necessary to go about fixing our problems and it appears to do much more harm than even our current system has.

Part of the issue may be that Canada has two very distinct fisheries between east

## Members of Parliament

Hon. Loyola Hearn  
Minister of Fisheries and  
Oceans

Right Hon. Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister

## Salmon Arm F&G taking a stand on invasive species

Salmon Arm Fish and  
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Combating Spiny rays in  
the Thompson

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and west coasts. In the east fishing is essentially a commercial industry with little sport fishing. In BC we have a thriving sport fishing industry and as conservationists we believe fish should be managed by us, the public. That certainly is not acknowledged in the Bill nor has it been demonstrated by DFO.

This is a very real and immediate threat to your right to access tidal waters fish both on British Columbia's coast and in its rivers. As an angler you need to write you MP and tell them that fish and the protection of habitat are of utmost importance to you and that it should be managed as a public resource for the anglers of British Columbia.

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## Salmon Arm F&G taking a stand on invasive species

After 6 years of running the Gardom Lake fishing derby the Salmon Arm F&G club has decided it will not support the event any longer. The lake was illegally stocked with perch some years ago which has been extremely detrimental to the native fish species as well as the entire ecosystem. According to Past-president of the club and Vice-president of the BCWF, Mel Arnold, the club feels promoting perch fishing on one while working to eradicate them is not leading by example, nor is it conducive to ethical conservation practices.

Invasive species have had an extremely detrimental effect on trout lakes in both Regions 3 and 8. During the past year members of the BCWF and the Salmon Arm F&G club spent hundreds of hours preparing and poisoning nearby Skmana Lakes to eradicate perch. After the lake was poisoned with rotenone the volunteers found only 25 trout in a lake which had been stocked with 2,000 fish up until 2006.

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