

RCEN E-Bulletin – April 2, 2008 Edition

Network News - April 2, 2008

Upcoming Steering Committee Elections

Steering Committee Elections for the RCEN's National Caucuses are coming up! Joining a Caucus Steering Committee is a great way to get more involved in Caucus activities and to network with other members. This April, a new process will be implemented to standardize elections for all caucuses. Caucus members will receive a notice announcing the elections from their respective caucus coordinator in the coming month.

If you are an RCEN member and would like to join a caucus, please [click here](#) to contact the appropriate coordinator.

Other Calls

Participation in the 16th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16) as a representative of the Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN)

The RCEN has special consultative status with ECOSOC to accredit its members to participate as observers at CSD-16, taking place from May 5-16 2008 in New York. If you are a member of the RCEN, can self-finance your stay in New York, and would like the RCEN to accredit you as an observer to CSD-16, please send an email to sarah@cen-rce.org indicating your organization and including your résumé by **April 4, 2008**. More information on CSD-16 can be found at <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/>.

Call for Comments: Phosphorous Concentration Regulations

A Notice of Intent to amend the Phosphorus Concentration Regulations was published on February 16, 2008 in Canada Gazette Part 1 (see <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/part1/2008/20080216/html/notice-e.html#d125>). The objective of the proposed Amendments is to contribute to the reduction of phosphorus being released into Canada's aquatic ecosystems. The proposed Amendments to the *Phosphorus Concentration Regulations* would lower the limits of phosphorus concentration in laundry detergent from 2.2% (by weight) to 0.5%, introduce limits to the concentration of phosphorus in dishwasher detergents of 0.5% and introduce limits to the concentration of phosphorus in household general purpose cleaners of 0.5%, where appropriate. It is expected that the proposed Amendments would come into force by 2010. All comments and advice are welcome by the **April 16, 2008** deadline set out in the Notice of Intent.

Announcements

Water Governance in Canada Listserv

The Program on Water Governance (POWG) is a joint research program between the University of British Columbia's Department of Geography and the [Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability](#) (IRES). The POWG is currently setting up a listserv to provide news about their research on: water governance issues in Canada, transboundary water issues, municipal water supplies, and water development. To sign-up, please send an email to

watergov@interchange.ubc.ca. For more information about the Program, visit their website at: www.watergovernance.ca.

Events

Public Forums on Agrofuels: Crops, Cars & Climate Crisis

From April 28th to May 2nd, the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN) and other partner groups will hold a series of cross-Canada events entitled "Crops, Cars & Climate Crisis: The global impacts of growing biofuels on food, farmers and human rights". Featuring special guests from Canada, Mexico, Paraguay, and the Philippines, the 6-city speakers' tour will tackle questions related to the corporate "agrofuels" gold-rush and the potential consequences for people, ecosystems, and the planet. For more information, please visit www.cban.ca.

Jobs

Rivers Without Borders - Executive Director and Development Director/ Coordinator

Rivers Without Borders (RWB) is seeking two talented and enthusiastic individuals to protect the best wild rivers in the transboundary watersheds of British Columbia and Southeast Alaska. The successful candidate for the Executive Director position will strengthen the organization as a skilled, collaborative, dynamic, strategic and innovative leader. Significant campaign experience, proven fundraising expertise and sound management abilities are necessary for the position. Send cover letter, resume, writing sample and references by May 30, 2008 to ben@riverswithoutborders.org.

The development director/coordinator will build on organizational successes by growing and diversifying RWB's fundraising base and managing all development activities. The position is part-time. Please send a cover letter, resume, writing samples and references by May 2, 2008 to ben@riverswithoutborders.org. Note that both positions could be located from Seattle to Whitehorse. For further information, visit www.riverswithoutborders.org.

Prevent Cancer Now - Campaign Coordinator

[Prevent Cancer Now](http://www.preventcancer.org) (PCN), a Canadian non-profit society working to eliminate the preventable causes of cancer, is seeking a coordinator for its new anti-incineration campaign. They are seeking a creative self-motivated individual who can lead the campaign, working virtually from a home-based office supported by a small group of volunteers. The candidate must have previous experience as a campaign coordinator in this or other toxic chemical related issues, and a good grasp of the science involved. The job will require networking and outreach to health professionals, cancer agencies, and other environmental and health impacted groups. The applicant will also coordinate and help write a resource kit for groups to use to oppose incineration proposals locally. Please email Bev Thorpe at bev@cleanproduction.org before April 16th, 2008 to apply for this position. For more information, visit www.preventcancer.org.