

RCEN E-Bulletin – May 7, 2008 Edition

Network News

Charles L. Caccia, 1930-2008

On May 3rd, Charles Caccia, a well-respected politician and environmentalist, passed away at the age of 78. Most recently a senior fellow at the University of Ottawa's Institute for the Environment, Mr. Caccia represented the Toronto riding of Davenport between 1968 and 2004 and spent a large part of his career working to protect the environment and promoting social justice issues. He also had a long association with the RCEN, working together with its members on key files and attending many caucus and Network meetings. A moving tribute to Mr. Caccia can be read on the Canadian Environmental Law Association's website.

RCEN 2008 AGM Update

We have now chosen a location for our 2008 Annual General Assembly, which will be taking place at Toronto's Seneca College from October 24-26. This year's theme will center on the significant topic of Health and the Environment.

Calls for Delegates

ENGO Representative for the Boreal Learning Network Workshop Sessions

The RCEN is looking for one (1) ENGO delegate to join the Boreal Learning Network Workshop Sessions. The Boreal Learning Network is a new opportunity that brings together leaders in First Nations communities and environmental nonprofits that are focused on the future of the Boreal forest and is centered on three workshop retreat sessions, each chosen for their ability to highlight the natural beauty of the region and offer professional meeting facilities in a comfortable and enjoyable setting. Each session is 2 ½ days long, with the first one taking place at the end of May. Travel, accommodations and meals are provided to the participants. **The deadline for applications is today, May 7th.** [More information...](#)

Other Calls

Calls for Nominations – RCEN Caucus Steering Committees

The RCEN is currently conducting Calls for Nominations for membership on the following Caucus Steering Committees: [Agriculture](#), [Atmosphere & Energy](#), [Mining](#), [Toxics](#) and [Water Fisheries and Oceans](#). This is an excellent opportunity for you to be part of Caucus decision-making and the planning of activities! This call is open to all RCEN members who belong to, or are willing to join these national caucuses, including current Steering Committee members. Please click on any of the previous links to read more about these opportunities, or [click here](#) to view all current Calls for Nominations. **The deadline for most of these calls is today, May 7th.**

Action Alerts

Friends of Clayoquot Sound - Stop Exploratory Drilling for Copper in Clayoquot Sound!

Vancouver-based Selkirk Metals Corporation has applied to the BC Ministry of Mines for a permit

to do exploratory drilling for copper on Catface Mountain in Clayoquot Sound. Drilling would determine whether it's economically feasible to develop the low-grade copper-molybdenum deposit on Catface into a huge open-pit mine. The potential mine would be located in the middle of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, within sight of the tourist town of Tofino. [Friends of Clayoquot Sound](#) is asking concerned groups and individuals to contact the BC Government to ask them to refuse Selkirk's application for exploratory drilling. [Read the full Action Alert...](#)

Announcements

Short Film Contest - *Caméra Verte 2008*

The *Caméra verte 2008* short film contest is intended as a platform for amateur and up-and-coming filmmakers who are preoccupied by environmental and common wealth issues. Nature Québec invites you to direct and submit your own 30-second to 5-minute short films online, through the Web. The film's theme should center on participatory citizenship, while all genres will be accepted. For more information, please visit cameraverte.org (French only).

Resources

New Ecojustice Report - Fight to the Last Drop: A Glimpse into Alberta's Water Future

According to a recent report published by Ecojustice Canada, proposals to move massive volumes of water between river basins in Alberta and to allow its Irrigation Districts to sell water for non-agricultural uses indicate the province of Alberta may soon be critically short of water. The report, *Fight to the Last Drop: A Glimpse into Alberta's Water Future*, goes on to note that Alberta's share of Canada's renewable freshwater supply is just 2.2 per cent, and that 80 per cent of the province's renewable water supply is in the north while 80 per cent of Alberta's population is in the south. To read the full report, please visit ecojustice.ca.

Events

Smart Growth for Nonprofits: Best Practices for Growing ENGOS

The Sustainability Network is holding a workshop intended for the many nonprofits that experience significant growth-related challenges and is designed as a forum for ENGOS to come together and explore issues related to growth. The session will be held on May 15th in Toronto. It will include, among other things, a presentation and discussion about research recently undertaken by Crosswater Partners on behalf of Citizens' Environment Watch regarding the challenges and opportunities related to capacity building within the ENGO sector, potential best-practices, leveraging of volunteers, and the role of the Board, partnering options, and more. To register, please send an email indicating your interest to info@sustain.web.ca. For more information, please check out the flier posted [here](#).

Employment

East Coast Environmental Law Association – Executive Director

The East Coast Environmental Law Association is seeking its first Executive Director. Founded in 2007 and based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the not-for-profit organization was formed: to assist community and environmental groups in the Atlantic region of Canada by providing information

about environmental law; to provide clinical environmental law opportunities for law students; and to support initiatives to improve environmental laws in Canada and the Atlantic Provinces. The first Executive Director will be the key player in establishing the organization's operations and initiating its programs in accordance with the policies and directives established by the Board of Directors and the Executive. The deadline to apply is May 20, 2008. To read the full job description, please visit www.ecelaw.ca.

Free Range Worker Cooperative – Communications and Publicity Outreach Worker

The Free Range Worker Cooperative is seeking a bilingual half-time communications/ campaign publicity/outreach worker to be based in the Ottawa area. Duties will include: media work, campaign work and other responsibilities. Candidates should possess excellent written and oral communication skills, advanced computer skills and experience with media promotion of civil society organizations, as well as a university degree in pertinent area and/or experience working with media promotion. Please submit your application in English by **May 12, 2008** to nik@beyondfactoryfarming.org.

Greenpeace Canada – Forest Campaigner

Greenpeace Canada is seeking an experienced forest campaigner to work on their Great Bear Rainforest campaign in British Columbia. Responsibilities will include: working with and lobbying senior government, industry and First Nations leaders to implement lasting solutions for the Great Bear Rainforest; engaging with First Nations' communities to support the implementation of land use agreements at a local level; and implementing public engagement strategies to raise awareness of the Great Bear Rainforest. Candidates should have a minimum of 3 years of campaign experience, and a proven record on developing and implementing successful campaign strategies. Applicants must be able to travel, including internationally. The closing date for applications is **May 30th**. Please send your resume and cover letter to canadian.recruitment@yto.greenpeace.org. For more information, please visit greenpeace.ca.