

RCEN E-Bulletin – April 16, 2008 Edition

Network News

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd!

The snow is melting, birds are singing and the sun is warm - it's time to put away your winter jacket and go play outside! This April 22nd, celebrate Earth Day by taking part in one of the many activities being planned across the country. Many of these events will be taking place this weekend, so please visit [Earth Day Canada's website](#) and start planning the celebration today!

Participate in the Civil Society Response to Bisphenol-A Draft Assessment

Following the soon to be released draft assessment on Bisphenol-A (BPA) by Health Canada, there will be a 60-day comment period during which civil society groups can provide input and make recommendations on the management of BPA in Canada. BPA is one of the chemicals currently under review under the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) Challenge.

The RCEN plans to coordinate a civil society response to this assessment as part of its [CMP Capacity Building Project](#). NGOs that are interested in collaborating on this response should contact [Leela Ramachandran](#), National Caucus Coordinator, at (613) 728-9810 ext. 223.

Calls for Delegates

ENGO-DFO National Fish Habitat Coordinating Committee

The RCEN is looking for a new ENGO delegate to join the ENGO-DFO National Fish Habitat Coordinating Committee (NFHCC). Since November 2006, 4 RCEN ENGO delegates have participated on the NFHCC, along with representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). The purpose of the NFHCC is to plan, organize and coordinate cooperative activities between ENGOs and DFO in support of fish habitat management in Canada. The NFHCC meets monthly by teleconference and twice a year in person, with ENGO members being reimbursed for travel and living expenses related to all face-to-face meetings. **The deadline to apply is April 23, 2008.** For more information, please [click here](#).

Action Alerts

CBAN – Take Action for Labelling of Genetically Engineered Foods

A Private Members Bill to label genetically engineered foods (C-517) was called for debate on April 3, 2008 and will come up for a second hour of debate in April before a vote in the House of Commons. How will your Member of Parliament vote? Write or telephone your MP – you can find out who your MP is by using your postal code at www.parl.gc.ca. To read the full action alert, please [click here](#), or visit the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN) at <http://www.cban.ca/labeling>.

Ontario Nature – Petition to “Save Our Boreal Birds”

Canada's Boreal Forest spans from Yukon across the country to Newfoundland, providing vital breeding grounds for billions of birds each year. Meanwhile, oil and gas, timber, hydro, and mining development are destroying the Boreal. Unless Canada acts now, its 1.3 billion acre

Boreal Forest will continue to be destroyed by unchecked industrial development. We must act now! Tell Canada to make the right choice. Visit SaveOurBorealBirds.org to learn more and sign the petition today to protect the Boreal.

Living Oceans Society (LOS) - Robson Bight clean-up must begin now

Help LOS ensure that the fuel truck and logging equipment are removed from Robson Bight whale reserve before the orcas return in June. In order for the equipment to be safely removed in time, the government must take immediate action. You can also take action by [contacting Fisheries Minister Loyola Hearn](#) and help LOS ensure the equipment is removed now. To read the full action alert, please [click here](#) or visit <http://www.livingoceans.org/>.

Announcements

Celebrate Environment Week, June 1-7, 2008

The Canadian Environment Week website is now live at www.ec.gc.ca/cew! Canadian Environment Week (CEW) is about grassroots action to make our environment cleaner and healthier. From June 1-7, activities are being planned to encourage Canadians to take action, and to celebrate local successes. Environment Canada invites you to post your events on their Community Action Board for others to see and participate - all events that are received will be posted. Please send a request to Eweek@ec.gc.ca if you want a CEW button to place on your website. Be part of the week and help Environment Canada promote and celebrate community action for the environment!

Resources

Turning Up the Heat – Greenpeace Report Assesses Impacts of Boreal Forest Logging Activities

A recently released Greenpeace report on the Boreal Forest and Climate Change contends that logging in Canada's Boreal Forest is exacerbating global warming by releasing greenhouse gases and reducing carbon storage. *Turning up the Heat* details the many climate-related impacts of current logging practices in Canada's Boreal Forest, underlines the need to protect what remains of the forest's large, intact areas – for the good of the forest, and for the good of the climate. To read the report, please visit greenpeace.ca.

Events

The Mow Down Pollution Event is Back – April 17-27, 2008

The Clean Air Foundation invites you to bring your working or non-working gas-powered mower or trimmer to any Home Depot location across Canada during this event and receive up to a \$100 instant rebate on the purchase of a new push-reel, electric, rechargeable or low-emission alternative mower or trimmer. Old equipment is recycled for free! Since 2001, the Clean Air Foundation and The Home Depot have recycled over 18,000 mowers and trimmers and reduced over 400 tonnes of smog forming and greenhouse gas emissions. For more information please visit www.mowdownpollution.ca.

Jobs

Nature-Action Québec – 9 Job Offers

Nature-Action Québec is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill 9 positions ranging from Eco-counsellors to Horticulturists and Technicians. Please visit their website at <http://www.nature-action.qc.ca/6-offre.html> to view the job offers (in French only).