

## Why attend?

- learn about the importance & the health of the estuary
- network & develop professional relationships with other participants
- learn tools & methods to find solutions to problems
- be inspired to take action

## Why the Heart?

If rivers are the veins and arteries of a watershed, and wetlands are the kidneys that cleanse the water, then the central element of the watershed must be the heart: the Courtenay River Estuary.

The aim of this event is to create a community action group with a plan to preserve and restore the health of our heart: the Courtenay River Estuary ecosystem.

A healthy resilient ecosystem is the foundation of a healthy resilient community.

If you want to be part of the solution, please participate in this two-day event.



## Questions?

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*A Symposium on Restoring the  
Courtenay River Estuary*

**October 3rd & 4th, 2008**



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*You're Invited...*

The following program is a brief listing of how you can take part in this symposium's presentations, discussions, workshops and field trips, all geared towards restoring the Courtenay River Estuary.

The purpose of this symposium is to start much needed discussions and action groups to rebuild and sustain a healthy estuary.

Space is limited and pre-registration is necessary by September 26, 2008.

To register or for more information, please see the detailed program on the website below or contact the coordinator as listed on the back.

[www.projectwatershed.bc.ca/welcome\\_symposium.htm](http://www.projectwatershed.bc.ca/welcome_symposium.htm)

## Program For this Two Day Event

### Friday October 3rd

#### *Daytime Symposium Registration*

Filberg Centre Conference Hall ~ \$65  
(Fee includes conference materials, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments; Special dietary requirements are considered.)

#### **Morning Speakers will include**

Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon, Wedlidi Speck,  
Dr. Rob Butler, Nancy A. Greene, Dan Buffett,  
Tim Clermont and Dr. Will Marsh

#### **Afternoon Estuary Management**

##### **Case Studies**

Participants will only have time to attend one:  
Session A: Campbell River, Shannon Anderson  
(Fisheries & Oceans Canada)  
Session B: Englishman River, Michele Deakin  
(Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society)  
Session C: Nanaimo River, Rob Lawrance  
(Nanaimo City Environmental Planner)  
Session D: Cowichan River, Peter Law  
(Ministry of Environment)

#### **Facilitated Group Discussions**

Vision for the Estuary  
Priorities for Action Group

#### *Evening Presenters*

Filberg Centre Conference Hall ~ \$10  
Dr. Will Marsh:  
Moving Toward a Sustainable Courtenay River Estuary  
Dr. Rob Butler:  
Rebuilding Nature in the Strait of Georgia

### Saturday October 4th

The K'omoks Hall will be open from 9:30 am – 7 pm, with information, displays, art & music

#### *Workshop & Field Trips*

Participants can choose one workshop or field trip for the morning and another for the afternoon.

#### **Workshops: \$5 each**

Workshop A: Green Boating am, Komoks Hall  
~ Mike Richards, Georgia Strait Alliance

Workshop B: Naturalists of Comox Harbour pm,  
Lions Den ~ Richard S. Mackie, author & historian

Workshop C: Green Shores pm, Lower Native Sons  
Hall ~ Harriet Rueggeberg, Lanarc Consultants

#### **Field Trips: Free**

Trip 1: Goose Spit am  
Trip 2: Comox Bay Farm Slough am  
Trip 3: Courtenay River walk am  
Trip 4: Millard-Piercy Creek am  
Trip 5: Brooklyn Creek pm  
Trip 6: Comox Bay beach seine pm  
Trip 7: TBA  
Trip 8: Mansfield Drive mudflats pm

#### *Closing Festivities*

K'omoks Hall

- **Music:** The Blue Planet Songfest - including "Forbidden Plateau Barbershop Chorus", "Island Phoenix," "The Evergreen Seniors Gospel Sing-a-Long," "The Lettin' Loose Choir," the "Just in Time 'We'll Sing' Jazz," "Letz Sing-Tina Filippino," David Embry Solest (more info on website)
- **Artwork:** Comox Valley Young Naturalists Club
- **Field Trip Reports & Photos**
- **Refreshments • Door Prize Draws**