



2016 Fall Gathering and Annual General Meeting
“Promoting Conservation on Private Land: A Local Conservation Toolkit”
November 25-26, 2016
Creston, B.C.

About the Fall Gathering

The KCP Fall Gathering serves as one of the primary vehicles to connect and re-connect KCP partners from across the region. The organizing theme for this year’s Fall Gathering is “Promoting Conservation on Private Land: A Local Conservation Toolkit”. We will explore five main elements of a local conservation toolbox including landowner outreach, stewardship agreements and assessments, capacity building and resources, local conservation fund, and securement.

About the Annual General Meeting

We will take advantage of this opportunity to also have a very short (45 minute) Annual General Meeting for KCP partners.

About the Kootenay Conservation Program

The Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) is a partnership of over 80 conservation, industry, government and business organizations dedicated to conserving natural areas for Kootenay communities. The partnership coordinates and facilitates acquisitions, covenants and stewardship projects on private land. In addition, we work to build the organizational capacity of all of our partner organizations. Our vision is to have landscapes in the East and West Kootenay that sustain naturally functioning ecosystems that can in turn support economic and social well-being. We envision vibrant communities that demonstrate the principles of environmental stewardship for future generations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Derek Petersen – Parks Canada (Chair)
Dave White – East Kootenay Wildlife Association
Adrian Leslie – Nature Conservancy Canada
Jennifer Vogel – Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society
Ian Parnell – Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service
Rob Neil – The Nature Trust of British Columbia

SUPPORT TEAM

Juliet Craig – Program Manager, Kootenay Conservation Program

Marcy Mahr – Stewardship Coordinator, Kootenay Conservation Program

Duncan Whittick – Communications Coordinator, Kootenay Conservation Program

GUEST SPEAKERS

DG Blair – Stewardship Centre for BC

Lorne Fitch – Cows and Fish

Marlene Machmer – Pandion Ecological Research Inc.

Rob Neil – The Nature Trust of BC

Nancy Newhouse – Nature Conservancy of Canada

Dave Zehnder – Farmland Advantage

Gillian Sanders – Kootenay Community Bat Project

Todd Larsen – East Kootenay Invasive Species Council

Adrian Leslie – Nature Conservancy of Canada

Penny Ohanjanian - Consultant

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Friday, November 25, 2016

12:00 pm to 12:45 pm HOSTED LUNCH - WELCOMING REMARKS (sponsored by Masse Environmental Consultants Ltd. and VAST Resource Solutions Ltd.)

- Derek Petersen, Chair of Kootenay Conservation Program

12:45 pm to 1 pm SETTING THE STAGE

- Juliet Craig - KCP Program Manager

1 to 2 pm CURRENT TOOLS IN THE TOOLKIT FOR THE KOOTENAYS

Question: What are KCP Partners doing now to promote conservation on private land? 20 minutes each including questions.

- **Securement 101** (Nancy Newhouse, Nature Conservancy of Canada and Rob Neil, The Nature Trust) - *Process of securement in the Kootenays, Covenants, Fee simple, how it works.*
- **Stewardship Agreements: Bringing a Watershed Together** (Dave Zehnder) – *Stewardship agreements and the Farmland Advantage Program*
- **Species at Risk conservation: Great Blue Heron** (Marlene Machmer, Pandion Ecological Research) – *Landowner visits for species at risk conservation*

2 to 3 pm EXAMPLES FROM ELSEWHERE

Question: What are some initiatives from elsewhere? 30 minutes each incl. questions

- **Engaging landowners in species at risk and riparian habitat conservation** (DG Blair, Stewardship Centre for BC) – *provincial resources and programs for private landowner conservation*
- **Cows and Fish** (Lorne Fitch, Alberta Provincial Riparian Specialist) – *Alberta program focused on riparian habitat stewardship in agricultural land*

3 pm to 3:30 pm HOSTED COFFEE BREAK

3:30 pm to 4:45 pm KCP CONVERSATION CAFÉ: RAISING THE BAR IN THE KOOTENAYS

Objective/Question: Exploring private landowner tools in more detail – how can we be raising the bar in the Kootenays? Breakout in three groups:

- Securement/Stewardship Agreements
- Capacity Building (resources, tools, Local Conservation Fund)
- Landowner Outreach

4:45 pm to 5:00 pm CLOSING

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm KCP AGM

- Report from Chair
- Year in Review – Annual Report
- Financial Report
- Motion to Present: *That the KCP Executive makes a notice of motion to address the governance structure by striking a Working Group to prepare the motion for the next AGM.*
- Elections of Executive Committee

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm HOSTED BANQUET & EVENING PROGRAM (sponsored by FortisBC and Kootenay Country Coop)

- Cash Bar – Social; Banquet dinner
- KCP Conservation Leadership Awards for 2016
- Spotlight on Local Conservation Fund projects
 - Gillian Sanders, Kootenay Community Bat Project – Bat Conservation on Private Land
 - Todd Larsen, East Kootenay Invasive Species Committee – Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program and Leafy Spurge Control
 - Adrian Leslie, Nature Conservancy of Canada – Restoration on Darkwoods
 - Penny Ohanjanian – Northern Leopard Frog Recovery

Saturday November 26, 2015

BREAKFAST – ON YOUR OWN

8:30 am to 12:00 pm WORKSHOP: Tools for Stewardship on Private Land

Dave Zehnder (Farmland Advantage and Environmental Farm Planning), Lorne Fitch (Cows and Fish) and DG Blair (Stewardship Centre for BC)

Join in this hands-on workshop to learn more about promoting sustainable use of private land focusing on riparian areas. Dave Zehnder from Farmland Advantage and the Environmental Farm Plan program will join forces with Lorne Fitch from the Alberta Cows and Fish program to offer a hands-on assessment of stream health at a local farm (weather pending). Back in the classroom, DG Blair from the Stewardship Centre of BC will outline the Green Shores™ program and use real-life lake shoreline scenarios and photos to explore the Green Shores credit and rating system that incentivizes shoreline best practices. **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.** If the conditions are poor, we will stay indoors.

12:00 pm ADJOURN