



2021 Fall Gathering and Annual General Meeting

“Partnerships in Conservation”

October 15, 2021

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 “Partnerships in Conservation” with a focus on Indigenous-led projects. We will learn more about fish, wildlife and habitat projects from the Okanagan Nation Alliance, Yaqaan Nukiy, and Shuswap Indian Band. We will also explore factors to consider in planning restoration projects including international principles and standards for the practice of ecological restoration and stewardship of the landscape with evidence of human use.

We had dearly hoped to be meeting in person this year but with the increase in COVID-19 cases and the uncertainty of planning in-person events, we will be hosting this year’s Fall Gathering virtually again this year. Please pre-register here:

<https://kootenayconservation.ca/kcp-fall-gathering/>.

About the Annual General Meeting

We will take advantage of this opportunity to also have a short (1 hour) Annual General Meeting for KCP partners.

About Kootenay Conservation Program

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 Kootenays 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.



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GUEST SPEAKERS

Norm Allard – Yaqan Nukiy (Lower Kootenay Band)
Wayne Choquette – Independent Consultant
Dave DeRosa – Okanagan Nation Alliance
Mark Thomas or Jon Bisset – Shuswap Indian Band
Rebecca Wilson or Emily Pejic – Society for Ecological Restoration

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Friday, October 15, 2021

8:30 am to 2 pm PT; 9:30 am to 3 pm MT

8:20 am PT (9:20 am MT)	Log into Zoom and get settled
8:30 am PT (9:30 am MT)	Welcome and Setting the Stage <i>Goal of Session: Setting the stage for partnerships in restoration</i>
8:45 am PT (9:45 am MT)	Indigenous-led Conservation Projects <i>Goal of session: To showcase examples of Indigenous-led restoration and conservation projects for fish, wildlife, and habitat. [15 minutes each]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hunting Grounds Wetland Restoration, Norm Allard, Yaqaan Nukiy: Restoration of this important wetland site in Creston.• Branden Bark for Bats, Dave DeRosa, Okanagan Nation Alliance: Innovative approach to creating tree roosts for bats.• Restoring Galena Creek, Mark Thomas or Jon Bisset, Shuswap Indian Band. Restoration of this important fish habitat in the Columbia Wetlands.
9:30 am PT (10:30 am MT)	Panel Q & A
10 am PT (11 MT)	Break
10:15 am PT (11:15 am MT)	Considerations for Restoration <i>Goal of session: To share considerations for planning and implementing restoration projects. [15 minutes each]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ecosystem Restoration Practices in the Kootenays, Rebecca Wilson or Emily Pejic, Society of Ecological Restoration (SER): Sharing results from the Kootenay SER Practitioner Survey.• History of the Landscape, Wayne Choquette: Stewardship of the landscape with its record of past evolution and evidence of human activity,
10:45 am PT (11:45 pm MT)	Panel Q & A
11:15 am PT (12:15 pm MT)	KCP Conservation Café – Zoom breakout rooms

	<i>Goal of Session: Brainstorm and further discussion of most burning questions and hot topics for partnerships in conservation.</i>
11:40 pm PT (12:40 pm MT)	Conservation Leadership Awards Winners of Conservation Leadership Award announced
11:55 am PT (12:55 pm MT)	Post-event survey
12 pm PT (1 pm MT)	LUNCH BREAK
1 pm PT (2 pm MT)	KCP AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020/21 Annual Report • 2020/21 Financial Report • Motions • Board elections
2 pm PT (3 pm MT)	Adjourn