



## 2022 Fall Gathering and Annual General Meeting

### **“Celebrating 20 Year of Conservation Partnership”** September 23 and 24, 2022

#### **About the Fall Gathering**

We are excited to host a celebration of 20 Years of partnership for the Kootenay Conservation Program! It has been a few years since we have been together in person and we look forward to the opportunity to connect KCP partners from across the region.

The organizing theme for this year’s Fall Gathering is “Celebrating 20 Years of Conservation Partnership”. The event will showcase conservation achievements of the KCP partnership, field tours of the Yaqan Nukiy wetlands and Frog-Bear Kootenay Connect Corridor, and much more. Guest speakers will provide insights looking forward to the next 20 years of conservation and stewardship in a changing world.

#### **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 during breakfast on Saturday (September 24) morning.

#### **About Kootenay Conservation Program**

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) is a partnership of over 80 stewardship organizations, Indigenous communities, government and agricultural producers 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 technical and financial capacity of all of our partner organizations and serve as a network to encourage collaboration. 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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## SUPPORT TEAM

Juliet Craig – Program Director  
Marcy Mahr – Stewardship and Kootenay Connect Manager  
Nicole Trigg – Communications Manager  
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## GUEST SPEAKERS

Anne Jimmie – Lower Kootenay Band  
Norm Allard – Lower Kootenay Band  
Marc-Andre Beaucher – Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area  
Greg Greene – UBC Department of Forest & Conservation Sciences  
Valerie Huff – Kootenay Native Plant Society  
Nancy Newhouse – Nature Conservancy of Canada  
Dave Zehnder – Farmland Advantage

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**AGENDA**  
 2022 Fall Gathering and Annual General Meeting  
**“Celebrating 20 Years of Conservation Partnership”**

Friday, September 23, 2022

Ramada Inn, Creston, BC

*\*All Times in Pacific*

<b>7 to 9:30 am PT (Optional)</b>	<b>OPTIONAL: Birding with Marc-Andre Beaucher</b> Enjoy the spectacular Creston Valley wetlands with Marc-Andre Beaucher. <i>Must have pre-registered.</i>
<b>12:00 pm PT</b>	<b>Buffet Lunch: Sponsored by FortisBC</b>
<b>12:45 pm PT</b>	<b>Welcome from Anne Jimmie - Lower Kootenay Band</b>
<b>1:00 pm PT</b>	<b>Welcome and Setting the Stage with Derek Petersen</b> <i>Goal of Session: Setting the stage for 20 years of partnerships in restoration.</i>
<b>1:15 pm PT</b>	<b>Looking Back: 20 Achievements of KCP with Juliet Craig</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 20 Years in Review of KCP</li> </ul>
<b>1:35 pm</b>	<b>Celebrating Partnership: Wins in Conservation over the past 20 Years</b> <i>Roundtable introductions - name, organization and option to share one conservation win in the last 20 years</i>
<b>2:15 pm PT</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Conservation Action Forums: A Conservation Neighbourhood Approach with Marcy Mahr</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brief updates on one highlight from the seven Conservation Action Forums</li> </ul>
<b>3:00 pm PT</b>	<b>Facing Forward: Solutions for Embracing Change with Marcy Mahr</b> <i>Panel Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● From Past to Future: Creating resilience in degraded dry forests - Dr. Greg Greene</li> <li>● Better Biodiversity Outcomes for Native Plants and Insects: Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative - Valerie Huff</li> <li>● Ecosystem Farmers: The future for our region’s farms and ecosystems - Dave Zehnder</li> </ul>
<b>3:50 pm</b>	<b>Conservation Café: How can your organization and KCP move conservation forward in the next 20 years?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Breakout groups</li> </ul>
<b>4:50 pm</b>	<b>Group Photo</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet outside the Ramada</li> </ul>
<b>5:00 pm PT</b>	<b>Happy Hour (Cash bar)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Networking opportunity</li> </ul>



6:00 pm PT	<b>Buffet dinner: Sponsored by Teck</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Private Land Conservation: 20 years past, 20 years forward - Nancy Newhouse</li> <li>● Reflections on KCP early years</li> <li>● Conservation Leadership Awards</li> <li>● Recognitions</li> </ul>
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## Saturday, September 24, 2022

*AGM (must have pre-registered for breakfast, but all can attend)*

7:30 – 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast AGM (Conference room at the Ramada Inn)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Roundtable of Introductions (name &amp; organization)</li> <li>● 2020/21 Annual Report</li> <li>● 2020/21 Financial Report</li> <li>● Board Elections</li> </ul>
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*Field Tour (must have pre-registered)*

9:15 am	<b>Meet outside Ramada Inn</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear for walking</li> <li>● Bring your own water bottle</li> <li>● Be prepared to carpool</li> </ul>
9:30 – 11:45 am	<b>Yaqaan Nukiy Wetland Restoration</b> <i>Hosted by: Norm Allard, Lower Kootenay Band</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn about this landscape-level wetland restoration project at the Hunting Grounds that is creating and reconnecting important habitat in the Kootenay River floodplain.</li> </ul>
12 – 12:45 pm	Bag lunch provided – location at Centennial Park – Group photo
1 – 3:15 pm	<b>Frog-Bear Kootenay Connect Corridor</b> <i>Hosted by: Marc-Andre Beaucher, Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learn about the Kootenay Connect projects to improve landscape connectivity, Species at Risk habitat and climate resilience.</li> </ul>
3:30 pm	End - Return to Ramada Inn

## Accommodations:

- [Ramada Inn](#)
  - Located at 1322 Northwest Blvd, Creston
  - If you would like to stay at the Ramada Inn, please book by calling 250-254-1111 and reference booking code “Kootenay Conservation.” The rate is \$143.17+taxes per standard room.
- If you would like to camp, the following campgrounds are on a first come, first serve basis, and it is recommended to book as far in advance as possible:
  - [Pair-A-Dice RV Park](#):
    - Located at 1322 Northwest Blvd, Hwy 3, Creston
    - Book directly using 250-428-2347 or [pairadice@shaw.ca](mailto:pairadice@shaw.ca)
    - Full service sites for \$45/night including tax
  - [Arrow Mountain RV Park](#):
    - Located at 1809 Hwy 3A, Creston; located adjacent to the Ramada
    - Book directly using 250-428-1882 or [rvpark@trudex.ca](mailto:rvpark@trudex.ca)
    - Full service sites for \$50-\$60/night
  - [Scottie’s RV & Campground](#):
    - Located at 1409 Erickson Road, Creston
    - Book directly using 250-428-4256 or [scotties@telus.net](mailto:scotties@telus.net)
    - Full service sites for \$46/night, camping for \$34/night