

A sepia-toned landscape photograph showing a wide river flowing through a valley. The river is surrounded by dense forests of trees. In the background, there are several mountain ranges under a cloudy sky. The overall tone is warm and historical.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2002

- Helped form the Coalition for Sustainable Forest Solutions, a broad-based coalition working for a durable solution to B.C.'s current forestry crisis.
- Celebrated our Conservation Chair, Vicky Husband's, being awarded the Order of Canada for her decades of work on B.C. environmental issues.
- Through our Marine Campaign, published two reports: *The Right to be Responsible: A Framework for the Rebuilding and Conservation of Inshore Rockfish and Lingcod on the BC Coast* and *State of the Strait: The History and Future Outlook of the Strait of Georgia Marine Fisheries*.
- Spearheaded a successful petition to the B.C. legislature calling on government to reject a proposed wolf and cougar cull on Vancouver Island.
- Through our Environmental Education Program, delivered widely praised school programs to more than 3,750 students across Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.
- Published *Sustainable Forests, Sustainable Communities*, a series of five pamphlets aimed at sparking discussion and debate around the prospects for B.C.'s forest communities.
- Delivered another successful year of GAIA Project internship programs in Ecuador, El Salvador, and Bolivia.
- Launched a new website for the GAIA Project: [www.gaiaproject.bc.ca](http://www.gaiaproject.bc.ca).
- With the support of the Victoria Group, formalized a popular *Wildly Interactive* Nature Outings Program, offering free, guided visits to local nature areas throughout Greater Victoria.

One Earth • One Chance



## *Message from the Chair*

In spite of the ongoing political and economic realities, our programs continued to forge ahead and met with some notable successes. Our work in marine conservation continued to build momentum, as did our ever-popular Environmental Education program. Our forest team continued to work for an ecologically viable conservation solution for the Great Bear Rainforest. The addition of Sea to Sky Group in Squamish brings to five the number of local groups doing grassroots conservation around B.C. under the Sierra Club of Canada banner.

As always, we have our dedicated and committed members, donors, volunteers and staff to thank for the progress made over the year.

*Paul Senez*

Executive Committee Chair



## Program reports

We spearheaded a petition to reject a wolf and cougar cull on Vancouver Island, and it succeeded!

### Great Bear Rainforest

One year after the precedent-setting Great Bear Rainforest Agreement, we continue to make progress towards a conservation solution for the region. Together with government, industry, and First Nations, the BC Chapter and its allies established an independent science program to provide current information to the planning processes underway in the Great Bear Rainforest.

We continued our work with First Nations in the region, offering relevant ecological information and a selection of options for preparing their own land use plans.

On this year's anniversary of the April 4, 2001 agreement, we published a Great Bear Rainforest Report Card. The provincial government received failing grades for its lack of progress on two major elements of the original Great Bear Rainforest Agreement – official protection of 20 rainforest valleys and implementation of the First Nations protocol. Government received a D for minimal attention to environmentally sustainable planning.

### Vancouver Island

In 2002, our Vancouver Island Program continued its work on forests and endangered species. We spearheaded a petition to the B.C. government calling for the rejection of plans for a wolf and cougar cull on Vancouver Island, and it succeeded! Though a localized cull remains on the table, government's plans for an Island-wide cull have been withdrawn.

The BC Chapter campaign to protect East Creek, one of the last pristine primary watersheds remaining on Vancouver Island, continued in 2002. This included launching a new, updated campaign website ([www.saveeastcreek.com](http://www.saveeastcreek.com)) to help spread the word about threats to this incredible place, located just north of the Brooks Peninsula.

### Energy and Climate Change

Working through the grassroots GSX Concerned Citizens Coalition, the Global Climate Change Committee continued its opposition to the Georgia Strait Crossing (GSX) natural gas pipeline and the BC Hydro plan to meet most new electricity



demand on Vancouver Island by burning natural gas. The Coalition continued as a full participant in the federal review of GSX, hiring legal counsel and developing extensive technical evidence in preparation for the public hearing on GSX.

The Committee wrote a critique and position paper on the BC government's draft energy policy, highlighting the complete lack of acknowledgement of the climate change implications of fossil fuel

development. We gained media coverage for our "Ratify Kyoto Now" sidewalk event, and represented the BC Chapter at the National Climate Change Workshop, part of the federal public discussion process leading to the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.

## GAIA Project

2002 was a banner year for the GAIA Projects' sustainability work in Canada. Our climate change project, Victoria Get Cool! successfully engaged 19 individuals and households, who committed to decreasing their personal greenhouse gas emissions over six months. We launched our new GAIA Project website ([www.gaiaproject.bc.ca](http://www.gaiaproject.bc.ca)), published a guidebook entitled *Managing Environmental Volunteer Programs*, delivered a 'Building Sustainable Communities' workshop series, and added to our Sustainable Stories Project.

Our internship program saw 13 interns travel from Canada to placements with our partner organizations: Arbolando in Bolivia, CESTA Friends of the Earth in El Salvador, and others in Guatemala and the Philippines. They worked on a wide range

of initiatives, including eco-tourism, mapping, environmental education, pedal-powered technologies, youth at risk and environmentally friendly agricultural technologies. New for 2002 are two intern mentorship programs: Career Mentor and Ex-Intern Mentor.



MATTHEW BOLTON

## Forest Policy

We continued to use a variety of tools and opportunities to advance our vision for forest policy in B.C. As a member of the Forestry Stewardship Council, we celebrated the culmination of five years of negotiations when the multi-stakeholder steering committee reached agreement on a B.C. forest certification standard.

Our brochure series *Sustainable Forests, Sustainable Communities* looks at the plight of our forest communities, from our dependence on high-volume exports to the importance of developing the value-added sector.

During the softwood lumber dispute, we came together with First Nations, labour, community and environmental groups to form the BC Coalition for Sustainable Forest Solutions ([www.forestsolutions.ca](http://www.forestsolutions.ca)).

Unfortunately, though we provided critical analysis on the government initiated Results-Based Forest Practices Code, it seems our input was ignored. Enabling legislation for the new Code was passed in the fall, opening several loopholes through

which the forest industry could avoid accountability for environmental damage caused. In general, government's 'open-for-business' policies are quickly unraveling progress we had made recently toward essential environmental protections. We continue to monitor, evaluate, and counter regressive government forest policies.

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PHARIS PATENAUDE



## Marine Campaign

Our Marine Campaign saw significant progress in 2002 in its work for sustainable fisheries and marine conservation. Commercial rockfish fishing groups agreed to implement observer programs and by-catch monitoring systems to improve statistical records. Preliminary identification of stakeholder-supported Rockfish Protection Areas was initiated, and leading conservation groups adopted a framework for inshore rockfish and lingcod conservation on the B.C. Coast.

A series of meetings was held throughout the Strait of Georgia to launch our report, *State of the Strait*. Our efforts resulted in the total closure of the Strait's lingcod fishery, significant reductions in commercial and recreational fisheries for rockfish, and one million dollars for groundfish research.

We also continued its work to protect wild salmon. We played a lead role in dialogue around certifying BC's salmon under the Marine Stewardship Council Certification. Acting as advisors to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), we held a firm conservation stance when there was

uncertainty around the health of Fraser River sockeye runs. We have taken a leadership role on salmon conservation, and are demanding more transparency in the decision-making processes of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

## Celebrating Vicky

In 2002, the BC Chapter's very own Conservation Chair, Vicky Husband, was awarded the Order of Canada, this country's highest civilian honour, for her work as one of North America's best-known and most effective environmentalists. Vicky's leadership was central to the preservation of Gwaii Haanas/South Moresby National Park Reserve, the establishment of the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary and the Clayoquot Sound UN Biosphere Reserve. She has also worked extensively on marine issues, focusing particularly on the protection of wild salmon and groundfish.

Thanks largely to Vicky's personal dedication, future generations of Canadians will be left a wilderness legacy that includes the Vancouver Island ancient rainforest watersheds of the Tahsish/Kwois/Silburn, Naspart, Power, Battle, Carmanah, and lower Tsitika. The honour follows on the Order of British Columbia, awarded to Vicky two years ago, and an earlier United Nations award for environmental achievement.



TAYLOR BACHRACH



# Tools for change

## Mapping

Our GIS technicians continue to make significant contributions to the Great Bear Rainforest Campaign, creating maps for both the BC Chapter and our ally organizations. We also provided mapping support to Forest Ethics and the Heltsiuk and Gitga'at First Nations. Our GIS technicians also provided advice to the Coast Information Team, the independent science body stemming from the Central Coast Land Use Planning process.

Contracted by the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC) we worked with the Environmental Mining Council of BC to develop an interactive online atlas for Community Watersheds in B.C. The atlas allows visitors to create customized maps of BC on a variety of environmental themes.

## Environmental Education

Six years after its inception, our Environmental Education Program has become one of Canada's most effective environment education providers. In 2002, the Program entered a partnership with Green Street, a national initiative spearheaded by the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, which links teachers with high-quality environmental education programs.



Our in-school environmental education programs—now expanded to include eight elementary and one secondary program – were delivered to more than 3,750 B.C. students over the course of the 2002-2003 school year. Feedback from teachers and students indicates our programs are filling a critical niche in school curricula. Teaching students about ecological processes empowers them to become the next generation of environmental stewards.

In response to the B.C. government's drastic cuts to park interpretive programs, we formalized our Nature Outings Program in 2002 to include a full slate of interpretive visits to natural spaces in the Victoria area. The outings, led by trained volunteer naturalists, were well attended by young and old alike – a testament to the eagerness of the public to learn more about the natural environment.



## GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM

### Coast Mountain Group

The Coast Mountain Group constructed a recreational trail to the Exstew River in 2002 and organized several kayaking and hiking trips. On the land use planning front, we began our involvement in the North Coast LRMP and wrapped up our work on the Kalum LRMP. Our efforts to reduce municipal and industrial use of pesticides continue, as does our Forest Watch work. New initiatives include addressing the lifting of the oil and gas moratorium and the moratorium on salmon farming.

### Haida Gwaii Group

In its third year, Haida Gwaii Group has secured their internal structure through fundraising and ongoing communication. Expanding to a membership of 30, eight directors lead committees on alternative energy, forestry issues, introduced species, and maintaining the moratorium on offshore oil and gas exploration.

### Victoria Group

This year, Victoria Group promoted environmental awareness at local, municipal, and provincial levels. Locally, the group helped create the BC Chapter's Nature Outings Program (see Education) and hosted four community nights on water conservation, organic gardening, parks, and logging threats to local areas. The group's Conservation Chair made presentations to municipalities and the regional government on sustainable land use and the need for anti-SLAPP legislation (SLAPP, or Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation, are aimed at quieting public dissent). At the provincial level, Victoria Group's Pesticide Campaign recommended changes to B.C.'s archaic *Pesticide Control Act*.

### Quadra Island Group

Quadra Island Group lead five hikes in 2002, designed to introduce visitors and reacquaint islanders with the local area. The group also celebrated its fifth-annual Earth Day Cleanup, hauling away two tandem trucks filled with garbage. Raising their political voices, members attended

rallies in Victoria and Campbell River and monitored local forestry development plans, fish farm applications, the Sayward Forest Landscape Unit Plan, and the Hillsborough Resources Limited coal-fired power plant.

### Sea to Sky Group

Formed in the fall, the new Squamish-based Sea to Sky Group serves an area between Horseshoe Bay and Pemberton. The group is already finding success. In addition to being actively engaged in municipal affairs and sitting on the community environment committee, members helped stop a proposed garbage incinerator.

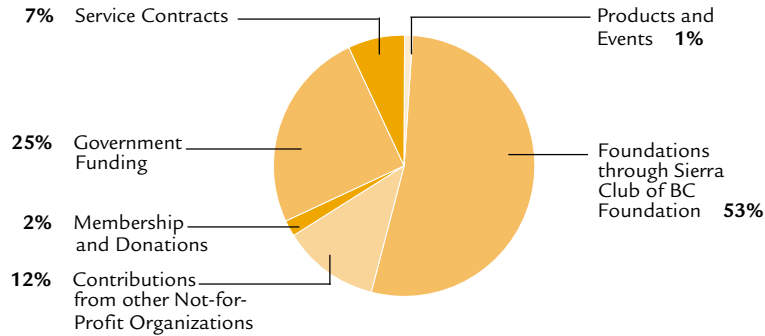


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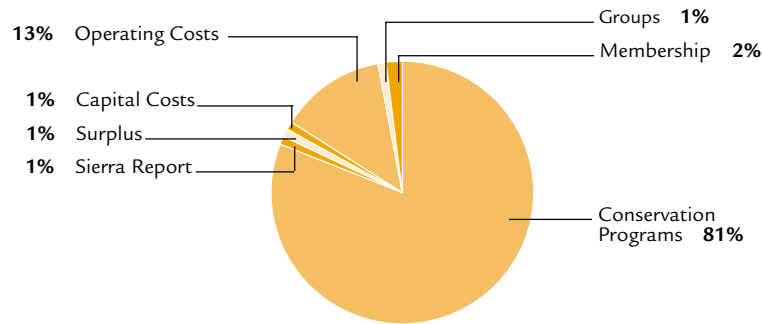
## Sierra Club of Canada, British Columbia Chapter Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2002

### 2002 Revenue



### 2002 Expenditures\*



\* Stated as percentage of revenue

	Operating Fund	Program Fund	Capital Fund	Total 2002	Total 2001
<b>Assets</b>					
Current Cash	\$231,003	\$187,164	-	\$418,167	\$356,758
Receivables	-	97,148	-	97,148	64,518
Inventories	7,838	-	-	7,838	7,296
Due from Sierra Club of BC Foundation (Note 5)	72,248	26,856	-	99,104	29,869
Prepays	2,267	-	-	2,267	6,955
	<b>\$313,356</b>	<b>\$311,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$624,525</b>	465,396
Investments (market value \$70,629) (2001: \$76,884)	69,075	-	-	69,075	69,170
Capital assets (Note 6)	-	-	36,545	36,545	37,264
	<b>\$382,431</b>	<b>\$311,168</b>	<b>\$36,545</b>	<b>\$730,145</b>	571,830
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Current Payables and accruals	24,221	193,254	-	217,475	70,146
Due to programs	264,946	-	-	264,946	-
Due from operations	-	(264,946)	-	(264,946)	-
	<b>\$289,167</b>	<b>(71,692)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$217,475</b>	70,146
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Investment in capital assets	-	-	36,545	36,545	37,264
Restricted	-	382,860	-	382,860	492,756
Unrestricted	93,264	-	-	93,264	(28,336)
	<b>\$93,264</b>	<b>\$382,860</b>	<b>\$36,545</b>	<b>\$512,669</b>	501,684
	<b>\$382,431</b>	<b>\$311,168</b>	<b>\$36,545</b>	<b>\$730,145</b>	\$571,830

This financial statement is summarized from our audited financial statements. For a complete set of audited statements, please contact our office.



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