

The Water Ship News

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The Water Ship News is a monthly e-newsletter for teachers, students, and community members who are interested in salmon, watersheds, and our local ecosystems. Each month, the WSN will feature different community events and learning resources. For more information, please get in touch with me or check out www.salmoninschools.ca

Thank you for your passion for environmental education!



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You're invited! An Orientation to the Stream to Sea Education Program Thurs, Nov. 7: 4:00 - 5:30pm at Tillicum Elementary School

The Salmon Classroom Incubation Program is just one resource of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Stream to Sea program. Come learn about how Classroom Incubation fits into the Stream to Sea program and discover learning resources that you can use throughout the school year. This short and sweet workshop comes with free salmon posters (so many posters!), light snacks, tea (BYOCup) and an opportunity to meet other teachers working to bring salmon education into their classrooms. **This workshop is open to all teachers, but is mandatory for new participants to the Classroom Incubation Program**

[Salmon in the City](#) – *[Coho in Colquitz](#)* (article)



**Beach Cleanup Sunday, November 10 at Jordan River:
11am – 1pm**

Since its inception, Surfrider Vancouver Island's Combing the Coast program has been holding monthly beach cleanups at different locations around the South Island. In

2018 alone, our members and volunteers helped remove more than **7,000 pounds** of garbage off of our local shorelines. Beach cleanups are a fun and exciting way of getting volunteers and community members out to local beaches and participating in a meaningful activity. All the debris is sorted, recycled and disposed of properly.

Along with gathering the waste on a beach, a certain amount is measured and recorded.

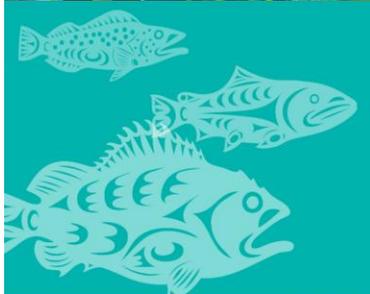
[Click for more info.](#)



Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Cowichan Bay, British Columbia, Canada

The Cowichan Estuary Nature Center, with the support of the Pacific Salmon Foundation, is partnering with North Cowichan municipality and the Cowichan Land Trust, to bring students out to play and experience riparian restoration in the Cowichan Watershed. We are working to remove invasive species, plant native species, restore and maintain riparian areas, shorelines and riverbank slopes. In our student programs, classes are guided by our restoration educators in place-based learning activities, including hands on restoration. Working together with community partners and local people of all ages, we'll all help improve watershed resilience by restoring and maintaining riparian areas, shorelines, river bank slopes and wetlands. Riparian restoration provides natural buffering vegetation and essential habitat for salmon and other vulnerable fish stocks. Please come out to join us for our public days! If you are a teacher or educator feel free to email sierra@cowichanestuary.ca for more information on how to get your students involved.



TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

at the

SHAW CENTRE FOR THE SALISH SEA

November 20th, 2019

5:30pm-7:00pm

Dive in to hands-on, hands-wet learning. Participate in curriculum-connected activities for a chance to win a free program for your class. (Approximate value \$150)

Refreshments and door prizes!

Space is limited. To register email oceaneer1@salishseacentre.org by November 10.

(Please use "Teacher Open House" in the subject line and include name, school, and grade level.)



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SALISH SEA



The Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea is a non-profit aquarium and education centre located at 9811 Seaport Place, Sidney, BC, V8L 4X3
250.665.7511 | salishseacentre.org



Did you know that Peninsula Streams Society has an education program that is an excellent lead up to your fry release? They may also be able to assist with your stream-side fry release event. Peninsula Streams aims to connect children with their local environment at the elementary and middle school levels and offer programs to classes and groups in Greater Victoria. In April and May, they visit Gr. 3 classes to deliver a one hour interactive presentation, composed of two parts: Watershed Education and the Salmon Lifecycle. [Click for more info.](#)



Become a CRD Watershed Warden – Capital Regional District Kids can earn a free CRD Watershed Warden badge by learning about and taking care of their local watersheds. Badges may be earned by participating in any local programming or stewardship activities whether with your class, family or club.

Rainwater and Watersheds – A learning resources for elementary educators in the Capital Region, is an online document (pdf) which provides place-based lesson plans which can be easily adapted to various grade levels and can help you earn a badge!

More online resources including short videos, watershed maps, printable activities and graphics are available to enhance this place-based learning opportunity. Learn more at: www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds.

Editor's Notes –

- This current iteration of The Water Ship News is an evolution of the e-newsletter sent out by former Stream to Sea Education Coordinator and Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association volunteer Don Lowen – thank you Don!
- Participants in the Classroom Incubation Program will receive program updates **separately** from The Water Ship News this year
- To remove yourself from this mailing list, please reply to katemacdonaldjulicher@gmail.com stating you'd like to be unsubscribed – no hard feelings!