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2017 Annual Lecture



The Impossible Will Take a Little While

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jim Pojar

Ecologist

What have I learned about the environment and natural resource management after 45 years living and working in British Columbia? Some good things: importance of teachers, mentors, learning and working outside and in multi-disciplinary teams; value of protected areas, open minds, humour. Some bad things: disrespect for the environment; uncritical thinking; hegemony of neoliberal economics; stain of politics. Perspective on some difficult issues: forestry myth and reality; banality of environmental assessment; science and society; life on the cube farm. Hope persists and with good reason, despite the challenges.

Jim Pojar is an ecologist and forester who has lived and worked in British Columbia for over 45 years. He came to BC in 1970, for a Ph.D. in Botany from UBC in 1974. He is a professional biologist, certified senior ecologist (ESA), and used to be a registered professional forester.

From 1975-78, he worked with BC Ecological Reserves Programme, in Victoria. Then he and Rosamund settled in the Bulkley Valley, where from 1978 to 2004 he was employed as a Forest Ecologist and Research Manager for the BC Forest Service.

They moved to Whitehorse, Yukon in 2004, where Jim was the Executive Director, CPAWS-Yukon. Having retired, they returned in 2008 to BC and the Bulkley Valley.

Jim was a founding director of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre and of the Northwest Institute for Bioregional Studies, and a founding trustee of SkeenaWild Conservation Trust.

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