



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

January 19 - 23, 2009

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students
who participate in the
Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute
and NRES Graduate Programs

COMING EVENTS

NRESI RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES



Dr. Lana Ciarniello, RPBio

Northern Bear Awareness Society
(www.northernbearawareness.com)

This FRIDAY

Application for Provincial Bear Smart Community Status for Prince George: Bear Hazard Assessment & Bear Management Plan

Prince George, BC, Canada has one of the highest records of bear complaints and numbers of bears destroyed in the province. Black and grizzly bears inhabit areas surrounding Prince George, although black bears are more frequently encountered. In 1998, the Omineca Bear Human Conflict Committee (OBHCC) was formed by a group of concerned residents to address bear-human conflicts and bears destroyed within the city limits. In 2000, the OBHCC developed the Northern Bear Awareness Society (NBA) with the goal of promoting public awareness on issues such as bear behaviour and learning.

Despite considerable efforts, such as working with the City to install bear resistant garbage containers in a number of parks, running a fruit exchange program, and continuous extensive public outreach programs, between 2004 and 2008, the number of bear complaints more than doubled and 159 bears were destroyed within the city of Prince George and surrounding areas. In 2006, the NBA refocused its efforts towards achieving Provincial Bear Smart Status for the City in an effort to further identify and examine ways to reduce the number of bears destroyed and the potential for negative bear-human conflicts. I will discuss the steps required to obtain provincial Bear Smart status and the benefits of achieving this status to the bears and citizens of Prince George. Results of my recently completed Bear Hazard Assessment for Prince George and surrounding area also will be discussed and related to the development of a Bear-Human Conflict Prevention Management Plan for Prince George. Bear behaviour and learning will be reviewed as it relates to recommendations in the management plan.

Light Refreshments will be Served

Friday, January 16, 2009

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Lecture Theatre 7-238

REMINDER: Share your information about recent publications, grants, and/or other honours you may have received with others interested in NRES issues.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO MICHELLE KEEN: keenm@unbc.ca

OTHER COMING EVENTS

Global Fridays

Senate Chambers

12:00—1:30 pm

January 16, 2009

Keith Christie

Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Issues Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade

Reflections on the Limits of Multilateralism: Human Rights, Trade and Environmental Policy

PUBLICATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Barboza, P.S., **Parker, K.L.** (2008) "Allocating protein to reproduction in arctic reindeer and caribou." *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology* 81: 835-855

WELCOME

NEW VISITING PROFESSOR:

Dr. Martin-Hugues St-Laurent will spend the Winter 2009 semester at UNBC. The Université du Québec à Rimouski offers new faculty members the opportunity to establish contacts with other teams of researchers and Martin has chosen to come to UNBC. Martin has primary interests in how wildlife species respond to fragmentation and disturbance in native habitats, particularly boreal forests. He is interested in developing collaborations that will enhance his research program. Please welcome him! His office is 8-144; phone is 960-5509.



THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. Marcel Macullo is a candidate for the degree:
Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Biology)

Mr. Macullo will be defending his thesis entitled:

"Genetic Determination of Subspecies Classification for the Banff Longnose Dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae smithi*)"

Supervisor: **Dr. Mark Shrimpton**

Date: January 19, 2009

Time: 9:00 am

Room: Room 6-205, Conference Centre
UNBC Prince George campus

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