



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

February 7 - 11, 2011

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

NRESI COLLOQUIUM SERIES

February 4, 2011

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMPENSATION PROGRAM
presents:

Richard Cannings

Biologist and Award Winning Author

British Columbia: A Natural History



From rich ocean currents to arid grasslands and towering rainforests to wind-blown alpine meadows, British Columbia has the most diverse natural heritage of any province of Canada. This is the story of that heritage and the people that explore it.

February 4, 2011

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Canfor Theatre

February 11, 2011

Chief Roland Willson

**“I Want to Eat Caribou Before I Die”:
A Community’s Struggle to
Protect the Last 11 Caribou from a Coal Mine**

Our Elders passed a traditional law to protect caribou as a result of the impacts from the W.A.C. Bennett hydroelectric dam and the foreseeable impacts from industrial activities. Since this conservation measure was implemented our hunters have refrained from harvesting caribou in accordance to the Dunne-za traditional seasonal round. Nearly a half-century later, Canada passed a similar law: the Species at Risk Act. It defined caribou as a “threatened” species, which means a recovery plan is to be implemented no later than 2007. In this presentation, I will discuss the significance of caribou to my people, the Provincial Government of British Columbia’s approach to allow mining, oil & gas, and windfarms to destroy critical habitat and its refusal to implement a recovery plan, and my community’s legal battle to try and protect the species from extinction.



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3:30 - 4:30 pm

Lecture Theatre 7-150

For Elluminate information and link to the webcast: http://www.unbc.ca/nres/nresi_webcast.html
For a list of upcoming seminars: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres/seminar/>

ELSEWHERE ON CAMPUS

February 4, 2011

GLOBAL FRIDAYS

Friday, February 4, 2011
Linda McQuaig

BENTLEY CENTRE
12:00 - 1:30 pm

“The Damaging Impact of the Rise of a Global Class of Billionaires”

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 2nd Annual UNBC Fish & Wildlife Student Chapter of TWS **Ice-fishing Derby** will be held on Saturday, February 26th at West Lake. The Prizes are just as great as they were last year so plan on attending.

NRES INSTITUTE NEWS

This year's NRES Institute Annual Lecture will be held on **Thursday April 7th** and will be given by **Dr. Peter D Ward**. Dr Ward is a palaeontologist and professor of Geological Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is currently examining the nature of the Cretaceous Tertiary extinction event. He will be talking about extinction events!

The Institute's tool for viewing research project locations in Google Earth has recently been updated (http://www.unbc.ca/nres/research_locations.html). Attached to each location is a web link to more information on the researcher or the project. If you notice NRES projects that are not showing up on the tool, please let Mike Gillingham know (michael@unbc.ca).

The latest NRES Institute Occasional Paper, based on the 2010 Annual Lecture, has just been published. The paper by Dr. Bram Noble entitled “Cumulative environmental effects and the tyranny of small decisions: towards meaningful cumulative effects assessment and management” is available from http://www.unbc.ca/assets/nres/nresi_op_08_noble_2010.pdf.

PUBLICATIONS

Johnson, C.J., and M-H. St-Laurent. 2011. A unifying framework for understanding the impacts of human developments for wildlife. *in* D. Naugle, editor. Energy Development and Wildlife Conservation in Western North America. Island Press, Washington, D.C., USA.

This book represents the first comprehensive review of the conservation implications and potential solutions facing the rapid pace of energy development in western North America. The book can be previewed at Net Galley (www.netgalley.com).

CONGRATULATIONS

NRES MA (Geography) graduate student **JP Laplante** is interviewed on Alert Radio! to discuss his article co-authored with **Catherine Nolin** (Geography) in the most recent issue of *Canadian Dimension*. The interview focuses on the issue of voluntary corporate social responsibility in the Canadian mining industry operating abroad and the need for legal reforms. JP's segment runs from 36 min. to 46 min. in the podcast at: <http://canadiandimension.com/alert/episode-170/>

We're on the web at : www.unbc.ca/nres/newsletter

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

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