



The GUMBOOT GAZETTE



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Read about our educational events held at Furlong Bay Campground this summer!



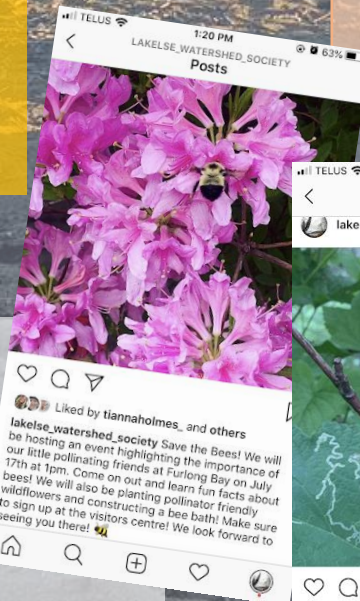
Tianna was busy this summer, collecting water samples!



**Be Kind
Be Calm
Be Safe
-Bonnie Henry**



Scully Creek Underwater Camera is operational!



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Park Enhancement Fund

This year we received a grant from the park enhancement fund! This allowed us to expand our interpretive programs at Furlong Bay Campground! In addition to our regular interpretive walks we held 5 additional educational events:

1. All About the Birds with local biologist Frank Doyle
2. Save the Bees
3. Beach Seine with DFO
4. The Skeena Watershed with SkeenaWild
5. Clean, Drain, Dry – Invasive Species

Due to COVID-19 we only allowed 8 people at each event, sometimes hosting two groups per event. A sign-up sheet was used to ensure that only eight people would attend. Hand sanitizer was provided, and surfaces were disinfected regularly.





Event 1: All About the Birds

Local biologist Frank Doyle joined us on a walk as he told about birds found in the Lakelse Lake park. Several different calls were performed to attract birds along the trail. The northern water thrush, red headed sap sucker, swainsons thrush, and a king fisher were all spotted along the walk. Participants enjoyed learning about nature and the birds surrounding it.





Event 2: Save the Bees!



We had a great turnout to our event!

Activities included building a bee bath and planting wildflowers in a pot. Presenters talked about pollinator species, wildflowers, and bees. Informational pamphlets with facts about bees were given out to group members.



Bee Bath



Event 3: Beach Seine with DFO!

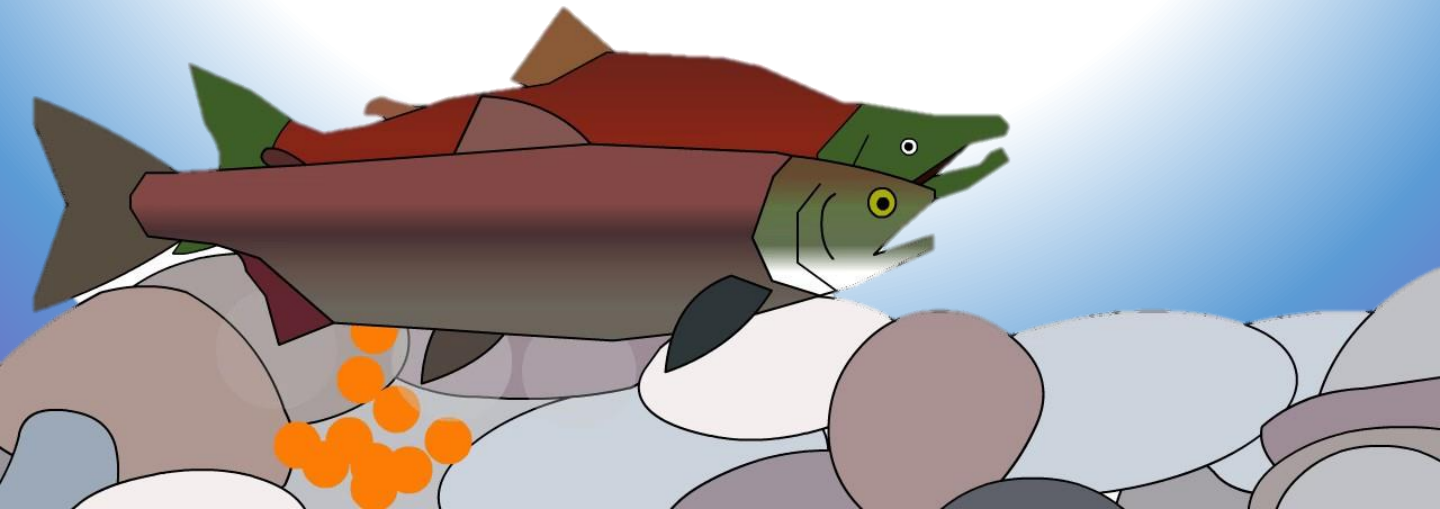
Rob Dams, the Department of Fisheries Community Adviser, joined us at Furlong Bay Campground to conduct a beach seine! We caught peamouth chub, three-spine stickelback and sculpin in our net! The fish were then displayed in a viewing tank in order to get a close up view!



Event 4: The Skeena Watershed with SkeenaWild

SkeenaWild is a local, non-profit organization that works to educate others on the importance of our local ecosystems and the salmon within them. Christine Slanz, a member of Skeena Wild Conservation Trust, hosted an amazing event with us!

Using model watersheds and different smelling substances, Christine demonstrated how pollution gets transferred throughout a watershed and how salmon use their scent to find their way back to the stream where they were born.



Event 5: Clean, Drain, Dry – Invasive Species!



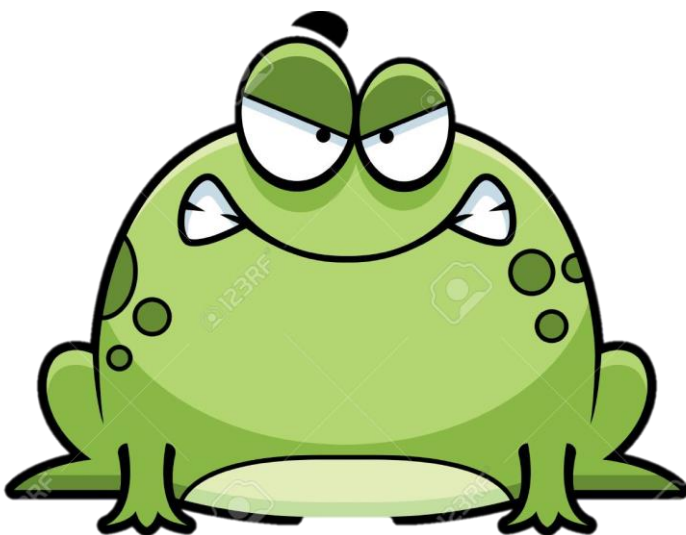
We hosted an informational session regarding invasive species and how to prevent their introduction into our ecosystems!



We discussed our clean, drain, dry initiative, and organized some fun and educational activities!



The event was a success!



Interpretive Program at Furlong Bay

Meet at the
Amphitheatre



Come walk along the Devin Spruce
trail and learn about fish species,
local vegetation, birds, and
invertebrates. All ages are welcome.

Due to COVID-19, social distancing protocols will be
followed during these walks. A maximum of eight
people will be allowed. Make sure to sign up on the sign
up sheet at the Furlong visitor Center to ensure your
spot!

Event Dates:

Another successful year of
interpretive walks
completed!



Scully Creek Camera



The Scully Camera is up and running for the 2020 spawning season!

Thank you to Neid Enterprise Ltd for helping us make a aluminum casing for our new camera!



Check out our camera livestream at <https://www.biotactic.com/bravo-node-12/>

Clean, Drain, Dry Initiative



Clean, Drain, Dry signage was installed at the Lakelse River boat launch, Water Lily Bay Resort and at the Scully Creek boat launch.

These signs outline the importance of preventing the introduction of invasive species into our waterways.



REMEMBER

- CLEAN**
plants, animals and mud
from my boat and gear
- DRAIN**
all water from my boat
and gear onto land
- DRY**
all parts of my boat
and gear completely

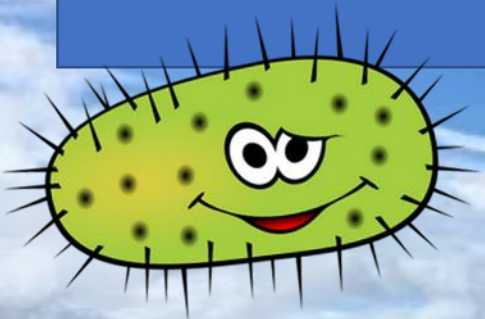
Report Zebra or Quagga mussel
sightings to the R.A.P.P. Hotline:
1-877-952-7277

CleanDrainDry.ca



**Invasive Species
Council of BC**

E. coli Sampling at Lakelse Lake



Tianna out in the lake collecting samples!

Annually, Lakelse Lake is sampled to test for E. coli. Sample sites include the Picnic Site, Furlong Bay Campground, and Gruchy Beach. We had another successful year with healthy results!





Due to COVID 19, volunteer opportunities have currently be put on hold. However, stay up to date on events by checking out our website and by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

We look forward to offering volunteer opportunities in the future! We hope everyone is staying healthy, happy, and safe out there!

If you have questions or wish to get into contact with a member, feel free to email Summer at sschulte@westlandresources.ca.

