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Program at
Furlong Bay
is Back!



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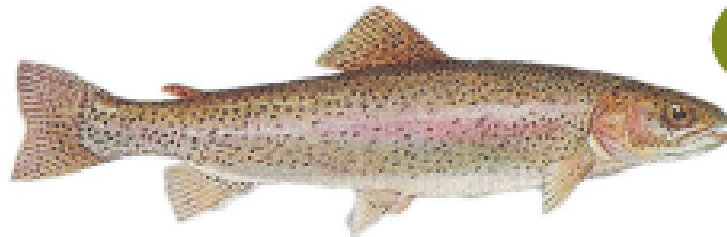
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Interpretive Program

at

Furlong Bay



Meet at the
Amphitheatre

Come walk along the Twin 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 and 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:

Friday, June 4th at 10 am

Friday, June 25th at 10 am

Friday, July 9th at 10 am

Friday, July 30th at 10 am

Saturday, August 7th at 10 am

Check in at the visitor center to ensure dates and sign up!



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LWSS SKEENA VALLEY FARMERS MARKET

We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with SkeenaWild and will be hosting a booth at the Skeena Valley Farmers Market on June 12th.

Come visit our booth and sign up to join our email and volunteer list!

We will also be selling memberships, as well as a variety of promotional items including hoodies, t-shirts, hats, and stickers.



Clothing Fundraiser



Hoodie - \$45

T-Shirt - \$25

Hat - \$25



LWSS is fundraising for our underwater camera livestream! Funds from clothing sales will allow us to stream footage from our camera online so that members of the public can watch sockeye and coho as they head upstream to spawn.

Unisex sizes S-XL available.

Email sschulte@westlandresources.ca if interested!



Spring Floods



With the extended periods of rain we received this spring, water levels at the lake rose!

While it's important to prepare your property in order to protect it from damage, it is also important to prepare with the environment in mind.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Place fuel cans and chemical containers up and out of reach of potential water levels. We want to prevent potential contamination of our waterbodies.
- Low spots in your yard, a submerged boat, or a fence line can act as a potential area for fish stranding. As water levels rise fish look for calm, shallow places to rear. However, as water levels recede they can become trapped in these areas.
- Erosion can also be a result of flooding. In order to mitigate erosion we can reduce the amount of soils we leave exposed. By planting vegetation we can stabilize the soils, and reduce erosion.



Boat Safety



When operating a boat, it is important to watch for people who are kayaking, paddle boarding or canoeing! Human powered watercraft move much slower and are more prone to swamping than power-driven watercraft.

Keep an eye out for people swimming near beaches.

When power-driven watercraft are operated in streams, the disruption can cause damage to vegetation, aquatic plants, fish habitat and have harmfully impact nesting waterfowl. Operating watercraft in these sensitive zones can also pollute the water, disrupt sediment, and cause shoreline erosion. Please stay out of protected areas when operating watercraft this summer.



Photo By: Eileen Lefrançois

North American River Otter

These two river otters were spotted out at Lakelse Lake!

River otters are playful, social animals. Depending on their location, river otters may live alone, in pairs, or in small groups. They participate in group social behaviors like playing in the snow and wrestling each other in the water.

Want to learn more about river otters? New interpretive signage will be installed along the Clearwater Lakes Trail in the upcoming months!





Lakelse Development Guidelines



If planning any construction on your property near a watercourse or the lake, please email us for the Lakelse Development Guidelines.

Emails can be sent to
sschulte@westlandresources.ca





We look forward to offering volunteer opportunities this summer!

We have a variety of projects starting in May, including water quality sampling, salmon escapement, and interpretive programs!

If want to get involved or if you have questions, feel free to email Summer at sschulte@westlandresources.ca.

All opportunities are dependent on updating COVID health regulations.

We hope everyone is staying healthy, happy, and safe out there!

