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Welcome to Wildlife Habitat Canada's Update on Activities. There have been a number of changes since the beginning of our 25th Anniversary year and we hope you enjoy reading about them.

New Logo and 25th Anniversary

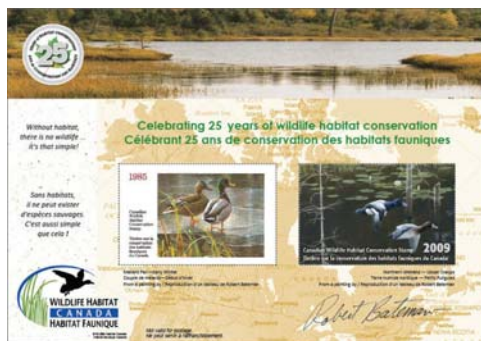
Wildlife Habitat Canada's new logo was unveiled at our 25th Anniversary reception held in Ottawa on January 22nd in conjunction with Wildlife Habitat Canada's Board of Directors meeting.

Redesigned Website

This spring, staff has been working hard to finalize changes to Wildlife Habitat Canada's new website. Please take a moment to view the site at www.whc.org.

Stamp & Print Program

The 2009 year is an exciting one for the program. Not only has world renowned artist Robert Bateman created the 2009 Stamp and Print image entitled "Northern Wetland – Lesser Scaups" but Wildlife Habitat Canada has also produced a Special Edition 25th Anniversary Souvenir Sheet to celebrate its history of conserving wildlife habitats. This sheet depicts the images of the first (1985) and the 2009 Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamps, both created by Robert Bateman. We are well on our way to selling out of this commemorative sheet! To find out more, please visit: <http://www.whc.org/en/stamp-print-program/featured-product/>.



Special Edition 25th Anniversary Souvenir Sheet

Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp

Wildlife Habitat Canada partnered with the Robert Bateman Get to Know program and contest which strives to have youth connect with nature. An image of two Kermode or Spirit Bears by 14 year old Ivy Liu from British Columbia was selected to be featured on the first Canadian Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. Proceeds from the sale of this stamp will support wildlife conservation projects undertaken by youth. For more information, please see <http://www.whc.org/en/stamp-print-program/youth-conservation-stamp>.



Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp Image

2008/2009 Annual Report

The year ending March 31, 2009 has been an exciting one for Wildlife Habitat Canada. More details can be obtained from our annual report which is available on our website at <http://www.whc.org/en/about-whc/annual-reports/>.

Grant Program

Wildlife Habitat Canada's Board of Directors has approved grants to 24 projects totaling approximately \$1,123,996 in 2009/2010. In 2008/2009, Wildlife Habitat Canada provided 29 grants totaling approximately \$1,196,758 which leveraged an additional \$9.9 million in partner funding for these conservation projects. For information on the conservation projects, please see <http://www.whc.org/en/conservation-projects/>. Information related to Wildlife Habitat Canada's grant



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program for 2010/2011 is now available. Please visit <http://www.whc.org/en/conservation-grants/> to obtain additional details.

Canadian Business & Biodiversity Secretariat

The Canadian Business and Biodiversity Secretariat is evolving from a concept to a national organization designed to meet the needs of corporate Canada in the field of biodiversity conservation. A steering committee made up of Canadian businesses, government, non-government organizations and institutions had its first meeting on June 1st. The Case Study Report currently has 15 participants and is growing. A multi year funding agreement with Environment Canada has been signed and work has started on a website that should be up and running by fall. For more information on the Canadian Business and Biodiversity Secretariat, contact Reg Melanson at (613) 722-2090 ext. 242 or melansonr@ns.sympatico.ca.

Wildlife Habitat Council

On July 10th, Wildlife Habitat Canada and the Wildlife Habitat Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding that creates a partnership for advancing wildlife habitat conservation in Canada. For more details, please visit <http://www.whc.org/downloads/signing-of-memorandum-of-understanding-press-release.doc>.

Stewardship & Conservation in Canada 2009

Wildlife Habitat Canada was one of the major sponsors of the 2009 National Stewardship and Conservation Conference which took place in Calgary on July 8-11th. Approximately 400 people from across Canada and internationally participated in the highly successful conference. For more information about the conference, please go to <http://www.stewardship2009.ca/default.cfm>.

Stewardship Awards

On July 11th, Wildlife Habitat Canada presented six stewardship awards at the 2009 National Stewardship and Conservation Conference.

The recipients of the 2009 Forest Stewardship Recognition Program awards are:

- [The Honourable Donna Cansfield](#)
- [The MacKay Family](#)
- [Galiano Conservancy Association](#).

The 2009 Countryside Canada award recipients are:

- [Dylan and Colleen Biggs](#)
- [Land Stewardship Centre of Canada](#)
- [Ernie Ewaschuk](#).

Help Support Habitat Conservation

To make a donation in support of quality habitat conservation projects across Canada, please visit <http://www.whc.org/en/donate-now/>.

OFFICE NEWS

Staff welcome Dave Spooner as Wildlife Habitat Canada's Director of Finance & Administration. Dave was previously employed with Wildlife Habitat Canada a few years ago and rejoined us in February. As well, Katurah Firdawsi joined the Wildlife Habitat Canada team for the summer months. Kat was hired through the Summer Student Employment Program. We also welcome Courtney Hughes who has generously volunteered to work on the Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp program. Courtney has considerable experience with environmental conservation education.