



Your Local Eco-News

Whistler's bi-weekly environmental news, tips for eco-citizenry and opportunities to get involved from AWARE. If you love what we do and are in a position to give, please [consider making a donation.](#)

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- Adopt a Trail, Stop the Spread of Invasive Burdock
- AGM and Habitat Panel Review, New Board Directors!
- Student Climate Stories Showcase

"We need to preserve the wilderness and its monarchs for ourselves, and for the dreams of children. We should fight for these things as if our life depended upon it, because it does."

~Wayne Lynch



Salmon and Bears Need Habitat Protection

Add Your Voice to these Petitions

Salmon and Bears are icons of ecosystem health and abundance. They drive wilderness tourism; are integral to indigenous culture; feed wildlife, forests, and humans alike.

And they need safe, intact habitat.

[This article by the Sierra Club BC](#) discusses the decline in bear denning habitat and recent research showing policy change that could support them.

Ask our government to protect bear habitat - protect this keystone species and all that they represent.

<https://www.change.org/p/save-bc-bear-dens>

[Herring in Salmon Farms Killed by Hydroslicer](#), written by the Executive Director of Clayoquot Action on June 21, 2022 is an example of how salmon farms are affecting wild fish populations.

Ask our government not to renew fish farm licenses in 2022 - give wild fish a chance to recover and thrive.

<https://www.clayoquotaction.org/take-action-home/add-your-voice/>



Battle Invasive Burdock **Adopt a Section of the Valley Trail**

The Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC) is calling on Whistlerite's to keep sections of the valley trail burdock free this summer, support native habitat and keep our pets burr-free!

[Adopt A Trail Now](#)



2021 Habitat Panel, AGM Review, and Annual Report

Catch up on Success, Projects, and Priorities

AWARE's AGM and panel discussion on habitat and biodiversity was a chance to learn about Whistler's most pressing biodiversity challenges, lessons from the past, and spaces/species to watch moving forwards.

Thank you to all who attended, and to our two panelists for sharing their work and knowledge!

Read our blog to find out more details on the panel, read our annual report, and learn about our new board members.

[AGM Review](#)



Climate Stories

Whistler's Youth In Action Event Recap

AWARE's Project Now just finished its second year as a climate mentorship program at Whistler Secondary School. At Rainbow Theatre on June 14, three Project Now youth teams shared their stories from their year in the program.

- Team Fashion Forward shared the story of the Whistler Spring Clothing swap that they organized as well as the negative impacts of fast fashion on the environment.
- Team Greenspiration presented their collection of sustainable initiatives undertaken by local businesses in Whistler.
- The Whistler Secondary Eco-Club told the story behind the multi-year project to revamp and restructure waste management systems at their school.

With over 70 attendees, this event sparked joy, encouraged continued action, and brought people together to celebrate the efforts of students in creating the world they want to see.

Project NOW is possible thanks to a partnership with the Whistler Secondary School and funding support from the Whistler Community Foundation, Resort Municipality of Whistler and the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation EnviroFund.

[Watch Video Recording](#)



Zero Waste Ambassador **Summer Term, Flexible Positions Available**

AWARE is still looking for staff for our summer event series.

Zero Waste Ambassadors provide zero waste education and support at events in our community - demonstrating to locals and visitors alike the responsibility we all take on when using things that create TRASH. The position is event based, which means fun and fast paced environments with all training provided so all you have to do is show up with your interest in creating a more sustainable planet. It's like volunteering for a good cause, only you get paid!



Did You Know?

Toads are indicator species of the health and wellbeing of their environment. Learn a little about our [Lost Lake population of Western Toads](#), including why we should be so careful in the upcoming weeks as they migrate.

Thank you for reading!

This Eco-News is to keep you updated on the latest local environmental news. Please share it with friends, we need more of our community updated on climate action and halting biodiversity loss in this place we get to call home.

Please contact me if you have questions, comments, or ideas for future Eco-News!



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