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are pleased to announce....

Actionable Visions for “Reconnecting Hydrology and Ecology” in an Altered Landscape

Reimagining the 3rd Annual Symposium on Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate as a “Video Trilogy Series”

THE CHALLENGE: In the age of COVID, provide participants with a unique and interactive experience. Engage and inform them. Enhance their understanding of what it means to see the world around them as an interconnected system. Point the way to make a difference through collaborative leadership. **INSPIRE THEM TO ACTION.**

OUR SOLUTION: Blend technology platforms to provide an experience equivalent to viewing an engaging TED Talk video, yet allows for interaction with those who are leading by example in British Columbia. Immediately after watching the video, participants will be able to chat in real-time with the presentation team.

OUR PRODUCT: Three videos, each 60 minutes in duration, are designed to be used as *legacy resources* that inspire action. Each is built around a “facilitated conversation”. Our focus is on the whole-system approach and restoring water balance in altered landscapes. The trilogy series will inform, educate and create understanding. Described on page 2, the online symposium modules are:

- BC’s Climate Reality, Inter-Regional Collaboration & Actionable Visions
- Natural Assets as Ecological Systems and Services
- International Year of the Salmon – Will Lightning Strike Twice?

THE SCHEDULE: Weekly, for 90 minutes, on November 19, 26 and December 3

THE COST: \$30 plus GST for students, stewardship groups and First Nations
\$50 plus GST for all others

On November 19

BC's Climate Reality, Inter-Regional Collaboration & Actionable Visions

To open the series, five program managers and doers representing four Vancouver Island regional districts will reflect on their successes, challenges and lessons learned over the past decade, and longer, in their regions.

THE TEAM: Julie Pisani, Jody Watson, Kate Miller, Darry Monteith & Zoe Norcross-Nu'u

Water-centric programs in the Nanaimo, Cowichan Valley, Comox Valley, and Capital regions are foundation pieces for restoring the water balance in an altered landscape. Sharing and learning from each other is helping program managers adapt concepts and approaches to the local context.

Are you aware of program scope, scale and interplay? Do you wonder whether and how each is making a difference?

Would it have occurred to you that an actionable vision for land and water is driven by leadership that mobilizes people and partnerships, a commitment to ongoing learning and innovation, and a budget to back it up?

On November 26

Natural Assets as Ecological Systems and Services

In the second installment of the series, Tim Pringle, EAP Chair, and Emanuel Machado, MNAI Chair, will display their passion when they have a conversation about what it means to lead by example in order to transform how local governments view, value and manage ecological systems and the services they provide.

Natural assets support the delivery of core local government services, while doing so much more. Two programs - **MNAI, the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative**; and **EAP, the Ecological Accounting Process** – are facilitating the move from awareness to action that accounts for ecological systems and services.

What do you know about the EAP and MNAI missions? Do you wonder whether EAP and MNAI are the same, or different?

Actually translating policy objectives into tangible outcomes requires that local governments have a methodology and metrics for valuing ecological assets and services in an asset management strategy.

On December 3

International Year of the Salmon (IYS) – Will Lightning Strike Twice?

To conclude the series, the federal-provincial team of Dr. Kim Hyatt, Nick Leone, Dr. Peter Tschaplinski and Neil Goeller will provide a balance of strategic and regulatory perspectives on how communities can apply lessons learned over four decades. Their module will serve as a springboard to action in 2021.

For the first time in decades, the stars are in alignment. Our federal and provincial governments have committed both money and time to IYS. The program has grown into an effort to ensure the resilience of both **salmon and people**.

With IYS as a guiding vision, communities could build on what some have known since the 1980s and, in so doing, offset the neglect of past decades.

We can follow through with an effective response this time, and truly reconnect hydrology and ecology. Success depends on application of science-based understanding (what we know) harnessed to political will (to make it happen).