

NRES WEEKLY NEWS January 28 - February 1, 2008

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students who participate in the Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute and NRES Graduate Programs

COMING EVENTS

NRESI RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES



Sean Simmons

The Angler's Atlas



Development & Implementation of a Ten Year Market Development Plan for Sport Fishing in BC

Participation in sport fishing is in a long-term decline across BC. This negative trend has prompted a variety of provincial organizations to come together and develop a marketing plan with the goal of boosting participation by 30% over the next ten years. These organizations include government ministries, tourism associations and industry representatives. Through a Steering Committee of partners and led by the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, the plan will start rolling out this year. At a local level, a task force has been set up to implement the plan, and will be working with partners in 2008 to improve signage and develop a locally accessible fishery at Ferguson Lake.

Friday, January 25, 2008

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Lecture Theatre 7-150

Light Refreshments will be Served

Dr. Donald Faber-Langendoen
Senior Ecologist, Conservation Service Division
NatureServe



Assessing Ecological Integrity of Ecosystems using a Dynamic Reference Domain

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GLOBAL FRIDAYS

January 25 Room 6-306 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Catherine Nolin Geography Program, UNBC

(photo courtesy of James Rodriguez)

"Mining Misery: Earth and (Canadian) Skye in Guatemala"

February 1 Room 6-306 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Art Fredeen
Ecosystem Science & Management Program, UNBC

"Forests, Forest Management and Global Climate Change"



NRESI Annual Lecture

Mark your calendars for the **3rd Annual NRESI Annual Lecture and Poster Presentation**, which will be held on Thursday February 28th (starting at 5:30). The poster session will feature research by NRES graduate students and NRES Institute members. Following the poster presentation, **Dr. David Hik** (**University of Alberta**) will deliver the NRESI Annual Lecture.

TRAVEL / PRESENTATIONS

Oscar Garcia participated in a workshop on Canada-Chile research collaboration organized by the Embassy of Chile in Ottawa, 14-15 January. The aim was to identify R&D areas and potential joint projects to be included in a Memorandum of Understanding on Science and Technology Collaboration, to be signed during a visit to Canada by the President of Chile next June. This follows a MOU on Geomatics and other agreements already signed during the Canadian Prime Minster's visit to Chile last year. The emphasis is on applied research and development conducive to "commercial and economic benefits". There is an article about the workshop in the Spanish version of the Embassy home page at chile.ca, which presumably will eventually appear also in English. The MOU on geomatics is at www.chile.ca/documents/ MOU_geo_en.pdf with a news release in English at www.chile.ca/news/?p=10.

Gail Fondahl and POLS graduate student Kurt Boyer traveled to Edmonton to attend the Royal Society of Canada's "Truth from the North: Law, Politics and Society" seminar on 17 - 18 January.

Staffan Lindgren will present the invited talk "Is spruce next? Management and evolutionary implications of successful attacks on spruce by the mountain pine beetle" at the 12th Annual Workshop and Conference of the Integrated & Environmental Plant Management Association, Kelowna, BC on 25 January (at 8:15 am—groan). The talk is co-authored by **Dezene Huber**, Fraser McKee, Robert Hodgkinson, and **Brian Aukema**.

Kathy Lewis is traveling to Thompson Rivers University to give an invited presentation on wood quality factors, and succession of decay fungi, of trees killed by mountain pine beetle. Doug Thompson and **Ian Hartley** are co-authors. She is then traveling to Kelowna to attend the ForestEd West conference.

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REMINDER: Share your information about recent publications, grants, and/or other honours you may have received with others interested in NRES issues.

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