

UNBC-Northern Health ‘Ecohealth & Watersheds’ Knowledge to Action Workshop

Date: March 20th - 21st, 2012

Title: *Health, environment, and community information in watersheds: Making the connections through maps and spatial tools.*

Location: Vanderhoof, BC

Workshop Description: This two-day *‘knowledge-to-action’* workshop is designed for those interested in making the connections between health, environment, and community information, especially in the context of water governance. The workshop is part of a larger project entitled: ‘Ecohealth & Watersheds in Northern BC’: improving social and environmental determinants of health through integrated water governance’, co-chaired by the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) and Northern Health (NH). This workshop was created in response to the ongoing ‘knowledge to action’ challenge faced by many organizations as they try to keep up with rapidly expanding bodies of **knowledge and information** about health, environment, and community issues, along with rapid advances in the **tools and techniques** to collect, organize, integrate, and share this information in order to **take action on issues of concern**.

The workshop is designed to:

- Provide an overview of the methods and challenges of integrating health, environment, and community information in the context of watersheds in Northern BC;
- Introduce participants to applications and procedures using spatial-enabled information management techniques that support the integration of watershed health and community well-being;
- Apply learned techniques within case-studies in order to provide a strategy for participants to develop and implement their own information management projects.

The two-day workshop has been co-designed by Scott Emmons (UNBC), Martin Bunch (York University), and Margot Parkes (UNBC), with input from the project Steering Committee. Specific objectives and a detailed agenda will follow in the coming weeks.

→ Attendance at this **workshop is free and the availability of seats are offered on a first come first serve basis**. Given that there is limited space, we request that **all interested individuals register by with Courtney LeBourdais (cwood0@unbc.ca) by March 9th, 2012**. Once registered, each participant will be asked to provide a brief description of their background and areas of interest. Arrangements regarding travel and accommodation will be the responsibility of the workshop participant.