



Gifts of Nature

The Nature Trust of British Columbia
Annual Report 2009



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*"I think if you spend part of your life alone
out in the wild, you are changed forever."*

Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan
(1910-2010)



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This annual report is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan who devoted his life to studying, teaching and conserving the natural resources of British Columbia.

Taking Action

The Nature Trust of British Columbia has just completed its 38th year of operation and as Chairman I am pleased to present to our stakeholders the 2009 annual report.

We have entitled this report “Gifts of Nature” in recognition of the gifts that are provided to us by the natural world and the vital role these gifts play in protecting human health and well-being. Biodiversity—the variety of life on earth—is the critical foundation that enables the planet to continue to deliver the natural services we depend on.

The year 2009 was a dynamic year for The Nature Trust. With the support of many partners, we continued to deliver on our strategic objectives: to protect and enhance BC’s biodiversity by acquiring and managing ecologically significant conservation lands and to prudently manage our financial affairs and funds received from donors.

Science is the cornerstone of our work. The Nature Trust continued its lead role in Biodiversity BC and the digital mapping of conservation lands in British Columbia. We are developing a new ecological framework for acquiring land and implementing a pilot project which will examine how best to manage connected conservation properties in the Kootenays. As well, we are participating in a program that will identify Coastal Douglas-fir priorities in the Salish Sea area.

Despite significant pressure on our financial resources as the global crisis unfolded, we continued to increase our community engagement. The Nature Trust coordinated the Brant Wildlife Festival on Vancouver Island, hosted ecotours at all major wildlife festivals in BC and held fundraising events in each of our priority areas. We reached out and connected with those who share our values.

The Nature Trust is committed to developing a conservation ethic among the next generation. We believe those who know about nature will care about nature. Our HSBC Conservation Youth Crew program provided vital on-the-ground work in five areas of the province while giving 15 young people employment and an educational experience. We also sponsored the Wild Festival for Youth in Kelowna which is part of the Robert Bateman Get to Know program and a children’s music program, Voices of Nature. And we awarded two scholarships to assist post-graduate students in their conservation research.



West coast flora

Daniel Nocente is Vice-Chairman of National Bank Financial and has been a Director of The Nature Trust of British Columbia since 2004 and Chairman since April 2009.

All of this is especially gratifying during a year that has been described as the worst recession in post-war times and demonstrates the resolve to succeed that has defined this organization for over 38 years.

The land conservation business is becoming more challenging. Property acquisitions and management are increasingly complicated and costly. While property prices have declined, those in British Columbia continue to be the highest in the country. The cost of managing these properties is an ongoing challenge and as our scientific understanding evolves we must put this information into practice. This all requires financial resources.

In 2008 The Nature Trust launched a campaign to raise \$15 million over 5 years. With a recent \$1 million gift from Goldcorp, \$6 million from the Province of BC to be administered by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, and \$1.9 million from individual donors we are making excellent progress towards achieving our goal. We are committed to completing the task. If you know of someone or an organization that would be interested in helping us, I encourage you to contact me or our development department.

I want to express my appreciation to the many individuals, corporations, conservation organizations, stewardship groups and all levels of government who have made our work possible. We are especially grateful to those who have made a bequest to The Nature Trust. A gift to nature is a gift to future generations.

I would like to thank our CEO Doug Walker, our dedicated staff and our volunteer Board for their contribution to our success in 2009. Our accomplishments as an organization are a reflection of the quality and motivation of these people.

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan on April 18, 2010 at the age of 99. Ian played a seminal role in the growth of our organization and first became a Director in 1977. His legacy will live on in the work of The Nature Trust.

Looking forward, 2010 is the United Nations Year of Biodiversity in recognition of the vital role biodiversity plays in sustaining life. Biodiversity has a profound influence on human well-being in almost every conceivable way. Biodiversity sustains the mosaic of ecosystem services that provide us with clean air, purified water, detoxified soil, erosion and flood control, pollination and nutrient recycling. The economic, spiritual and cultural values of these services are immense but are being degraded at a rapid rate due to human activity. In BC The Nature Trust has taken a lead role in measuring and understanding biodiversity and will continue this important work with your help.



Grizzly bear

The Chandelier in the Forest

Most of us in The Nature Trust have a life-long commitment to conservation because of a close association with nature during our formative years. For me, it was an idyllic, storybook boyhood on the famous Miramichi River in New Brunswick, fly fishing for Atlantic salmon.

If this early intimacy and connection with nature is absent, will people still have an appreciation for the natural world and the importance of its preservation? Probably not.



Jim Walker on the Miramichi, New Brunswick, 1963

A disquieting “sign of the times” is a current television advertisement by a major automobile manufacturer. As a family drives through a forest, we notice that the forest has been “domesticated” with the addition of a bath tub, armchair, mirror, bookshelf, photos and even a glass chandelier. The message is obvious—only by adding these modern appointments does a previously “hostile” forest become an inviting environment.

After hundreds of thousands of years in a close relationship with nature, people are losing their connection with it and any appreciation of its inherent value.

Yes, thousands are still concerned about preserving the natural world. But tens of millions more, like the family in the ad, have no special feeling for nature. Their numbers grow exponentially, while ours decline as we age. The opportunities we had as hunters, anglers, campers, etc. to develop a connection with nature are no longer as available or popular. In Canada and the USA, 80% (and growing!) of the population are urban dwellers, physically removed from any day-to-day contact with wild nature. This will be the inevitable outcome for the majority of the world’s population.

Yes, polling does show that people are interested in the environment, but “environment” has come to mean the collection of factors that affect an individual’s consumer lifestyle—climate change, food supply, air quality, water shortage and pollution. Ask instead about the future for the Pygmy shrew and most people will shrug. And concern for the environment is ephemeral—it slips drastically when “self-serving” factors such as the economy or employment are at risk.



Peace River

But isn't there a significant increase in ecotourism? Indeed, but most of these modern experiences emphasize time-saving technology where clients are whisked by modern transportation to enjoy gourmet meals, amid all the comforts of home. They create the expectation that nature should always be safe, comfortable and convenient and if necessary, "modified" to provide this. Nature becomes just another place to be waited on and entertained.

Should The Nature Trust just continue to acquire lands while public appreciation for the natural values we have always espoused continues to erode? Should we care? After all, we still have a strong core of loyal supporters. At least for now.

Or do we and our partners refocus our direction and make it a priority to educate the urban majority about our lands and the values they represent? Will we have the thanks of future generations for our vision and foresight?

The Board of The Nature Trust of British Columbia and its supporters, as well as other conservation organizations, need to give a lot of serious thought in the next few years to how we address this dilemma.

It's the "elephant in the room" and we can't pretend it isn't there.

Jim Walker is known for his expertise in wildlife management and land-use management. He has held several senior positions with the provincial government, including Assistant Deputy Minister in charge of Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Protection, and Director of Wildlife. Jim was a leader in helping to develop a number of provincial initiatives, such as the Forest Practices Code, the Muskwa Kechika Management Area, the Clayoquot Land Use Plan and the Grizzly Bear Strategy.

Jim Walker has been a Director of The Nature Trust of British Columbia since 2002.

Georgia Basin & Coastal Estuaries

Although estuaries form less than 3% of the BC coastline, they are used by 80% of coastal wildlife. With our partners, The Nature Trust has acquired critical areas in the Cowichan River, Nanaimo River estuary, Salmon River estuary and Englishman River estuary as well as sections of Cluxewe Salt Marsh and Lazo Marsh. Other projects include marsh and islands in the lower Fraser River as well as key properties between Mission and Hope as part of the Heart of the Fraser initiative.

Okanagan

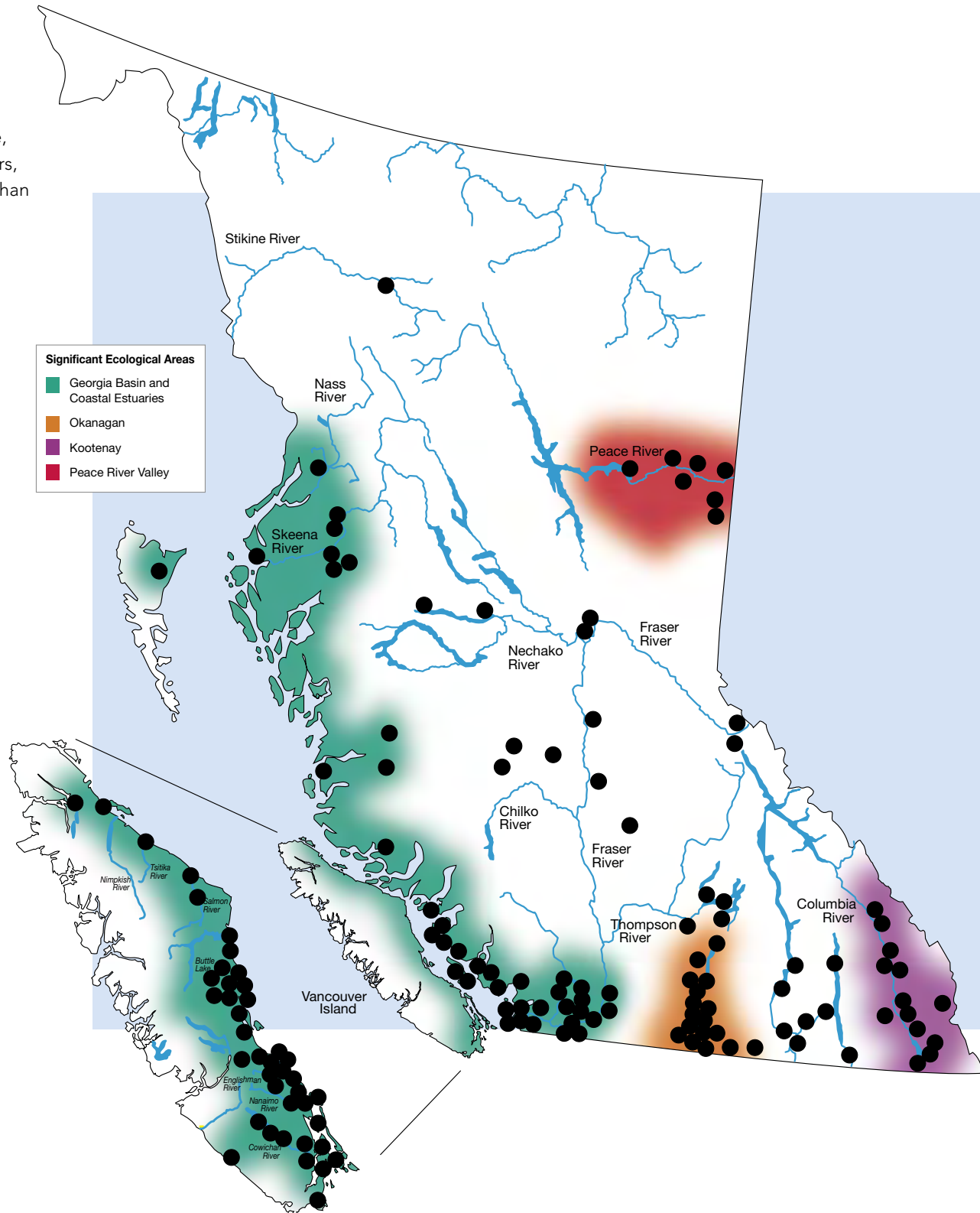
The Okanagan features some of the most rare and sensitive habitats in the country. Together with our partners, we have acquired the Antelope-brush Conservation Area, and properties at Swan Lake, Shorts Creek, Kilpoola Lake, Okanagan Mountain Park, Skaha Lake, White Lake and Vaseux Lake, among others.

Kootenay

The Nature Trust is active in the Kootenay region, particularly the East Kootenay Trench and Elk Valley. With our partners, we have worked to conserve critical wintering areas for elk and other wildlife, and wetlands along the Columbia River. Key lands include the Hoodoos property, Bull River, Bummers Flats, Wasa Slough, Slocan Lake and Wigwam Flats.

Peace River Valley

The habitat around the Peace River is part of the northern extension of the mixed grasslands and wetlands of the prairies. Thousands of bird species migrate, breed and visit the Peace River and surrounding grasslands and wetlands every year. The Nature Trust has acquired a number of critical wetlands in the area including McQueen Slough, Fort St. John Potholes, Dunlevy Creek, Worth Marsh, Comstock Slough and Boundary Lake.



Conservation Priorities

The Nature Trust acquires land through purchase, donation, covenant and lease. Thank you to all the individuals, groups, corporations and organizations that made these acquisitions possible in 2009.



Tom Berry Road—Pick Estate

.81 hectare (2 acres)

- Located on Tom Berry Road, Hope, bordering the south side of the Fraser River.
- This property includes black cottonwood, bigleaf maple and Douglas-fir.
- Riparian vegetation benefits small mammals and birds, and provides a contribution to valuable fish habitat.
- This property will be managed by The Nature Trust with 5 other properties within the Tom Berry Road Complex.



Brooklyn Creek

.2 hectare (.5 acre)

- Located in Comox on Vancouver Island.
- This property features salt marsh and riparian habitat and is adjacent to several conservation properties.
- The Nature Trust partnered with the Town of Comox on this project.
- Brooklyn Creek is an important drainage flowing into Comox Bay supporting salmonid production.



Englishman River covenant

9.17 hectares (23 acres)

- Located in Parksville on Vancouver Island.
- TimberWest gifted to The Nature Trust a protective covenant on land on the south side of the river across from Block 602.
- The area extends upstream from the confluence of the south fork approximately 1000 metres and includes the lower 300 metres of the south fork for a total length of 1.3 kilometres.



Okanagan River Oxbow Properties

6.3 hectares (15.5 acres)

- Located north of Oliver in the South Okanagan.
- The Nature Trust partnered with the Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society to transfer four properties that create a 1.3 kilometre complex on the west side of the Okanagan River.
- Conservation partners are working on restoring oxbows (u-shaped curves) to the river to improve riparian and wetland communities.



Okanagan River Oxbow Property—Schafer

1.5 hectares (3.7 acres)

- Located north of Oliver in the South Okanagan.
- The Nature Trust partnered with Ducks Unlimited Canada, BC Trust for Public Lands and the Habitat Stewardship Program on this property.
- As the river reclaims its former territory, one of the major benefits will be the creation of additional fish habitat, including spawning grounds for rainbow trout, kokanee and sockeye salmon.



Carroll Creek

157.8 hectares (390 acres)

- Located in the West Kootenay near The Nature Trust Kidd Creek property.
- The Nature Trust partnered with the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative on this property.
- It provides wildlife corridors for many types of wildlife including large mammals such as grizzly bears.



Carl MacNaughton with a gopher snake

Caring for the Land

Since 1971, The Nature Trust of BC has secured over 450 parcels of land across this province. While land acquisition has been a tremendous success, an equally important accomplishment has been the management of these conservation lands. As “conservation” is the wise use of resources, then “habitat conservation” means land management.

Land management allows us to manage conservation lands in accordance with long-term management goals for each property, in order to maintain or restore ecological integrity. Ecological integrity is the desired state of the property. Every conservation holding contains dynamic ecosystems, which shift as succession progresses within plant communities. Through land management we can affect an individual property’s state and in so doing better address the needs of the surrounding landscape. A healthy, well managed landscape will often contain a wide variety of ecosystems and habitat types in varying states of succession. This variety is important to support a greater mix of wildlife and plants.



McIntyre Bluff, Okanagan

For example, the arid grasslands of the South Okanagan and Similkameen valleys host an amazing array of species, many of them increasingly at risk. Any particular conservation holding may be inhabited by a number of species-at-risk, each of which has differing successional stages within the same habitat type. For example, Long-billed curlews require short-grazed grasslands with very little shrub cover, while Sage Thrashers require grasslands dominated by tall, dense sagebrush. Land management can accommodate both of these species' needs by differing management actions across the landscape, including prescribed fire and grazing levels.

Land management includes many activities, which vary throughout the province, depending on regional habitat needs. Activities include removing invasive plants, prescribed burning, maintenance of fences, thinning ingrown forest areas, livestock management, and a variety of other initiatives. All management tasks are undertaken with the best available science in mind, through consultation with regional biologists, experts, and land managers, to ensure that projects are effective, efficient, and practical.

I am continually amazed by the resiliency of nature to overcome challenges and setbacks. Although we've seen soil disturbances lead to long-term encroachment by invasive plants, and a subsequent deterioration in habitat integrity, there are real successes too. Like the abandoned sawmill site by the river that, with a little help and clean up, is now a flourishing stand of cottonwood trees. Or the former vineyard land that has lain fallow for ten years, now being overtaken by native grasses and shrubs. This gives me hope.

Carl MacNaughton has been the Okanagan Conservation Land Manager since 1999. He brings a wealth of experience to his position, including Wildlife Research Assistant with the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, and Wildlife Technician with the BC Environment. He has an Environmental Technology Diploma from Camosun College and a Bachelor of Science from Royal Roads University in Victoria.



Crew training



Peace River

"Learning the theory and applications of conservation biology in my studies has allowed me to understand the importance of biodiversity. However, working for The Nature Trust has provided me with an invaluable opportunity to apply so much of what I have learned in a real world setting, where I have been able to experience conservation action with my own two hands."
—Colin Mayer, South Okanagan Crew

On-the-ground Experience

Most on-the-ground land management activities are completed with participation from Conservation Youth Crews. In 2009, The Nature Trust had Conservation Youth Crews on Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, South Okanagan, East Kootenay, and Peace River.

From May to September, working under the direct supervision of regional land managers, youth crews are responsible for many day-to-day tasks as well as special projects.

Hundreds of youths have benefitted from their experience in working on a Nature Trust conservation crew over the years. Many past crew members have now made a career in natural sciences and environmental management.

Regardless of where their life path has led them, all crew members graduate with an increased appreciation and knowledge of the natural world. Crew members are often eager to educate family and friends as well, having a broader beneficial impact on conservation awareness and ethics at the community level.

HSBC Bank Canada was the title sponsor of the HSBC Conservation Youth Crew Program for the fourth year. Other sponsors included BC Conservation Corps, BC Conservation Foundation, BC Hydro, BC Ministry of Environment, BC Trust for Public Lands, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program—Columbia Basin, Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, HRSDC, Talisman Energy and The Tony Cartledge Fund.



HooDoos Hike

Fairmont Hot Springs



Robert Bateman at Wild Festival for Youth

Kelowna



Bob Lenarduzzi

Spokesperson



Brant Wildlife Festival

Vancouver Island





Earth Wind Fire Kelowna



Sign Unveiling



Bert Hoffmeister Sign Boundary Bay



Voices of Nature Concert



Bert Brink Wildlife Management Area

Fraser River

Promoting Good Work

The Bert Hoffmeister Scholarship

It is awarded annually to a graduate student in the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia. The award is a joint effort by The Nature Trust, Wildlife Habitat Canada, BC's Ministry of Environment and the Province of BC.

Maggie Branton is in the final stages of writing her Ph.D. dissertation at UBC. She is studying how conservation/restoration strategies designed for a single species may translate to benefits to the larger ecological community. Maggie's work has been carried out in off-channel ponds in the Lower Mainland that have been created or restored to provide overwintering habitat for coho salmon. She is investigating if coho act as an "umbrella species", whereby conservation projects designed for coho may benefit other aquatic species, specifically fish, amphibians and invertebrates.



Maggie Branton and Rod Hoffmeister



Kris Kloehn in the Broughton Archipelago

The Dr. Ian and Joyce McTaggart-Cowan Scholarship

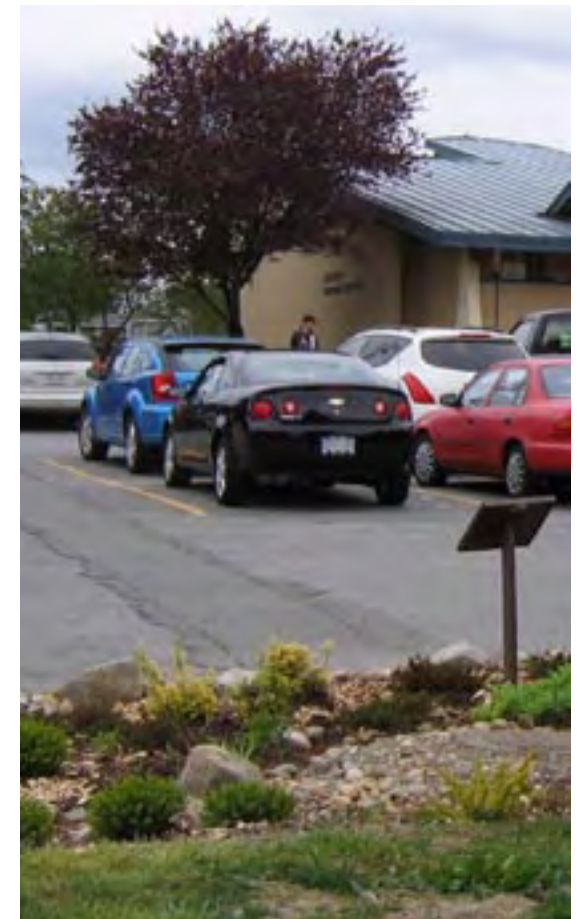
This scholarship in Environmental Studies recognizes conservation studies at the University of Victoria.

Kris Kloehn received this scholarship in 2009. His research interests are broad in nature but have been focused by the pressing need for actionable research in the field of finfish aquaculture. Globally, production of high trophic level finfish species is growing as wild stocks fail to supply demand. While growth of aquaculture may remedy the gap in supply, the effect of the industry on wild species is not fully understood. Nutrient input and structure created by salmon farms provide subsidies to the local marine environment. Kris is investigating the influence of these subsidies on host parasite dynamics of wild fish in the Broughton Archipelago of BC. The goal of his research is to quantify the magnitude of change in parasite load in wild fish relative to ambient farm-free zones and to formulate predictions regarding the population level effects.

Rain Garden Fund

The Nature Trust has established an endowment fund to support community rain garden projects. This initiative addresses the environmental and economic advantages of getting stormwater back into the ground, as well as the desirability of raising citizen awareness and supporting local involvement in aquatic habitat protection.

The North Delta Evangelical Free Church received the grant in 2009.



Volunteer Excellence

The Nature Trust Conservation Champion Award was established to acknowledge the voluntary contribution of individuals to the conservation of biodiversity in BC and specifically to the work of The Nature Trust.



Mark Angelo, Lower Mainland

Mark Angelo, CM OBC, is a noted river advocate, teacher, paddler and writer. For 35 years he has inspired leadership in creating awareness for the importance of waterways. He has volunteered countless hours to environmental issues affecting waterways ranging from creeks and streams in his own community to the major waterways of BC: the Fraser, the Nechako, and the Tatshenshini.



Guy Monty, Vancouver Island

Guy Monty has become one of BC's top birders and has greatly contributed to conservation projects of The Nature Trust. He has assisted our Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program by conducting bird inventories at over 10 sites and weekly bird data at the Nanaimo River estuary for a year. As a volunteer, he has led numerous nature tours, especially during the Brant Wildlife Festival.



Judy Brock, Okanagan

Judy Brock has been an active participant in the South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program since its inception in 2000. She has been an Executive Board member for most of this time as Chair of the Outreach Team. Judy is a founding director and long time Chair of the Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance. Through OSCA, Judy has been the driving force behind the Meadowlark Festival. She has been a long time partner of The Nature Trust, working with us to secure her family property for conservation.

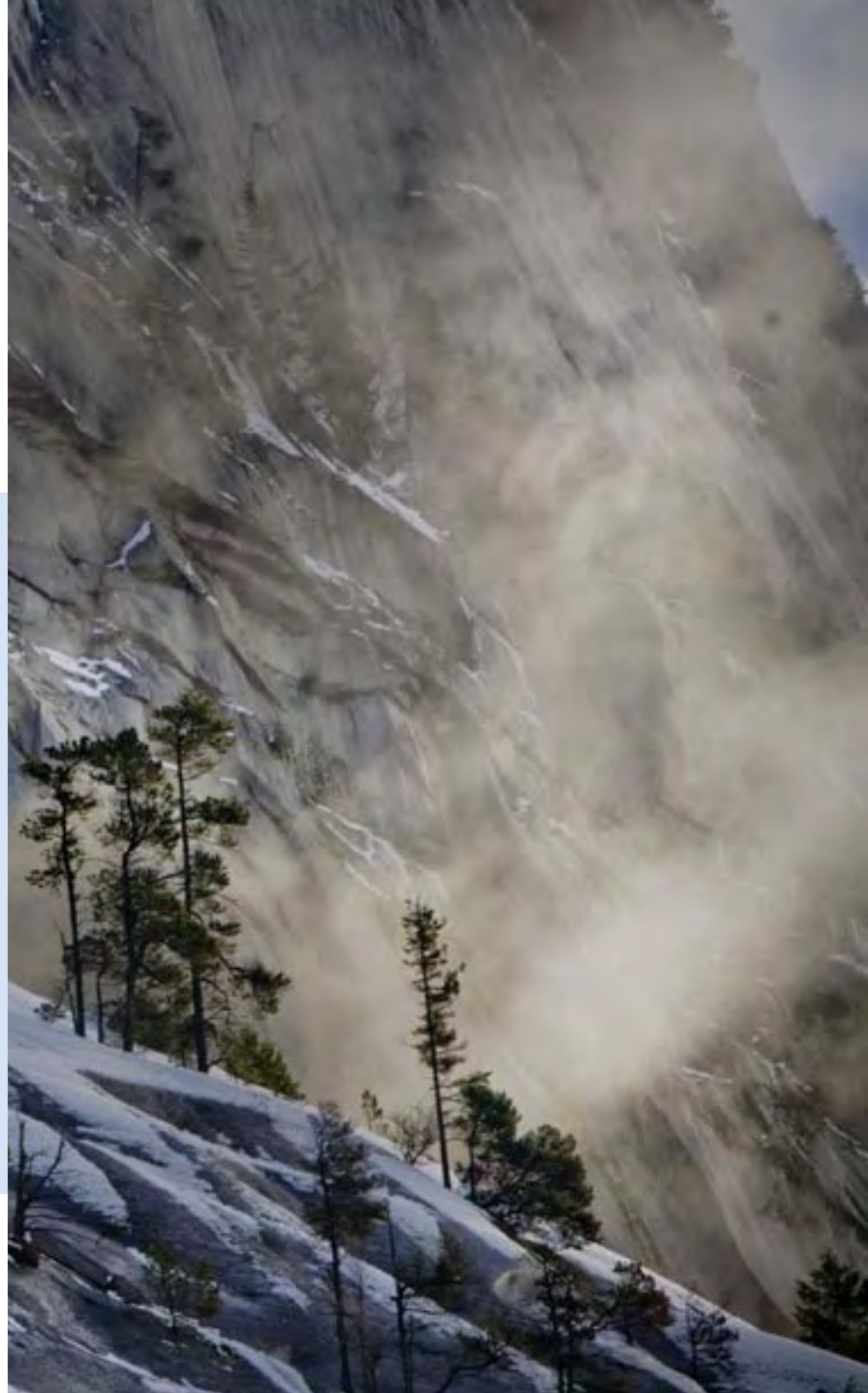
Summarized Statements of Financial Position

In 2009 we secured \$4.2 million in property holdings and spent a further \$1.4 million on land management. This would not have been possible without the generous financial support of our donors and partners who contributed \$6.8 million to The Nature Trust during the year.

We were also able to increase our net worth by over \$6 million, plus contribute almost \$400,000 to our endowment fund.

December 31, 2009 and 2008	2009	2008
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash and receivables	570,000	347,000
Investments	11,061,000	9,024,000
Capital assets	620,000	641,000
Properties	70,700,000	66,575,000
	<u>82,951,000</u>	<u>76,587,000</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current	224,000	276,000
Deferred revenue	703,000	563,000
Promissory Notes	220,000	321,000
	<u>1,147,000</u>	<u>1,160,000</u>
NET WORTH	81,804,000	75,427,000
INCREASE IN NET WORTH	6,377,000	632,000

This statement has been derived from the complete audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008.





Behind the scenes of our many community events and fundraising initiatives is a highly committed team—also endearingly referred to as the “Three Rascals” by Patrick Oswald.

Tracy Loewen, our Special Events Coordinator, brings her energetic personality, a creative spirit and a love for all things digital from social media to graphic design.

Deborah Kennedy, our Development and Communications Manager, brings many years of marketing and the philosophy that where there are enthusiastic people, amazing things will happen.

Robin Rivers, our Communications Manager, brings a professional background in publishing, a passion for the written word and the heart of a community volunteer. In her spare time you can find Robin at the local hospice.

Inspiring Kindness

You lift our spirits and inspire us with your kindness. Thank you for your gifts in 2009. We are very grateful that you share our passion for the land and have confidence in the work of The Nature Trust of BC.

Donations of all types and sizes are important to us. From the proceeds of a school cupcake sale and a donation in lieu of Christmas presents to a percentage of corporate revenue, every dollar helps us to acquire and manage habitat that is critical to sustaining the unique biodiversity of our treasured British Columbia.

You are our lifeline. By giving today and tomorrow, you are ensuring that we can deliver on our mandate and build a future for The Nature Trust.

Your designated gifts for property purchases, our conservation youth crews and many other projects are precious. And we can't thank you enough for those annual undesignated gifts which sustain our daily operation and allow us to maintain our scientific expertise. These are the hardest dollars for us to raise and vital for our organization's financial well-being. This is why The Nature Trust launched a campaign to raise \$15 million to build our endowment in 2008. We are over the halfway mark and want to thank our campaign supporters for their generosity and seek support for this important fundraising initiative.

A bequest is a special way to fulfill charitable wishes and create a lasting legacy; yet only 7% of wills identify a charity as a beneficiary. We hope that you will consider including The Nature Trust of BC in your will. Patrick Oswald, our Leadership Giving Manager, would be pleased to speak with you about a future gift and how you can become a “visionary”.

The year 2010 is the United Nations Year of Biodiversity. We are reminded that nature cannot wait and with your support neither will we.

Individual donors

Our achievements are shared with many individuals who care about conservation as much as we do. We want to thank individual donors in 2009.

Brian & Catherine Abraham	Keith Bower	Dave Cousins	Bill & Betty Lou Fox	Audrey Hoeg	Russ Lazaruk
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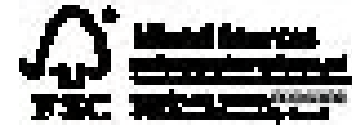


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