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2021 Annual General Meeting

27 November 2021

1:00 pm

Housekeeping: please be patient

- This AGM is being held online in accordance with the amended BC Societies Act (an AGM may be held virtually by electronic means)
- Communications:
  - **Mute yourself if you are not speaking**
  - You may use the “Chat” button to communicate with me and each other
  - You may also unmute and speak
- Voting:
  - We are a mix of Conservancy members and non-members
  - **Vote only if you are a member of the Conservancy**

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Today's agenda

- Announcements
- Formal business meeting
- Coffee/bathroom break
- "*The Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound UNESCO Biosphere*"
  - Ruth Simons, Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society
- Closing remarks

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Announcements

- It's a time of year when people make charitable donations: please think of the Conservancy
- Annual Memberships are now due
  - $10 individual, $15 family
  - e-transfer to "banking@bowenislandconservancy.org"
  - mail cheque to P.O. Box 301, V0N 1G0
- Ruth Simons will also present to Bowen Nature Club on 1 December at 7:15 pm

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2021 AGM Formal Business

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 2020 AGM minutes
  - https://bowenislandconservancy.org/28-nov-annual-general-meeting/
- Report to the members
- Financial report
- Directors
- Other Business

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Report to the members

- Nature Reserves: Fairy Fen and Singing Woods
- Herring Fishery
- Mt. Gardner and motorized vehicles
- Marine Atlas
- Biodiversity project
- Cape Roger Curtis

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Nature reserves

- We carried out monitoring under contract to the Islands Trust Conservancy
  - Singing Woods
  - Fairy Fen
  - David Otter Reserve
- Fairy Fen:
  - Two problems: Huszar Creek crossing at the Fen, and trail bog
  - *Thanks to Everhard van Lidth de Jeude!*
  - New footbridge constructed
  - Trail rerouted
  - Helped by volunteers

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Before

After

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The completed bridge

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Herring Fishery

- Letters to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
- Draft plans for commercial fishery have no regard for herring stocks
- We asked for a moratorium on commercial herring fishing in Georgia Straight
- Keep moratorium in place until herring are again abundant in Howe Sound

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Motorized use of Mt. Gardner trails

- Provincial communications on this issue range from the ambiguous to the ridiculous
- We wrote to the Minister responsible
  - No motorized use
  - Claims that a minority are complaining are fatuous
  - The Conservancy would be pleased to monitor and maintain trails
- Currently asking Mayor and Council to participate in decision-making process concerning Mt. Gardner trails

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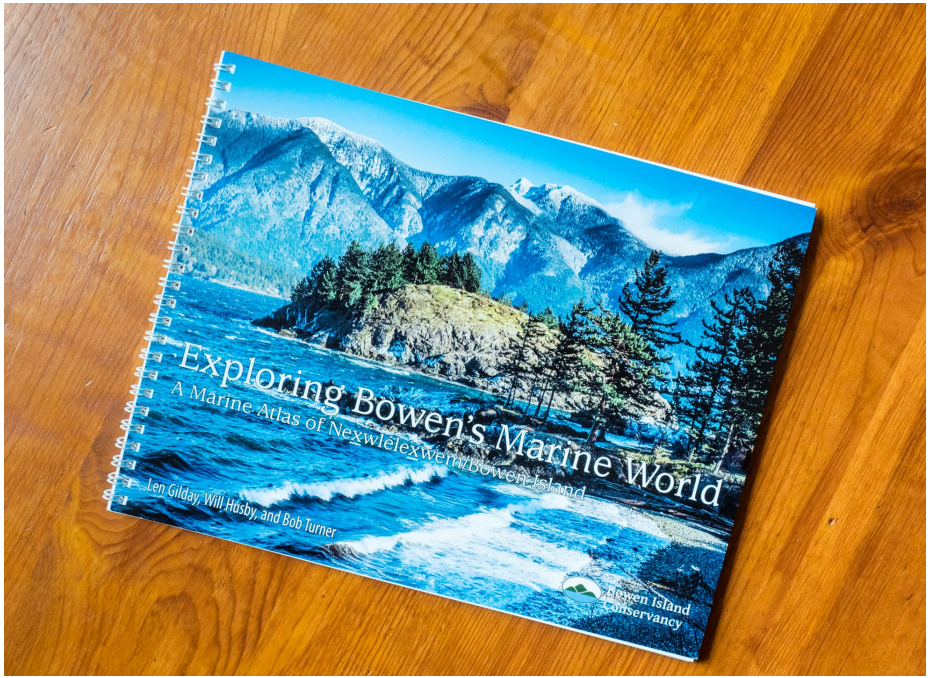
Marine Atlas

- Now in third printing
- $30 at Phoenix and the Hearth Gallery
- Work continues on Phase 2
  - Focus on Mannion/Deep Bay
  - Website material coming in 2022



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Biodiversity project/Species Census

- Three years ago, Chantal Underdown, an Environmental Science student, initiated the Bowen Island Biodiversity Project on a citizen science online platform: iNaturalist.ca
- Set up to capture as much of the island flora and fauna as possible, the project also supported Chantal's research project on local amphibian species and habitats
- Summer 2021: a new project was initiated with the Conservancy, resulting in the Bowen Island Species Census

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Why?

By knowing more about what lives here, we have a better chance of ensuring they continue to thrive

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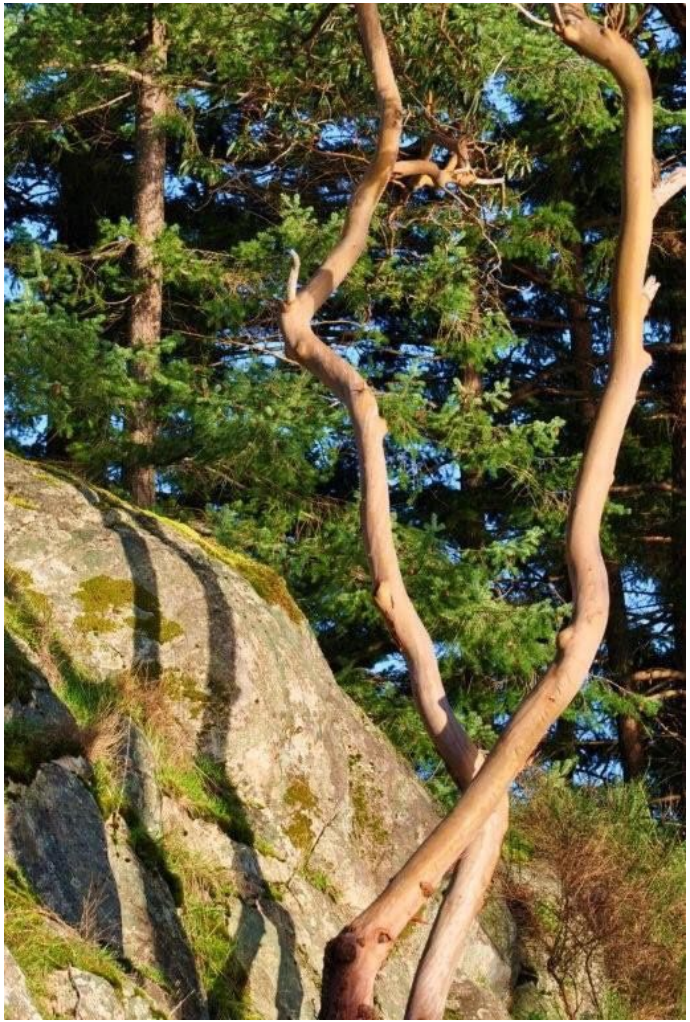

We set a goal of 1,000 uploads to iNaturalist. We surpassed that: in the summer our community added 1,300 ...

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… and recorded nearly 600 species

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To date we have accumulated 11,044 observations ...

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Nearly 2,000 island plant and animal species are now documented

Thanks to citizen scientists like you

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Thanks to everyone who participated

- Don’t stop!
- Continue to upload photos to iNaturalist
- Share with the community
- Let’s see how many species we can collectively document!

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Cape Roger Curtis Lands

- Our thanks to Mayor and Council
- June 16th: we hosted their visit to the lands
- Conservation Covenant now in place
- Tax exemption granted

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Some words from Bob Turner ...

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Outlook for 2022

- Public education: a focus on CRC lands
- Marine Atlas Phase 2 (website)
- Herring fishery
- Mt. Gardner trail issue
- Engagement with Council and Municipality (when appropriate)
- Explore potential for additional land acquisition

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Financial statements: income/expenses

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Statement of Income and Expenses
July 01, 2020 – June 30, 2021
(unaudited)

Revenue	
Membership	$620.00
Donations, no receipt	$100,041.00
Donations, tax receipt	$9,263,184.85
Interest	$ 2,061.41
Sales – Marine Atlas	$2,788.00
Grants	$4,995.33
Total Revenue	**$9,373,690.59**
Expenses (operating)	
Bank charges	$27.94
Events, promo, advertising	$26.25
Membership dues, license	$250.00
Misc., office	$3,694.62
Liability Insurance	$1,676.00
Expenses – Marine Atlas	$3,867.87
Expenses – Land Trust	$165,808.90
Expenses (Capital)	$9,141,888.97
Total Expenses	**$9,317,240.55**
Excess Revenue	**$56,450.04**

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Financial statements: balance sheet

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Balance Sheet
July 01, 2020 – June 30, 2021
(unaudited)

Assets	
Cash	
Conservancy	$91,528.05
Equity shares (FCU)	$14.42
Peter Drake Fund	$2,160.00
Funds in trust (Fairy Fen Project)	$11,778.65
Total	**$105,481.12**
Liabilities	
Undisturbed funds held in trust	
Fairy Fen Project	$11,778.65
Total	**$11,778.65**
Equity	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	
For the year June 2018	$7,038.01
For the year June 2019	$13,905.99
For the year June 2020	$18,276.92
For the year June 2021	$56,450.04
Total	**$56,450.04**
Equity +	$93,692.47
Liabilities	$11,778.65
Total Assets	**$105,481.12**

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Directors

- Ellen Coburn
- Allie Drake
- Paula Hay (Treasurer)
- Louise Loik
- Owen Plowman (President)
- Nerys Poole (Secretary)
- John Rich
- Bob Turner
- Peter Williamson

Thanks to Leo Chan for his time on the Board

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Other business

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