



Annual Report

for the year ended 30 April 2010



WILDERNESS
COMMITTEE

International Climate Change Day of Action



As the sun broke through the clouds on October 24, 2009, people from across the Lower Mainland began walking along Vancouver's Cambie Street Bridge. The City of Vancouver closed the road to accommodate the thousands on foot, in wheelchairs, on bicycles and in strollers who were joining forces with millions of other people around the world at thousands of similar events, telling world leaders to take action on climate change. We were proud to help make Vancouver's contribution to this global

day of action one of the largest in North America. For months, Wilderness Committee staff and volunteers worked round the clock with international and national organizations, and various local groups. On any given day in our office you could see dozens of people stuffing envelopes, painting banners, and phoning to raise awareness. Organizing this event went a long way towards building important new relationships. **Working together, we can and must stop climate change.**



Thank you!

Dear Wilderness Committee members and supporters,

Thank you for being there for wilderness and wildlife. Because of thousands of nature-loving people like yourselves, the Wilderness Committee has survived and thrived for over 30 years!

From our inception, we've been helped on the ground by members, volunteers and friends like you to build hiking trails, hold protest signs, and publish pamphlets and posters. Those early efforts helped to save BC's Gwaii Haanas (now a National Park Reserve) and Stein Valley (now a BC Provincial Park).

Then, in the 1990s, we went on to hold rallies and produce videos, maps and postcards all aimed at building public support for the effort to double BC's park lands. We succeeded.

In the first decade of this century, we held town hall meetings all across Canada, working with many groups and individuals to see Canada's very first endangered species law passed. In the past few years, we rejoiced with our friends when logging was banned in most of Manitoba's park lands.

Now, as the 2010s start rolling out, we have been pushing for an end to dirty Tar Sands projects in

Alberta and opposing new coal mines in BC while still pressing for better protection for wild species and wild spaces.

Read this report to learn more about what wild things we've been up to this past year. We hope to hear from you, whether in person at rallies, public meetings, on trails or around campfires, or via Facebook, our website, letters or emails. It's your wild ideas and stories that help us come up with new ways to protect wilderness and wild life. Next year is going to be a busy one!

Sincerely,


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Campaign Director


Gwen Barlee
Policy Director


Matt Jong
Comptroller



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Our Wild Vision



Founded in 1980 by a small band of citizens determined to preserve wild Canada, the Wilderness Committee has grown to tens of thousands of members and supporters with offices in Vancouver, Victoria, Winnipeg and Toronto.

Since those early days, we've had many successes that have helped gain protection for over 50 major wilderness areas, including critical wildlife habitats for endangered species.

But much remains to be done.

According to conservation biologists, about half of a nation's land base should be protected in order to fully conserve biological diversity, while still leaving enough land for people to live comfortably and sustainably. The Wilderness Committee prioritizes protection for Canada's most threatened **wildlands** such as remaining old-

growth forests in BC, the 'pocket desert' in BC's beautiful Okanagan-Similkameen country, and large sections of Canada's boreal forest.

Our **wildlife** work targets protection for the habitat of Canada's most critically at-risk species such as the northern spotted owl, sage grouse and orca. At the same time, we

are working to strengthen legislation so that protection can be assured for all species at risk across Canada. In addition, our **wild pacific salmon** campaign focuses on marine protection from industrial salmon farms.

Even when an area is protected, we must make sure that **public lands protection** remains strong. Thus, a necessary part of our work is defending existing parks, including advocating for better funding, more park rangers and stronger regulations. Our campaign to **stop BC's rivers from being privatized**, then dammed and diverted by corporations aims to keep BC's rivers, streams and valleys in public, not private hands, so they can be better protected.

The urgency of our work is underlined by ever-increasing scientific evidence of the ecological impacts of human-caused **climate change** and **toxic pollution**. These concerns have led us to include **healthy communities** programs aimed at fighting freeway expansion, opposing dirty tar sands extraction and coal mine development, protecting local farmland, and reducing toxins in our environment.

In sum, the Wilderness Committee's wild vision involves generations of Canadians enjoying abundant clean water, fresh air, wild places and wild creatures forever.

The Wilderness Committee works to protect Canada's remaining native biodiversity. Our programs focus on five priority areas:

Wildlands

BC's Ancient Forests • Clayoquot Sound • East Cascade Connector • Heart of the Boreal • Inland Rainforest • Okanagan-Similkameen National Park • Cayoosh Range •

Wildlife

BC Species at Risk • Federal Species at Risk Act • Grizzly Bear • Marbled Murrelet • Orca • Spotted Owl • Woodland Caribou • Nooksack Dace • Greater Sage Grouse

Wild Salmon

Offshore Oil and Gas Moratorium • Stop Salmon Farms • Protect Wild Salmon Rivers

Public Lands Defence

Parks Defence (BC & Manitoba) • Stop River Privatization • Access to Information

Healthy Communities

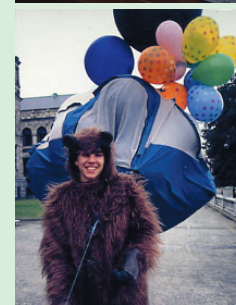
Agricultural Lands Defence • Coal Mines • Fighting Climate Change • Stopping Waste Incineration • Tar Sands • Transportation and Urban Sprawl • Turning the Tide on Toxins • Zero Waste Planning

Thank you Andrea!

Back in 1992, the front line wilderness preservation campaigns we were working on included the Carmanah Valley, the lower Tsitika Valley and the Boise Valley. We were eventually successful in all of these campaigns and today they are Provincial Parks.

Another successful thing we did in '92 was hire a young woman by the name of Andrea Reimer. Andrea started in our mail room, and in the years that followed she worked her way through just about every job at the Wilderness Committee, earning a reputation for getting things done with very little resources to rely on.

By 2002, Andrea had become the Executive Director of our organization. With her can-do attitude, she went on to lead the Wilderness Committee through a period of stable, steady growth. Then, in the 2008 Vancouver municipal election, Andrea was elected to council. After helping to prepare and implement a transition plan for the Wilderness Committee, she resigned as Executive Director in March, 2010. While we are very sad to see Andrea leave us after so many years, we wish her all the best as she moves forward.



Success Stories



Painted Turtles

Western painted turtles breathed a sigh of relief when the Wilderness Committee blew the whistle on a proposal to dredge Burnaby Lake in British Columbia without taking into account the needs of the endangered turtles that live in this shallow lake. Thanks to the ensuing media attention the dredging proceeded only after suitable precautions were put in place to ensure the endangered amphibians didn't become turtle soup.



Glacier Howser

Four creeks are still running wild after the environmentally damaging Glacier Howser private hydropower project ground to a halt when more than 1,100 people attended a public meeting in the tiny town of Kaslo, BC to protest the controversial proposal. Concerns over threats to an endangered population of bull trout, grizzly and caribou, plus the permanent diversion of water from four wild creeks resulted in the project becoming derailed.

The BC government stopped the clock on the review of the proposal after noting that impacts on fish and fish habitat posed a “significant threat” to the

viability of the project. The Wilderness Committee will continue to work with the West Kootenay EcoSociety and local citizens to ensure that this environmentally irresponsible project is finally unplugged.

Sage Grouse

Renowned for its dramatic breeding dance, the greater sage grouse was once found across the Canadian prairies. But today, because of the destruction of its habitat, it is now only found in fragmented patches in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. The future of this iconic bird depends upon habitat protection.

Last year the Wilderness Committee and other environmental groups went to court on behalf of the sage grouse. In July of 2009, the federal court ruled the federal government must obey their own law and identify “critical habitat” under Canada’s Species at Risk Act. This is great news not only for the sage grouse but also for hundreds of endangered species right across Canada.

Nooksack Dace – A whale of a lawsuit

On the heels of the precedent-setting sage grouse victory, a homely little fish called the Nooksack dace also received good news. Following a lawsuit by the

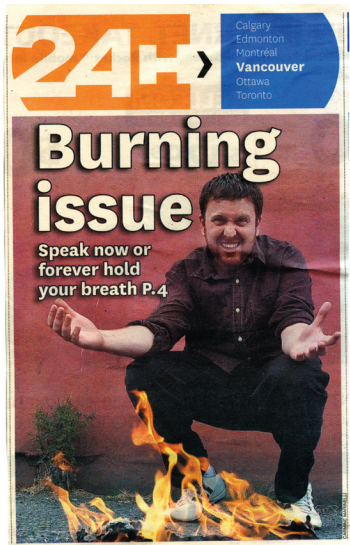
Wilderness Committee and other environmental organizations, the federal court ruled that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans broke the law when they failed to identify the critical habitat of this endangered minnow.

The judgment was newsworthy because it described the case as “a story about the creation and application of policy by the (DFO) Minister in clear contravention of the law, and a reluctance to be held accountable for failure to follow the law.”

The legal win was a whale of a victory that will help protect species at risk right across Canada – from tiny minnows to great blue whales.

No burning garbage

Pyromania seems to be on the rise in BC as proposals for waste incinerators are popping up all over the province. The Wilderness Committee has been happy to help the communities of Christina Lake and Kamloops in their successful fights against proposed hazardous waste incinerators. In the process of doing this work, we facilitated the development of Zero Waste BC, a network that helps reduce wastefulness, promoting expanded recycling and composting.



Partnerships

Making friends

Part of the Wilderness Committee's mission is to **bring communities together around environmental issues**. This year was a banner year for partnerships in every area of our campaigns, helping us get the message out further and exposing us to the great work of many more amazing environmental activists in local communities.

350.org
Adopt-a-Fry.org
Against Port Expansion in Delta (APE)
Alberta Wilderness Association
Alouette River Management Society
AWARE
BC Citizens for Public Power
BC Creek Protection Society
BC Government and Service Employees' Union
Bow Valley Naturalists
Bridgeview Action Group
Burke Mountain Naturalists
Burns Bog Conservation Society
Campaign for Open Government
Canadian Cancer Society
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
Canadian Youth Climate Coalition
Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition
Citizens Against Urban Sprawl Society
Climate Action Network
Climate Justice Project
CoalWatch Comox Valley
Cooperative Auto Network
COPE, local 378
Council of Canadians
Council of Senior Citizens Organizations BC
CPAWS - BC Chapter
CPAWS - Manitoba Chapter
CPAWS Wildlands League
Crescent Spur-Loos Community Association
CUPE-BC
David Suzuki Foundation
Ecojustice
Environmental Defence
Environmental Justice Organizing Initiative

Federation Of Alberta Naturalists
Federation of BC Naturalists
Fisher River Cree Nation
ForestEthics
Friends of Bute Inlet
Friends of Clayoquot Sound
Friends of Strathcona Park
Friends of the UBC Farm
GatewaySucks.org
Georgia Straight Alliance
goBeyond
Grasslands Naturalists
Green Club
Greenpeace
Hyde Creek Watershed Society
Jasper Environmental Association
KAIROS Canada
Kwantlen Student Association
Kyoto Plus
Livable Region Coalition
Malaspina Communities for Public Power
Manitoba Wildlands
MiningWatch
Multi-faith Burns Bog Pilgrimage organizing committee
Nature Saskatchewan
Next Up youth leadership program
Oil Free Coast Alliance
Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society
Oxfam
Protect Christina Lake Group
Purcell Alliance for Wilderness
Rail for the Valley
Recycling Council of British Columbia
Rivers Without Borders

Salmon Are Sacred
Save Kamloops
Save Our Rivers Society
Save Our Valley Alliance
Save the Cedar League
Seton Lake Band Council
Sierra Club of Canada - BC Chapter
Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission
Skownan First Nation
South Fraser Action Network
South Okanagan Naturalists Club
SPEC
Squamish Nation
St'át'imc Tribal Council
Sunbury Neighbourhood Association
Surrey Environmental Partners
The Land Conservancy
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
Toxic Free Canada
Union of BC Indian Chiefs
United Steelworkers
University of Winnipeg EcoPIA
UVic Environmental Law Clinic
VALTAC
Vancouver and District Labour Council
Voters Taking Action on Climate Change
Watershed Watch Salmon Society
West Coast Environmental Law
West Kootenay Eco Society
West Moberly First Nations
Wild Salmon Circle
Wildsight
Zero Waste BC
Zero Waste Vancouver

Privatized rivers? No Dam way!

This year the fight to prevent BC's wild rivers from falling into the hands of private hydropower developers was extremely eventful. At times it felt a lot like we were shooting some white water rapids ourselves. We traveled province-wide, speaking alongside our allies about the need to keep our rivers wild and power public at events in Prince George, Quesnel, and Kamloops. We were also at public hearings about the proposed Glacier Howser private hydropower project in Kaslo, where over 1100 turned out to say No Dam Way to the developers...and that's more than the population of the entire town!

As a result, the private power company's progress on getting government approval for their Glacier Howser project has slowed down to a trickle and we think that, with our friends, supporters and allies, we can save four wild river systems from being privatized, dammed and diverted. We feel the same way about the huge Bute Inlet private power project. A plan by US giant General Electric to dam and divert 16 creeks and rivers in Bute Inlet has ground to a halt in the face of massive public opposition. All in all it's been a pretty good year for those who seek to defend our wild rivers and public power.

Working Together – Burns Bog Pilgrimage

For three years, we have been actively working with a diverse committee of faith-based groups organizing the Pilgrimage to Burns Bog—the “lungs” of BC's Lower Mainland. The event draws hundreds of people and illustrates the potential impacts of development, specifically the “South Fraser Perimeter Road”, on this invaluable ecosystem. It's truly inspiring to see a variety of people from all walks of life defending this vitally important “sacred space” that is not only beautiful but is critical habitat for dozens of species, and provides air and water filtration plus the capture and storage of climate-changing greenhouse gases.



Creating Community



When we **educate** people through our publications and news reports, we call this the ‘one-way conversation’. When people become interested in what we have to say they become **engaged** and contact us to learn more. We call this the ‘two way conversation’. When engaged citizens become **activated**, and contact industry and elected representatives to demand positive change, we call this the ‘three way conversation’. When enough citizens become activated, we all win!

Education

When the Wilderness Committee was founded in 1980 there was little information available to the public on the threats to Canada’s wilderness and wildlife. We focused our mission on researching, publishing and distributing information about threatened Canadian wilderness and wildlife in order to build broad public support for preservation. Thirty years later we have achieved that dream, reaching out to twelve million people every year through door-to-door canvassing; printing and distributing educational materials such as newspapers, mail-in opinion cards, and calendars; holding rallies and events; tabling booths; maintaining outreach centres in four Canadian cities; and through our web sites and media coverage. Together, these actions have helped to save millions of hectares of wilderness.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

Manitoba’s Conservation Hotspots
Ha’lukmin Tribal Park
Canada’s Threatened Bird Nursery: The Boreal Forest
BC Rivers at Risk
Saving BC’s Wild Salmon
Coal: BC’s Dirty Secret
Coal: Canada and Climate Change
Ancient Forest Forever
Protecting Canada’s Endangered Wildlife

MINI-REPORTS

Stop the Gateway to Global Warming Action Alert
Alberta and Saskatchewan Anti-nuclear mini-papers
Protection or poison: Saving a key architect of the Prairies
Rivers of Life: How some Okanagan ski resorts wreak water havoc

EVENTS, RALLIES & BOOTHS

62 events and rallies in BC, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

EDUCATIONAL CANVASS

Year-round: Greater Vancouver; Victoria; Kelowna; Calgary; Winnipeg; Toronto
Seasonal: Whistler; Squamish; Bowen Island; Gulf Islands; Sunshine Coast; Fraser Valley; Delta; Edmonton; Guelph; London, ON; Ottawa; Montreal

MAIL-IN OPINION CARDS

Manitoba’s Hot Spots Mailer Card
Salmon Card
Rivers Card re-print
Grizzly bears BC – Majestic creatures in peril
Climate Leader Card

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

Eleven websites (National Office, Victoria, Manitoba, eight campaign specific), and five email newsletters.

CALENDARS

2010 Canada’s Endangered Wilderness and Wildlife Calendars

Growing our Grassroots!

Finding opportunities for members and supporters to meet, talk through issues and take action is critical to the long-term success of the environmental movement. Some highlights of 2009-2010 include:

We have expanded our campaign to **end old-growth logging** from southern British Columbia to encompass all of BC. Citizens around the province have taken up the challenge with local groups in Whistler, Vancouver Island and the Kootenays pushing for an end to old-growth logging in their regions.

In **Clayoquot Sound**, on the west coast of Vancouver Island we worked closely with the folks at the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation’s Tribal Parks office. Together we were able to re-clear the Clayoquot Valley Witness Trail, and the trail to the top of Lone Cone Mountain on Meares Island. We also worked together to re-clear sections of the Big Tree Trail on Meares. All this has been done to advance the goal of tribal parks on Meares Island and in the Kennedy River watershed being recognized and honoured by the BC government.

In **St’át’imc First Nation** territory, located west of Lillooet BC, we continued to work with local people to see new protected areas designated. St’át’imc leaders decided to prioritize two projects: a **toxin-**

free community farm and the **clearing of their ancient trail into Lost Valley.**

The trail supports their youth programs and the community farm’s organic vegetables are distributed to the St’át’imc communities.

This year we continued our on-going battle to get industrial **salmon farms off Canada’s Pacific Coast** once and for all.

Dramatic fluctuations of the Fraser River wild sockeye salmon run continue to worry us as climate change, industrial fish farms and habitat destruction negatively impact this iconic species.

Our Manitoba office had a busy year **defending parks** and beaver away on **expanded wilderness protection in Manitoba and Ontario.** This included fending off a proposal to cut a logging road through Manitoba’s Grass River Provincial Park by working with our supporters, allies, volunteers and members to send in a tsunami of park-loving letters to the Manitoba government.



Out in the Field



Research is the backbone of the Wilderness Committee’s work. Over the years we have intensified our research programs to study, map and provide on-the-ground documentation of damage in a record number of areas. In addition, our growing expertise in Freedom of Information requests has allowed public access to important information about the state of wildlands and wildlife.

EXPEDITIONS

Boreal Forest Bird Survey, northern SK, MB & ON
Browns Creek Watershed, Okanagan
Clayoquot Sound – Kennedy Lake campsite cleanup
Clayoquot Sound – Esowista Community Farm startup
Fish Lake, proposed mine waste dump
Grass River Provincial Park, Proposed Logging Survey, MB
Home Town Forests – mid-Vancouver Island
Lost Valley/Melvin Creek/Cayoosh Mtn Range
Northern spotted owl habitat & logging surveys, and Research Camp, SW Mainland
N’Quatqua/D’Arcy Community Farm startup
Private Hydropower Proposed & New Projects, SW Mainland
Red Creek World Record Douglas-fir, Vancouver Island
Seton Portage Irrigation & Community Farm
Several MB Provincial Parks; led US film crew documenting park logging

St’át’imc Nation - Other Potential Community Farm Sites –
Bridge River, Cayoosh Creek

MAPPING PROJECTS

BC Ancient Forest
Boreal Forest Bird Nursery
Bute Inlet Proposed Private Hydropower Project
Coal & Copper Mining in Northwest BC
Coal Mining in BC and Canada
Clayoquot Sound – Ha’uukmin Tribal Park
Clayoquot Sound – Clayoquot River Valley Witness Trail
Clayoquot Sound – Meares Island Tribal Park
Clayoquot Sound – Pristine Valleys & Tribal Parks
Glacier-Howser Creeks Proposed Private Hydropower Project
Heart of the Boreal, MB & ON
Home Town Forests, mid-Vancouver Island
Lost Valley/Melvin Creek/Cayoosh Mtn Range
Manitoba Conservation Hotspots
Marbled Murrelet Critical Habitat
Northern Spotted Owl Habitat & Logging Plans
Private Hydropower Proposals across BC
Red Creek World Record Douglas-fir, Vancouver Island
Salmon Farms on BC’s Coast
South Fraser Witness Trail
Vancouver Island Ecosystems

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Climate Justice Project, forest conservation role in addressing climate change
Local environmental issues for AB, SK, ON, QC, NB, NS
Canvasses
Ontario’s new Endangered Species Legislation
Private hydropower projects
Uranium & Tarsands deposits in SK
Wild salmon rivers of northwest BC proposed mines

TRAIL PROJECTS

Clayoquot Valley Witness Trail re-clearing
Lost Valley Trail re-clearing
Lower Melvin Creek Trail
Meares Island – Big Trees Trail re-clearing
Meares Island – Lone Cone Trail
South Chilcotin Mtns/Graveyard Valley
South Fraser Witness Trail
Spider Creek Ridge, Cayoosh Range

RESEARCH REPORTS

Boreal Birds Study Guide
Marine Protected Areas

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Various on energy & private power
River water flows
Rutherford Creek Private Hydropower Project & Kiewit Corporation environmental standards



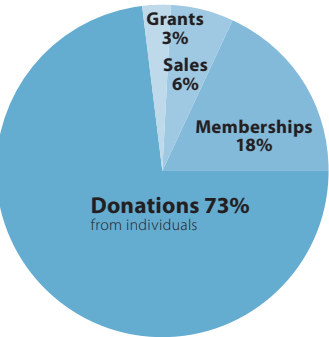
LET THE SUN SHINE IN

Over the years the Wilderness Committee has successfully used Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation, known as the ‘sunshine law’, to help protect our environment. Uncovering important information has enabled us to hold governments accountable for their actions on key environmental issues including endangered species, provincial parks and the health of Canada’s wild rivers.

Whether it is unveiling political interference in the recovery of the Vancouver Island marmot, one of Canada’s most endangered species, or generating a front page news story showing that low environmental standards are threatening the health of our rivers, the Wilderness Committee is on the front lines working to ensure that our environment is better protected by open, accountable and transparent decision-making.

Financial Statement

2009-2010 Auditor
Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton
LaBonte Chartered Accountants



2009-2010 Revenues

Similar to trends from the past five years, our revenue has increased again this year by 2% from last year. The largest increase has been due to bequests. After 30 years of successfully representing you, our members, many have been kind enough to leave a legacy. Because of this, the Wilderness Committee is on firm financial footing and able to carry out our activities to protect Canada's wild places and creatures. Thank you for thinking of us!

| REVENUE | 2010 | 2009 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Membership dues | 389,980 | 431,036 |
| Donations | 1,520,822 | 1,354,894 |
| Grant Revenue | 68,305 | 151,983 |
| Sales of educational material | 138,769 | 143,279 |
| Unreceipted donations | 51,741 | 48,403 |
| | 2,169,617 | 2,129,595 |

| EXPENDITURES | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Administration costs | 161,732 | 164,628 |
| Amortization | 17,658 | 19,283 |
| Campaign & grant project costs | 1,202,753 | 1,175,611 |
| Canvass costs | 276,688 | 418,820 |
| Membership costs | 225,371 | 211,783 |
| Sales costs | 148,337 | 153,932 |
| | 2,032,539 | 2,144,057 |

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| Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses from Operations | 137,078 | -14,462 |
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| OTHER INCOME | 2010 | 2009 |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Rental income | 13,235 | - |
| Gain on disposal of assets | 194,228 | - |
| | 207,463 | - |

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| Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses for the Year | 344,541 | -14,462 |
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| Members' equity, beginning of year | 478,067 | 492,529 |
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| Members' equity, end of year | 822,608 | 478,067 |
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| ASSETS | 2010 | 2009 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current | | |
| Cash and equivalent | 754,696 | 221,120 |
| Restricted funds | 71,046 | 67,203 |
| Short term investments | 0 | 83,741 |
| Accounts receivable | 16,456 | 16,276 |
| Inventory | 56,580 | 83,998 |
| Prepaid expenses | 16,854 | 15,215 |
| | 915,632 | 487,553 |

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|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Capital assets | 15,763 | 132,360 |
| | 931,395 | 619,913 |

| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | 2010 | 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current | | |
| Bank Indebtedness | 24,603 | 29,345 |
| Accounts payable | 84,184 | 112,501 |
| Deferred grants | - | - |
| Loans payable | - | - |
| Current portion of mortgage payable | - | - |
| | 108,787 | 141,846 |

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|------------|----------------|----------------|
| NET ASSETS | 822,608 | 478,067 |
| | 931,395 | 619,913 |

Auditors Report for the year ended 30 April 2010

To the Members of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee,
We have audited the statement of financial position of Western Canada Wilderness Committee as at April 30, 2010 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Committee's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Committee derives revenue from unreceipted donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Committee and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to unreceipted donation revenue, excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures, assets and net assets.

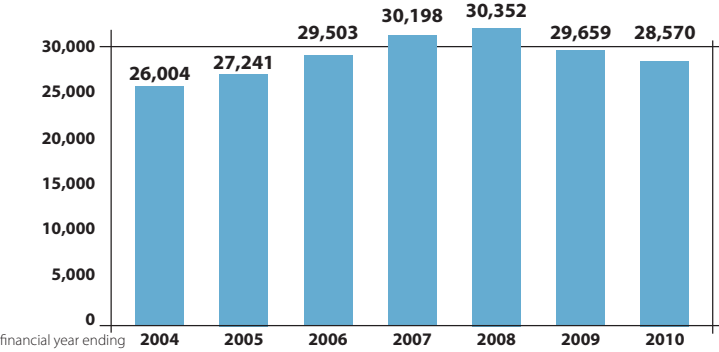
In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the unreceipted donations referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Committee as at April 30, 2010 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

"Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte"
DALE MATHESON CARR-HILTON LABONTE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
Vancouver, BC August 24, 2010



Report on Membership

The Wilderness Committee is proud to be Canada's largest membership-based wilderness preservation organization. While our actual membership numbers have declined very slightly over the past year to 28,500, we have seen an increase in our sustaining donations as members have decided to support us on a monthly basis through our Wilderness Savings Plan program. We are thankful that so many of you are making a regular commitment to protecting Canada's wilderness and wildlife!





The Wilderness Committee is Canada's largest membership-based wilderness preservation group with 60,000 members, supporters and volunteers. We've helped gain protection for over 50 major wilderness areas in Canada, including millions of hectares of critical wildlife habitats and some of the world's last large tracts of old-growth temperate rainforest and boreal forest. But much remains to be done.

Join us. Your annual membership fee makes a world of difference.

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