

**ISSUES OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO MEMBERS** (not listed in order of priority)

**1. Land Developments around Foreshore and Wharf Area**

- Foreshore is fragile riparian habitat
- Business developments using unethical, even illegal, landscaping practices, some of which are below the high water mark: cutting/killing tree saplings that threaten to impede the view of guestrooms; using gravel over landscaping fabric; using herbicides to control vegetation. Can the club promote 'softer landscaping', tree succession, and/or restoration?
- Cliff swallow nests being actively knocked down. Though the club has intervened in this before, Prestige Inn staff are now blocking nesting through the use of nets. Can we encourage installation/funding of alternate nesting habitat? We've tried this once before with no reply. Should we pursue this again?
- Can the club use *legal* action to stop illegal vegetation control below the high water mark? Can the club influence/prevent riparian activities performed by developers, including the city?
- What role does Education play? (potentially: i.e. for management and guests)
- HARRY'S ADDITIONAL NOTE: Community Building (First Nations, City Council, etc)

**2. Climate Crisis**

- Ecological collapse
- Heat domes & forest fires
- How to pressure government to ACT!
- Partner with first nations, post-secondary institutions
- Press for a Bill of Rights for Nature on specific entities such as wildlife, old-growth forests, bodies of water, etc. (A growing international movement.)
- HARRY'S ADDITIONAL NOTE: Networking

**3. Protection of Mt. Ida**

- Sacred to local First Nations
- Erosion caused by recreational vehicles
- Unique geography: bogs, stone faces, volcanic holes, views
- High altitude species of flora and fauna

**4. Club Continuity**

- Succession
- Adding 'boots on the ground'
- Maintaining: grebe count, nest boxes on foreshore, outings, Christmas bird count,
- Save Shuswap Songbirds
- Recruitment
- HARRY'S ADDITIONAL NOTE: Recruiting & Maintaining Members

**5. Protection of Local Biodiversity**

- Creating a species inventory (can't protect what we don't know)

- Using tools/partners to raise awareness: member photography, art gallery, Brighthouse Nature Center, Outdoor School
- Create calendar of local species
- Use of videos
- Education!
- Identify local species at risk
- HARRY'S ADDITIONAL NOTE: International convention on biodiversity (CBD?)

## **PROJECTS**

### **1. Larch Hills Interpretive Trail**

- Restoration of interpretive signs on targeted trail
- Fundraising potential through BCN Foundation
- Maintenance of trail/signage

### **2. Bat Research**

- Identification of bat species in the bay area
- Distribution mapping and population estimates
- Monitor diseases (such as white nose)
- Maintenance and sharing of data with other areas of BC
- Note: SABNES has unofficially committed funds left from vandalism donations for purchase of a bat detector

### **3. Gardom Lake Partnership**

- Protection of critical areas such as turtle nesting sites, loon nesting sites, etc.
- Potential for partnership with Land Trust Organizations to protect in perpetuity
- SNC partnership potential with Gardom Lake Stewardship Society

### **4. Bluebird Trail**

- Spin-off from nest box vandalism - i.e. donation of boxes and identification of local area in town with blue birds
- Continuity of volunteers to maintain boxes and data
- Unofficially committed people and boxes to get started on this