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www.thescca.ca

Environmental Issues Forum 2017 Information Sources

Sunshine Coast Conservation Association website: www.thescca.ca

Understanding Biodiversity in Coastal Forested Ecosystems: an interactive web program about biodiversity, related government policies, ecological land classifications, the role of old growth forest protection, fisheries, species at risk and more.

http://www.thescca.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=291&Itemid=217

Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds: historical summaries, spawning returns and images of 14 major salmon bearing watersheds and several smaller watersheds.

http://www.thescca.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=265&Itemid=198

Species At Risk: Law, Policy and Marbled Murrelets in the Sunshine Coast Forest District. (Marbled Murrelets are one of our region's most significant species at risk.)

http://www.thescca.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=419:bc-initiates-implementation-planning-for-two-coastal-at-risk-species&catid=17&Itemid=71

Forest Practices Board of British Columbia www.bcfpb.ca The FPB is an agency of the legislature and the public's independent forest industry watchdog. It conducts audits, investigates complaints, makes special reports and assesses the effectiveness of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. Below are a few links to many significant FPB publications.

FPB Special Investigation Report #44; FSPs: Are They Meeting Expectations? August, 2015. This report revisits the issue of Forest Stewardship Plans and finds discouraging results. The quality of FSPs in several key regards is worse than in the FPB's original 2005 analysis.

<https://www.bcfpb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/SIR44-FSP-Are-They-Meeting-Expectations.pdf>

FPB Special Report #52 *District Managers' Authority Over Forest Operations*, December, 2015. Under FRPA, public officials do not approve logging plans or any level of logging development. There are no independent government officials providing oversight and representation of the public interest in [Crown] forest logging development processes.

<https://www.bcfpb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/SR52-Resource-District-Managers.pdf>



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FPB Special Investigation Report #22; *Conservation of Species at Risk under the FRPA: Marbled Murrelets on the Sunshine Coast*; April 2008. This special investigation report is the FPB's response to a complaint from the SCCA. It assesses how the Marbled Murrelet is fairing under FRPA and what factors support and/or inhibit progress towards habitat protection.

<https://www.bcfpb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/SIR22.pdf>

Office of the BC Ombudsperson <https://www.bcombudsperson.ca/>

Public Report No. 50, *Striking a Balance: The Challenges of Using a Professional Reliance Model in Environmental Protection – British Columbia's Riparian Areas Regulation*, March, 2014. This public investigation report examines government's oversight over professionals applying the Riparian Areas Regulation of the *Fish Protection Act* and the results are not good.