

Society for Conservation Biology,  
Kingston Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Start Time- 2:30

## **Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

### **Social committee**

- Movie night within the club-documentaries, pipe problem and fish problem
- Halloween Party Aftermath-\$120 dollars raised, great costumes, everyone had a great time
- Turtle Barrier project and Petition Signing Project-
  - Nov 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (hourly shifts in biosci) for the petition signing
  - ISSUE: can hunt two turtles per day if you have a hunting license, but we are losing a lot to road kill and snapping turtles are on species to watch list, have a fact sheet
  - Create subcommittee for helping with the turtle petition signing project-send out email to get volunteers and a general email to the department to let them know it's going on
  - Can pass out clipboards during classes for students to sign the petition
  - Road side barriers would be a good spring project- sediment barriers
  - Lisa Ozanich, counselor for Kingston, previous SCB member, emailed her to ask for direction, waiting for response, how to get funds, etc...

### **Education & Programs committee**

- Emailed: Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Kingston, YMCA Kingston ,Boys & Girls Club of Kingston
- Got together to discuss fish and frogs
- Also hope to get in touch with daycares in the local area to see if they are interested

### **Issues committee**

- Transport bitumen from Alberta's oil sands to Kitmat, BC to be refined in Asia- currently in regulatory review process
- Upsetting because of so much biodiversity in Haida Gwaii and other biodiversity hotspots along the route of the pipe, would run through habitats
- DEBATE: Colin Kinsley(for) vs. Frank Wolf ( against), went through debate points to spark discussion
- Write letter to Stephen Harper to explain our concern, focus on conservation aspects
- Will email the link to online petitions and CBC interview

- This isn't clean oil (dirty oil) therefore it will lead to green house gases and abrupt climate changes
- Alexander Morton- opposing the salmon fish farmers because these fish carry diseases (influenza virus), and can transfer it to other parts of the world via fish eggs, food chain, etc...
- Contact the Vancouver chapter and Toronto chapter to consider writing a letter concerning the salmon issue
- Next week: use of oil dispersants, fish farming issues, over fishing,
- Toronto-Banned shark fin soup in
- Bio 321 experiment- raised the sample size to ten per person, so 30 per group if it is a group of 3 people, emailed professor regarding concerns on how the animals are "disposed" of after (fish)

### **Photo contest committee**

- Atrium booked for the week we wanted 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>
- Found a speaker- Daniel Cadieux – and judge
- 2pm Saturday, meet in front of biosci for the prize collection process

### **Finances**

- Still collecting \$5 membership fees

End of meeting-3:23