

Society for Conservation Biology  
Kingston chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
Start Time- 1:30

## **Feb 7th, 2012**

### **Social committee**

- Valentine's Day bake sale? Sell flower seeds?
  - Give by donation, table in biosci atrium
  - Bring baked goods by 10am
- March 8<sup>th</sup> speaker (Bill M.) , chronic effects of oil pollution, see past weekly minutes for further information
  - Bill giving a departmental talk as well on sea bird tracking, in order to reduce the funding expenditures- WHEN?

### **Education & Programs committee**

- Biodiversity day
  - Ann Robinson, Kingston field naturalists: busy for earth day so hope to get a representative
  - Steve the flying squirrel guy, \$600 & endangered Ontario species presentation, \$300: budget concerns? Grants?
  - Apply for \$800 dollars from each individual grant

### **Sustainability committee**

- Next week, flower transplantation, don't know if it will be ready for valentine's day

### **Issues committee**

- Feature Creature: The Spirit Bear (Kermode Bear)
  - Great Bear Rainforest
  - BC made 1/3 of the rainforest off to logging but now the rainforest is in danger for the planned oil pipe project
  - White variant of the north American black bear, advantage to fishing during the day
  - The pipeline goes right through the rainforest, could threaten the population of the bear as a leak would affect the salmon, the bears main food source
- First Article-Tracking the grey whale in order to understand their migration and breeding habits, sustain/preserve their population
- Second Article-Oil pollution dumped by ships, they can fingerprint the oil and connect it to the ships that dumped it, fine and prosecute culprits, done by Environment Canada
- Turtle barrier update: met with Lin- environmental science, the first year of our plan should be more of a monitoring year, to see how many turtles are being hit in the areas of concern
  - March through July, need helpers to monitor and collect data
  - Hire a student? To monitor and maintain the gardens

### **Photo contest committee**

- Submit online as well as pay online for the pictures to be printed
- Send out an scb list serve email for volunteers

End of meeting- 2:20