



**Welcome to the B.C. Wildlife Federation's
68th Annual General Meeting & Convention
"Community of Conservation"**



Wednesday, April 10th, 2024—Evening Event—Meet & Greet

3:00 PM—7:00 PM	Registration	Coast Capri Hotel, Ballroom Foyer
6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Meet & Greet Reception	<p>Coast Capri Hotel, Ballroom Foyer</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming BCWF Delegates to the 68th Annual General Meeting & Convention at the Meet & Greet Reception.</p> <p>Hors d'oeuvres will be served between 6:30 PM—9:00 PM and the cash bar will be available until 8:30 PM.</p> <p>The BCWF Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Staff are looking forward to welcoming you!</p>

Thursday, April 11th, 2024—Evening Event—Club Night

7:00 AM—3:45 PM	AGM & Convention	Coast Capri Hotel—See schedule for details
4:15 PM—5:00 PM	Club Night Event Transportation	<p>Transportation will be available for Club Night, being held at the Kelowna Fish & Game Club, from 4:15 PM—5:00 PM.</p> <p>Should you require transportation, please gather outside the Lobby at the Coast Capri. Buses will be available to transport Delegates to the Club between the above hours.</p>
5:00 PM—9:30 PM	Club Night	<p>Region 8—Okanagan welcomes Delegates to Club Night! An evening of fun, fellowship, fundraising and prizes and especially delicious food!</p> <p>Club Night will include a horn pull, raffles, and other FUNd-raising activities. A catered buffet is included along with the opportunity to have a great time with other Delegates from throughout B.C..</p>

Friday, April 12th, 2024—Evening Event—Fundraising Banquet

7:00 AM—3:45 PM	AGM & Convention	See schedule on following pages for details
5:00 PM—6:00 PM	Reception	<p>Coast Capri Hotel—Ballroom Foyer, Ballroom</p> <p>Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and the cash bar will be open. The BCWF Auction and other fundraising activities will be open so be ready to bid and play to win some amazing prizes!</p>
6:00 PM—10:00 PM	BCWF Fundraising Banquet featuring a Complimentary Wild Game Buffet	<p>Opportunities to raise funds and win big will be plentiful with an Online Silent Auction, Live Auction, Horn Pulls, Raffles and a 50/50, come prepared to win!</p> <p>With a variety of wild game & fish expertly prepared by the Chef at the Coast Capri to delight your senses!</p>

Saturday, April 13th, 2024—Evening Event—BCWF Awards Gala

7:00 AM—4:00 PM	AGM & Convention	See schedule on following pages for details
5:00 PM—6:00 PM	Reception	<p>Coast Capri Hotel—Ballroom Foyer, Ballroom</p> <p>Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and the cash bar will be open.</p>
6:00 PM—10:00 PM	BCWF Awards Gala	<p>We are pleased to celebrate BCWF members and volunteers of the BCWF and their dedication to the Vision, Mission and Values of the BCWF and the Community of Conservation we advocate for.</p>

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7:00 AM—8:00 AM	Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM—8:15 AM	Opening Ceremony	Piper— John Murray , Kelowna Pipe Band Society Honour Guard —Conservation Officer Services Moment of Silence & Opening Prayer First Nations Land Acknowledgement Councillor Maxine DeHart , Representing the City of Kelowna Honourable MLA Nathan Cullen , Virtual Presentation
8:15 AM—8:30 AM	B.C. Wildlife Federations Call to Order	Adoption of Rules of Order Adoption of 2024 AGM & Convention Agenda Adoption of 2023 AGM Minutes President's Address—David Lewis , President
8:30 AM—9:30 AM	Keynote	Jen Shears , Wild Food, Fun & Family Chris Everett , Weatherby
9:30 AM—9:45 AM	Nominations Committee Report	Wilf Pfeiderer , Past President, BCWF
9:45 AM—10:00 AM	Break	Ballroom Foyer
10:00 AM—10:45 AM	Plenary	Jesse Zeman , Executive Director, BCWF Neil Fletcher , Director of Conservation Stewardship
10:45 AM—11:15 AM	Plenary	"Clean that dirty boat! Keeping B.C. Invasive Mussel Free" James Littley , C.D., M.A., Deputy Administrator Okanagan Basin Water Board
11:15 AM—12:00 PM	Resolutions	Mark McDonald , Resolutions Committee Chair, VP BCWF
12:00 PM—1:00 PM	Lunch	Ballroom Foyer
1:00 PM—1:30 PM	Plenary	Geoff Giesbrecht , Hatchery Manager, Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery, Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.
1:30 PM—2:00 PM	Plenary	Ken Ashley —climate change effect on small lakes and what this means to anglers (20 min + 10 Q&A)
2:00 PM—2:15 PM	Break	Ballroom Foyer
2:15 PM—3:15 PM	Breakout Sessions	Vineyard Rooms 2, 3, 4 —See door signs for session info 1. Hunting and Fishing —David Lewis, President & Gerry Paille, Region 7B President & Wildlife Committee Chair 2. Advocacy Update—Election 2024 —Steve Hamilton, Advocacy Coordinator, Kevin Podrasky, Committee Chair 3. IMIS—Information Systems Upgrade Update —Jesse Zeman, Executive Director
3:15 PM—3:45 PM	Plenary	Cait Nelson , Wildlife Health Biologist, B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
3:45 PM	Adjourn	
4:15 PM—5:00 PM	Transportation to Club Night	Delegates needing transportation, meet at Coast Capri Lobby
5:00 PM—9:30 PM	Club Night	Kelowna Fish & Game Club —Activities, Fundraiser & Dinner Address —4087 Casorso Rd, Kelowna, BC V1W 4N6

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7:00 AM—8:00 AM	Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM—8:15 AM	Call to Order 2nd Call for Nominations	David Lewis , President Wilf Pfeleiderer , Past President, Nominations Committee Dave White , Past President, Nominations Committee
8:15 AM—9:45 AM	Closed Session	Registered Delegates Only (No guests or staff permitted)
9:45 AM—10:30 AM	Plenary	"History of Wildlife Conservation in B.C." Jennifer Bonnell , Department of History, York University
10:30 AM—10:45 AM	Break	Ballroom Foyer
10:45 AM—11:00 AM	Plenary	Dan Buffet , Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
11:00 AM—12:00 PM	Resolutions	Mark McDonald , Resolutions Committee Chair, VP BCWF
12:00 PM—1:00 PM	Lunch	Ballroom Foyer
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2:00 PM—2:15 PM	Break	Ballroom Foyer
2:15 PM—3:15 PM	Breakout Sessions	Vineyard Rooms 2, 3, 4 —See door signs for session info 1. Firearms —Gary Mauser 2. Advocacy Update—Election 2024 —Steve Hamilton, Advocacy Coordinator, Kevin Podrasky, Committee Chair 3. Programs (BCWF programs) —Chris Lim, Director of Operations and Engagement, & Elyssa Weickert, Youth Education Coordinator—Education and Volunteer Engagement, Fishing Forever, Women's Programs, CORE
3:15 PM—3:30 PM	Plenary	Renee Merrifield , MLA for Kelowna-Mission, Shadow Minister for Environment & Climate Change, Technology & Innovation
3:30 PM—3:45 PM	Plenary	John Rustad , MLA Nechako Lakes
3:45 PM	Adjourn	
5:00 PM—6:00 PM	Reception	Coast Capri Hotel—Ballroom Foyer
6:00 PM—10:00 PM	BCWF Fundraiser Banquet featuring complimentary Wild Game Buffet	Coast Capri Hotel—Ballroom

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6:45 AM	Registration Opens	Coast Capri Hotel—Ballroom Foyer
6:45 AM—8:00 AM	Youth Delegate & Life Member Breakfast	Coast Capri—Vineyard Room 2 Master of Ceremonies—Wilf Pfeleiderer , Past President Tales from the CO Service Greg Hoyer , former Conservation Officer & Cameron Schley , Chief Conservation Officer, B.C. Conservation Officer Service
7:00 AM—8:00 AM	Delegates Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM—8:15 AM	Call to Order 3rd Call for Nominations	David Lewis , President Wilf Pfeleiderer , Past President, Nominations Committee Dave White , Past President, Nominations Committee
8:15 AM—8:45 AM	Plenary	Dr. Adam Ford , Asst Professor, Canada Research Chair in Wildlife Restoration Ecology, UBC
8:45 AM—9:15 AM	Plenary	Cameron Schley —Chief Conservation Officer, BC Conservation Officer Service
9:15 AM—9:45 AM	Plenary	Murdoch McAllister —Interior Fraser Steelhead
9:45 AM—10:00 AM	Break	Ballroom Foyer
10:00 AM—11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions	Vineyard 2, 3, 4 —See door signs for session info 1. Recreational Firearms & Sports Shooting —Doug Bancroft, Region 1 President, RSS Committee Chair 2. Advocacy Update—Election 2024 —Steve Hamilton, Advocacy Coordinator, Kevin Podrasky, Committee Chair 3. IMIS—Information Systems Upgrade Update —Jesse Zeman, Executive Director
11:00 AM—11:45 AM	Plenary	Dr. Chloe Wright, PhD —SIMDeer Project Update
11:45 AM—12:00 PM	Plenary	John Shepherd —B.C. Conservation Foundation
12:00 PM—1:00 PM	Lunch	Club Cavalcade Presentation —Ballroom Foyer
1:00 PM—1:15 PM	Plenary	Owen Bird , Sport Fishing Institute of B.C.
1:15 PM—1:30 PM	Plenary	Tracy Gray , MP, Kelowna-Lake Country
1:30 PM—1:45 PM	Plenary	Jesse Zeman , Executive Director, BCWF—Whirling Disease
1:45 PM—2:15 PM	Closed Session	Registered Delegates Only (No guests or staff permitted)
2:15 PM—2:30 PM	Break	Ballroom Foyer
2:30 PM—3:45 PM	BCWF Elections	Introduction of Candidates Election Moderator—Wilf Pfeleiderer , Past President, Nominations Committee
3:45 PM—4:00 PM	Closing	Ratification & Destruction of Ballots Presentation of Board of Directors
4:00 PM	Adjourn	
5:00 PM—10:00 PM	B.C. Wildlife Federation Awards Gala	Coast Capri Hotel—Ballroom Master of Ceremonies —Les Husband, Past Presidents Advisory Council 5:00 PM—Reception 6:00 PM—Dinner (Buffet) 7:00 PM—Award Presentations

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