



The Jim Pojar Award

The Jim Pojar Award honours the author(s) of an outstanding recent publication appearing in any format that contributes to the understanding or sustainability of natural and cultural resources in northwest BC. Winners of the award will receive a certificate, public recognition for their contribution, and are encouraged to highlight the award in their curriculum vitae.

1. Who is eligible?

Any individual or group who through a publication has made a significant contribution to the public appreciation or scholarly understanding of the ecological and human dimensions of natural resource use, and/or the sustainability of natural resources in northwest BC. The publication will preferably have been released within the previous five years. Some portion of the work must have been undertaken in northwest BC. Eligibility is not restricted to residents of northwest BC or members of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre.

2. Who can nominate?

Anyone, including those whose work is to be recognized.

3. What should be included in a nomination package?

The nomination package should include:

- a) name(s) and contact information for the nominator(s) and the author(s);
- b) a copy of the publication;
- c) a justification (1000 word maximum) explaining the relevance and merits of the publication relative to the award; and
- d) identification of the funder(s) of the work.

4. Who is on the evaluation committee?

The evaluation committee is composed of at least three individuals, of which at least one must be a member of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre and at least one must be external.

5. How will the evaluation committee select a winner?

Nominations shall be evaluated against the following criteria:

- a) the scientific and/or literary quality of the publication, including any of the following: creativity and originality; novel insights; clarity of communication; technical achievements in research and analytical methods; impact, measured by means of citation index, copies sold, media coverage, etc.; other awards won by the publication; technical soundness (depth and clarity of thought, evidence of integration or interdisciplinary content)
- b) contribution to understanding or achievement of sustainability in northwest BC in any of its ecological and human dimensions. For guidance, please refer to the Mission, Vision and Values of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre as outlined in its Strategic Plan (<http://www.bvcentre.ca>).

NOTE: The committee may choose not to designate a winner every year if, in its opinion, none of the publications nominated meets the high standards expected of the award.

6. Timeframe

Nominations should be sent to info@bvcentre.ca or mailed to Bulkley Valley Research Centre, Box 4274, Smithers, BC, V0J 2N0. **Deadline: February 9, 2018.** The Jim Pojar Award will be presented at the Bulkley Valley Research Centre's Annual General Meeting, typically held in March.