



Bulkeley Valley Research Centre Awards 2013

At the event, the centre handed out three awards. The Jim Pojar Award honours a recent publication that contributes to natural resource sustainability in the Northwest. This year, a joint nomination resulted in two forestry books, both published by Island Press in 2008/09 and authored by local forest scientists, being awarded the honour. The award was accepted by Salvage Logging and its Ecological Consequences co-author Phil Burton and A Critique of Silviculture, Managing for Complexity co-author Dave Coates.

Two nominees for the Irving Fox Award both spoke this fall at the Enbridge Northern Gateway hearings in Prince George. The winner, Dave Bustard, has over 40 years experience as an aquatic biologist and one of the original members of the Association of Professional Biology of B.C. Bustard recently prepared a report on the potential fisheries effects of an oil spill from the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline. According to the nomination, he undertook this task realizing that government agencies, such as DFO, were no longer able to provide comments on the effects of a pipeline rupture on fish and habitat.

Also nominated for the Irving Fox Award was Pat Moss, who has worked on local environmental and cultural issues since the late 1970s. Although she did not receive the award, the selection committee strongly recommended Moss be nominated again in the future. The Irving Fox Award is given for lifetime achievement.

Since 2009, the BVRC has honoured community engagement with the Volunteer Award. This year's recipient was Bob Henderson, who has been involved with the local Community Resources Board and the Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP). Henderson accepted the award on behalf of all who have worked hard on the RAMP process.