



Cowichan Estuary Restoration
& Conservation Association

Presents:

COWICHAN BATS AND THEIR IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL ROLES

Where: Large Lecture Theatre, Vancouver Island University, Duncan Campus, 2011 University Way, North Cowichan

When: June 5th, World Water Day, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Door Prize: For students attending, there will be a draw for the door prize ‘Bats of British Columbia’ book by Cori L. Lausen, David W. Nagorsen, R. Mark Brigham and Jared Hobbs, signed by Dr. Cori L. Lausen

Program

Moderator: Bernhard H.J. Juurlink

7:00: Introduction - Goetz Schuerholz, Wildlife Ecologist & Chair of CERCA

7:10: The Roles of Bats in Our Ecosystems – Tim Ennis, Conservation Biologist & Regional Coordinator, North Island Chapter of the BC Community Bat Program

7:35: Bats and their Viruses: Are We to Blame for our “Bat Virus” Pandemics? – Vikram Misra, Professor emeritus, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan

8:00 – 8:10: Break & Door Prize Draw

8:10: North American Bat Monitoring Program (NABat) – Jesse Patterson, Ecosystems Section Head, Ministry of Water, Land, & Resource Stewardship, BC

8:25: Community Bat Programs of BC – Linda Brooymans, Stewardship Manager, Nanaimo & Area Land Trust

8:40: The Importance of Wildlife Trees for Bats – Christoph Steeger, Professional Wildlife Biologist

9:05: CERCA Bat Acoustic Monitoring in the Cowichan Valley Regional District – Bill Heath (Marine & Freshwater Biologist & Co-Chair of CERCA) & Cliff Stainsby (Environmentalist)

FREE ADMISSION