

South Okanagan Conservation Fund Technical Advisory Committee Candidates



Adam Ford, Ph.D. Adam is an Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair of Wildlife Restoration Ecology at UBC Okanagan. He is a Liber Ero Fellow in Conservation Science and holds a PhD in Zoology, MA in Biology and BSc Honours with Distinction in Geography. His conservation science and research has taken him from Vancouver Island to the Rocky Mountains and the African savanna. In 2015, Adam was the recipient of the American Association for the Advancement of Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists winner “Ecology and Environment” category, the T.W.M. Cameron award for Outstanding PhD Thesis from the Canadian Society of Zoologists, and the Governor General’s Academic Gold Medal Award for Top PhD Dissertation in the 2014- 2015 Graduating Class, from the University of British Columbia.



Carrie Terbasket is born from the waters of the Similkameen Valley located in the southern portion of Okanagan Territory; an area containing some of the most threatened ecosystems and species in Canada. Carrie is an active spokeswoman for the preservation of the natural world. She believes that women have a distinct and sacred connection to the land and water and as such must have a place in the forefront of land based discussions and decision-making. She recently completed her second term on the National Aboriginal Council on Species at Risk (NACOSAR), a council responsible to advise the federal Minister of Environment on the administration of the Species at Risk Act (SARA). Throughout her career she has always been a strong advocate for meaningful and direct leadership by her community in the conservation arena throughout the Okanagan Nation and beyond. Carrie is committed to *Naqsm’ist*, an nsylxcen word for “Many Becoming One”, by creating healthy relationships that facilitate respectful movement towards environmental conservation. Carrie has a strong belief and value system deeply rooted in the protection of all tmix^w and her work reflects that. She believes that having the sylx perspective guide environmental policy and programming initiatives will ensure the survival of All Our Relations for tomorrow and always. Most importantly, Carrie is the proud mother of Madison, Liam, and Abigail.

Darcy Henderson Ph.D. Conservation, management, restoration, and enhancement of fish and



wildlife populations and habitats have been Darcy’s vocation for more than 26 years. This includes practical experience working in commercial forestry, fisheries, wetlands and waterfowl, livestock and range management, and parks management. Over that time he has been

employed by Provincial, Federal, and First Nations governments as well as corporations and not-for profit groups. Darcy's initial training and experience grew into teaching at post-secondary colleges and universities, including currently as an Adjunct Professor of Biology at UBC Okanagan. Darcy has been employed by the Canadian Wildlife Service (Environment and Climate Change Canada) since 2006, and as a grasslands restoration ecologist, protected areas biologist and now as a senior species at risk biologist. Darcy has experience with fund management, as signing authority for \$7 million annually under four federal funding programs to support a variety of stewardship, outreach, traditional ecological knowledge, and land securement initiatives delivered by non-profit and municipal government sectors.



Eva Durance. Since relocating to the Penticton area from Ontario in 1990, Eva has been involved in a wide variety of environmental, naturalist, agricultural, and community initiatives and projects, in some instances as a private contractor and in others as a volunteer. Having retired from paid work last year, Eva continues in a volunteer capacity as Caretaker for the Vaseux Lake Important Bird & Biodiversity Area and as an active member of BC Nature's Conservation Committee as well as assisting with projects of the South Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship Society and Burrowing Owl Society of BC. She looks forward to working with other committee members and administrators on the Conservation Fund Technical Advisory Committee.



Judy Millar, RPBio. Judy's expertise is deeply rooted in ecological restoration, fire and fuel management, Mountain Pine Beetle, invasive species, as well as conservation and natural resources policy, planning and management in BC. She recently retired with over 20 years' experience in the provincial government, Ministry of Environment and BC Parks as a District Natural Resources Officer, Ecosystems Biologist, Mountain Pine Beetle Restoration Specialist, and Manager of Conservation. During her career, Judy was a member of the Landscape Fire Management Planning Working Group, Board member of the Provincial Invasive Species Council and Prescribed Fire Council, Director of the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada, Chair of the Manning Park Fuel Management Project, and Chair of the White Lake Ecosystem Planning Group. Judy is a Registered Professional Biologist, recipient of the provincial Ecosystems Officer of the Year Award, and one of the founding members of the South Okanagan Weed Committee.



Orville Dyer is a wildlife and ecosystems biologist with 35 years of experience, specifically in species and ecosystems at risk with the Province of BC in the South Okanagan region. Inventory, monitoring species re-introduction, wildlife/agriculture conflicts, environmental education, habitat restoration, enhancement, science based conservation planning, species at risk recovery planning and implementation have been at the centre of Orville's work. He has participated in many significant conservation initiatives in the South Okanagan and including the designation of the South Okanagan Wildlife Management Area, the Critical Areas Program, the Habitat Atlas, South Okanagan Conservation Strategy, and the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy *Keeping Nature in Our Future*. Orville has chaired, co-chaired or participated in recovery/management planning for over 40 federal SARA listed species, the SOSCP Science Team, the SOSCP Executive, and the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation Technical Review Committee. Orville is a member of the College of Applied Biology in BC, and recently received a BC Nature Recognition Award in 2017.



Steve Matthews RPBio. Steve has over 34 years' experience in provincial freshwater fisheries management in all habitat types (large lakes, small lakes, rivers and streams), including extensive experience in sport fishery management, fish and fish habitat inventory, fish stock assessment, habitat restoration/enhancement, fish culture, and habitat impact evaluations. Steve spent 8 years as primary decision authority for all aspects of fish and wildlife management in the Thompson Okanagan Region including 4 years managing multiple government programs (Fish and Wildlife, Ecosystems and Parks Sections). Steve has chaired and participated in a large number of regional and provincial fish and wildlife committees, and has led the development and delivery of many large scale projects and initiatives including the Okanagan River Restoration Initiative (Premiers Award), and the Okanagan Lake Kokanee Recovery Plan (HCTF Silver Award). Following retirement from the provincial government in March 2012, he has been providing consulting services specializing in program planning, project management, and large scale fish habitat restoration.