



SPEAKERS SERIES

Killer Whales and Legal Tales

Ecojustice lawyer Devon Page explains what's needed to save BC's endangered species
Free Public Lecture

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT	<p>Cowichan Watershed Board is pleased to welcome Vancouver-based Devon Page, environmental lawyer and Executive Director of Eco-Justice (formerly Sierra Legal Defense Fund) to deliver the first Speaker Series lecture of 2019. This event is co-sponsored by Cowichan Valley Naturalists and VIU Cowichan.</p> <p>Devon will focus on the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whale, and what legal tools can be leveraged to save them. These fish-eating whales spend much of their lives in the Salish Sea, including near Cowichan Bay. Currently only 75 individuals remain, with declines attributed in part to fewer Chinook salmon, their dominant prey.</p> <p>Some of the Chinook salmon needed to support killer whale survival originate in the Cowichan watershed, making this topic particularly relevant for Cowichan residents.</p>
WHEN	Thursday Feb. 28th 7:00-8:30 pm
WHERE	VIU Cowichan Campus, 2011 University Way, Duncan, BC. Lecture Hall – Rm 140
COST	Free. All welcome.



About the Speaker: Devon Page is the Executive Director of Ecojustice, Canada's largest environmental law charity. Devon spent his first seven years at Ecojustice channeling his love of wilderness into protecting Canada's endangered birds, wildlife and fish. Devon obtained the first injunction in Canada to stop logging in old-growth forests home to an endangered species — the northern spotted owl — and launched the first cases under federal species at risk legislation. Devon became Executive Director in 2008 and has focused on enhancing Ecojustice's effectiveness by emphasizing litigation around key environmental and legal priorities, and expanding Ecojustice's operations from British Columbia and Ontario to Alberta and the Maritimes.

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