



DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 26, 2020

It's the week of Hallowe'en. Those who are late to the game are compelled to put up their decorations, covering trees, hedges, railings and windows with plastic cobwebs, spiders, ghosts, skeletons and the odd giant inflatable pumpkin. A few homes have a handful of Jack-o-Lanterns on their step, one for each member of the household I assume. I came home yesterday from a walk to find our neighbour stringing dollar-store décor across willow limbs that I know are frequented by small songbirds every day, yet I found myself complimenting her efforts even as I thought of tangled little feathers. WHY. Why am I here drinking coffee, trying to get the courage to change my corner of the world?


GENERAL UPDATES

Hello **Emily Pejic**, good luck with starting your placement with **the Marine Education & Research Society** this week! Working virtually from Ontario, Katie will help to develop a central and collaborative Province-wide Humpback Whale Catalogue. Welcome, welcome! Check out the [Maps](#) to learn more about this placement.

The next Ocean Awards Lecture will be taking place this **Thursday, October 29th** @ 1pm (Pacific). Dr. Alejandro Frid was awarded the Conservation & Research Communication Award for his work towards more holistic fishery objectives that are grounded in Indigenous knowledge and ecology.

Also coming up – SHARKTOBER! Dive in (for free) with legendary diver and ocean conservationist Dr. Sylvia Earle, Liz Taylor and shark experts on **Thursday, October 29th** @ 3pm (Pacific). What's cooler than listening to a show about sharks? Getting to ask Sylvia Earle all your questions about sharks. This episode focuses on **Minorities in Shark Sciences with Carlee, Jasmine, Amani, and Jaida**.

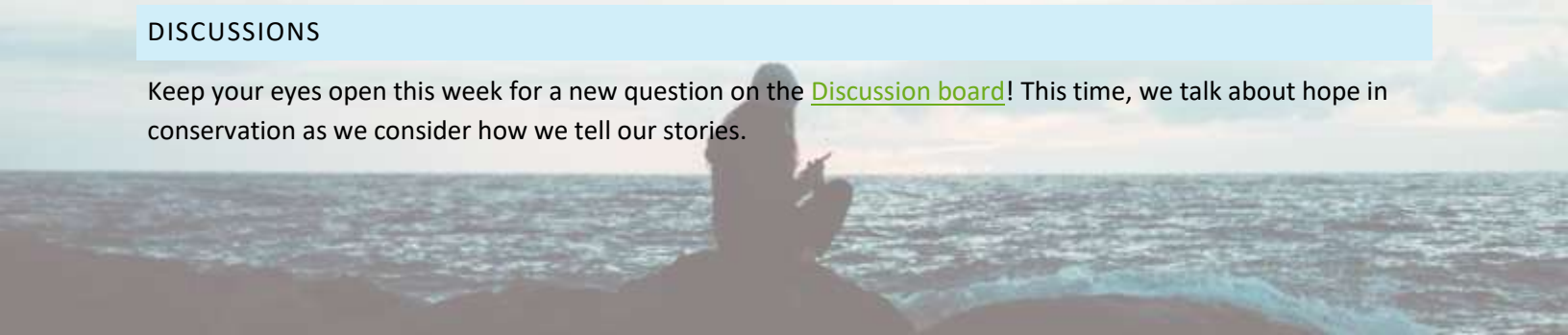
ACTIVITIES

Prepare your spooky selves for this Friday, October 30th!  Join your DA counterparts for some fun games and conversation. This is the first opportunity to get to know each other a bit more, so log in to say hello!

We love reading your [Blogs](#) and seeing your photos in the [Gallery](#). Take a minute to share what you're up to! In a virtual world, these give us a glimpse into your world and how you do your #oceandirectaction.

DISCUSSIONS

Keep your eyes open this week for a new question on the [Discussion board](#)! This time, we talk about hope in conservation as we consider how we tell our stories.





SPINY SAYS...

Lessons from the Lumpsucker.



It's right behind me, isn't it...

WEEKLY FUN FACT

Pumpkins are fruits, like watermelons are fruits and like gourds are fruits... they've got seeds on the inside! Pumpkin literally comes from a word meaning 'large melon.' Also, the first foods to be carved for Hallowe'en weren't pumpkins at all – people carved turnips or potatoes until North Americans discovered that pumpkins were a much easier alternative.

Yeah, but can you make watermelon pie?



At least I don't need to be COOKED.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Fiction gives us empathy: it puts us inside the minds of other people, gives us the gifts of seeing the world through their eyes. Fiction is a lie that tells us true things, over and over."

- Neil Gaiman

LAUGH OF THE WEEK



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Have an amazing week!