DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Our job is to activate souls toward conservation, says Carlos Drews, Executive Vice President of Conservation at Ocean Wise. While it often feels like it takes a jolt of lightening à la Frankenstein, it's not impossible to plant seeds of empathy and connection. These we can work with, these we can grow.

Tell stories, he says. Take others on your journey and, as much as you can, immerse them in your experience that led you to where you are today as an Earth citizen, scientist or conservationist. Write, speak, draw or teach your stories, and in telling, re-enchant the souls around you.

GENERAL UPDATES

About those technical difficulties last Friday, we had a talk with the resident Webex poltergeists and they've promised, very sincerely, that they'll never pull that kind of nonsense again. We don't believe them for a minute. Thanks for bearing with us and we hope you had a fun call!

There are some awesome Resources on the website. Want to learn more about a public UBC Seminar Series on Oceans, Fisheries and Freshwater Systems? Need to create interactive presentations from your kitchen table, because that's how we stay safe in 2020? Thanks, Katrice!

ACTIVITIES

TODAY, November 2nd at 10am (PT) / 1pm (ET), the Atlantic Ocean Bridge Cohort hosts a **National Call** that will explore intersectionality in environmentalism through the question: What does racism have to do with habitat destruction? Click here to register!

THIS WEEK is the final SHARKTOBER episode! Dive in (for free) with legendary diver and ocean conservationist Dr. Sylvia Earle, Liz Taylor and shark experts on **Thursday, November 5th** @ 3pm (Pacific). Victoria Vásquez talks about her work in the lab and the discovery of the lantern shark, and the importance of connecting careers in science and ocean study to underserved communities.

NEXT WEEK, November 11th at 12pm (PT) / 3pm (ET) join the Pacific Ocean Bridge Cohort on their **National Call** with Dr. John Iacozza. Check out the Calendar to register for free.
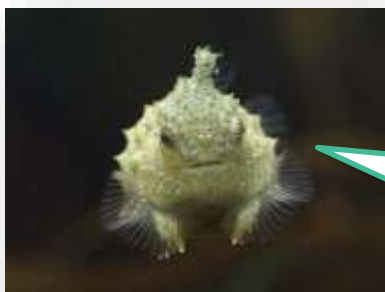
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DISCUSSIONS

There's a new question on the Discussion board. How do we frame our stories? This question asks about hope in conservation. You're always welcome to add to any conversation you see on the board! As always, if there's something you want to talk about, you can start your own thread in the Youth Forum 😊

SPINY SAYS…

Lessons from the Lumpsucker.

Do you have a piece of paper? Good. Use it. Start to write, it doesn't matter about what. Write what you see, write what you feel or what you wish for. Write about shadows and interactions. Sometimes seeing yourself on a page is the best way to learn things about yourself that were too deep to see before.

WEEKLY FUN FACT

In other news, a recent study published by the science journal Mammalia describes how platypuses – who you might have thought were strange enough already and who also take home the prize for one of the most adorable creatures on the planet - can GLOW. They are one of three known biofluorescent mammals, including opossums and flying squirrels.

I sparkle, thanks for noticing!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To the sensing body, *no* thing presents itself as utterly passive or inert. *Only by affirming the animateness of perceived things do we allow our words to emerge directly from the depths of our ongoing reciprocity with the world.*"

- David Abram, *The Spell of the Sensuous*

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Have an amazing week!