



DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

JANUARY 5, 2021

Welcome to 2021! Wishing everyone all the best, and may your many dreams and goals become manifest with the New Year. There's only more daylight from here on out. Personally, my motivation is high to do all the things, even if in practice it's difficult to focus in these first few days after the holiday. Abrupt change is never easy, I've discovered, and so I can only do my best to figure out the transition times as I attempt to squish myself back into a schedule.

Lucky for me I get to work with all of you!

GENERAL UPDATES

This week, we break all the records and are very excited to welcome 7 new participants to Direct Action:

Alice Brown-Dussault	North Coast Cetacean Research Initiative
Ayla Markowski	Ocean Wise Research, Howe Sound Citizen Science
Janel Saydam	Parks Canada, Pacific Rim
Jayme Winick	Parks Canada, Marine Tourism & Transportation
Maia McLellan	Marine Education & Research Society
Meg Hull	Ocean Wise Research, Conservation Genetics
Samantha Arevalo	Parks Canada, Ontario Waterways

Each of our participants is working in different areas of marine and aquatic conservation; check out the [Maps](#) to learn more!

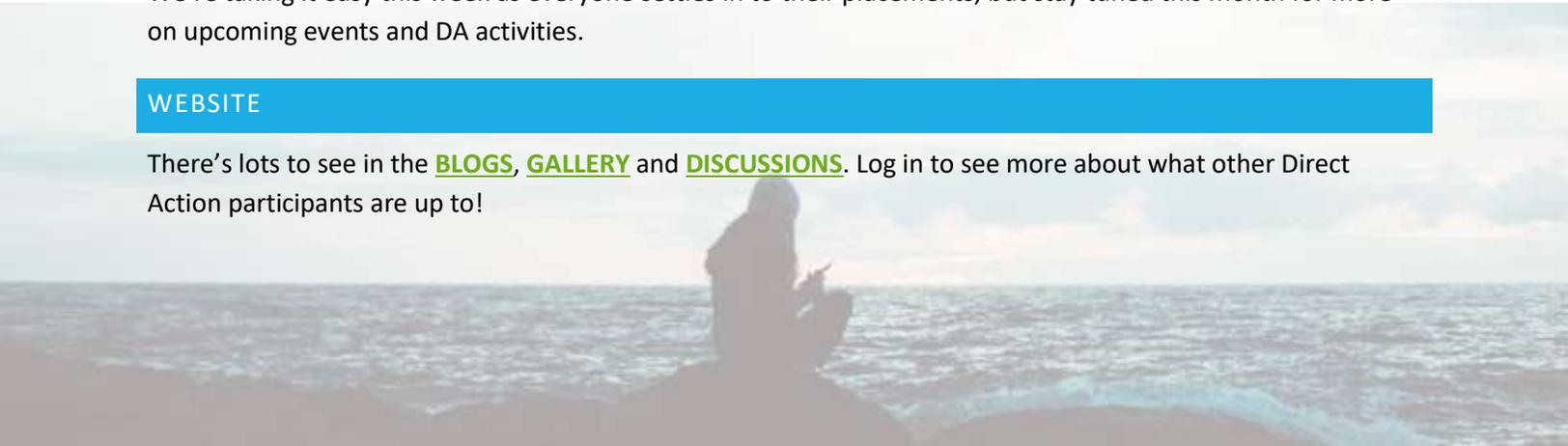
We also want to congratulate Jass Baidwan and Katrice Baur, who wrapped up their placements at the end of December. We're so proud of what they've accomplished and no doubt they'll continue to do fantastic work!

ACTIVITIES

We're taking it easy this week as everyone settles in to their placements, but stay tuned this month for more on upcoming events and DA activities.

WEBSITE

There's lots to see in the [BLOGS](#), [GALLERY](#) and [DISCUSSIONS](#). Log in to see more about what other Direct Action participants are up to!





SPINY SAYS...

Lessons from the Lumpsucker.



Find out if you have a wetland nearby. Bogs, marshes and swamps are incredible water purifiers and create unique ecosystems. Only about 14% of Canada is wetland, and those that remain are at risk, so take a few minute to admire the greatness!

WEEKLY FUN FACT

Pluto hasn't made a full orbit around the sun since it was discovered in 1930.

And here you thought time moved slowly during lockdown!



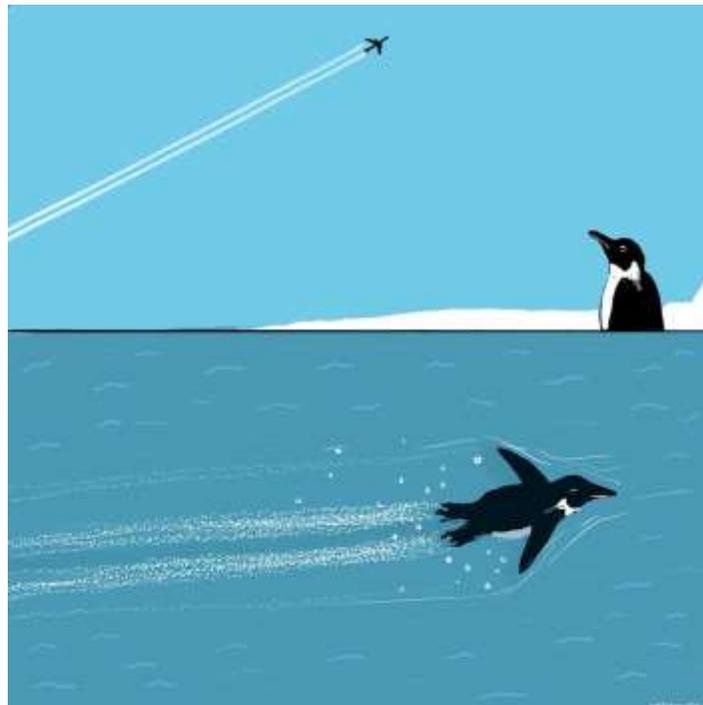
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”

- Marie Curie



LAUGH OF THE WEEK



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Have an amazing week!