



DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

JANUARY 18, 2021

Even here in Vancouver it's too early for flowers, but the sun is shining today for the first time in a long time and it feels like spring may not be so far away after all. It's strange to associate hope with the weather, but that's undoubtedly what I'm doing even as I stare at the frost covering a corner of my roof that I know sunlight will never touch directly. Still, it will thaw eventually. From my bedroom office, I can only imagine how that light will feel but hopefully it will come close enough to touch. I'm basically a cat searching for a warm spot to recharge.

GENERAL UPDATES

Last week marked Katie Schulze's last day in her placement with Riparia. Thank you, Katie, for all your amazing work! We wish you all the best in your professional and academic pursuits. 😊

It's reporting time for Ocean Bridge! This is a reminder to submit your hours using the [2020 Youth Service Tracking Form](#) (click). Please ensure ALL hours are submitted and up-to-date by the end of this week, January 22, 2021. **IMPORTANT: Enter your name the same way every time you submit; also, please select Direct Action as your cohort!**

Finally, did you know that Ocean Bridge has a Facebook group? Find events, job postings, and other connections to staff and alumni from every Ocean Bridge cohort. [Request to join the group here!](#)

ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK January 18th at 1:00pm (PT) / 4:00pm (ET) join the Ocean Bridge Great Lakes cohort and Jessica Head for a call on Contaminant Monitoring in the Great Lakes. [Register for free here.](#)

On January 20th at 1:30pm (PT) / 4:30pm (ET), Albert Marshall, Elder, LLD will discuss Indigenous Perspectives: Science and Systemic Racism. Join through UBC Libraries – [register for free here.](#)

On January 21st at 8:00am (PT) / 11:00am (ET), it's the Pollinator Webinar Series! Learn about the New York State DOT's involvement in the CCAA – a voluntary conservation agreement to protect Monarch habitat, as well as pollinator-friendly policies, evaluation, mapping, monitoring and research. [Register for free here.](#)

REMEMBER: Always register if you're interested – even if you can't make it, you can still access any recordings!

WEBSITE

Seriously, your [BLOGS](#) and [GALLERY](#) photos are a few of my favourite things. Check out the [DISCUSSION](#) forum and add your thoughts on the Blue Economy. What is a Blue Economy, anyway?





SPINY SAYS...

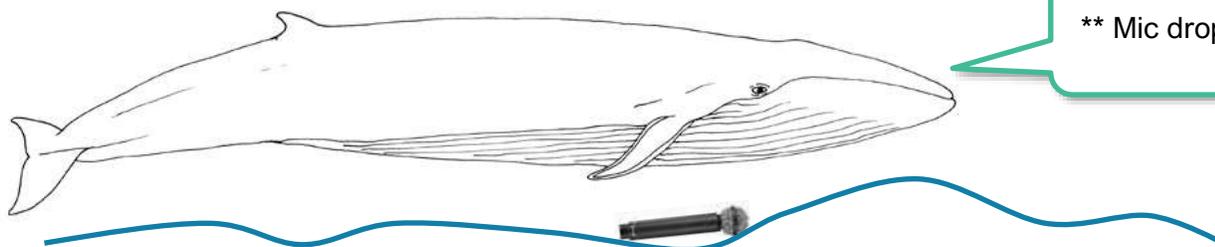
Lessons from the Lump sucker.



The first flowering plants didn't exist until about 140 Million years ago. Imagine a world without flowers – I picture a lot of green and brown and grey. And the smells! It's not official, but today is now "Appreciate a Flower Day". What's your favourite flower, and why?

WEEKLY FUN FACT

At 188 decibels, the call of the Blue Whale is the loudest sound made by any animal on the planet.



** Mic drop **

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

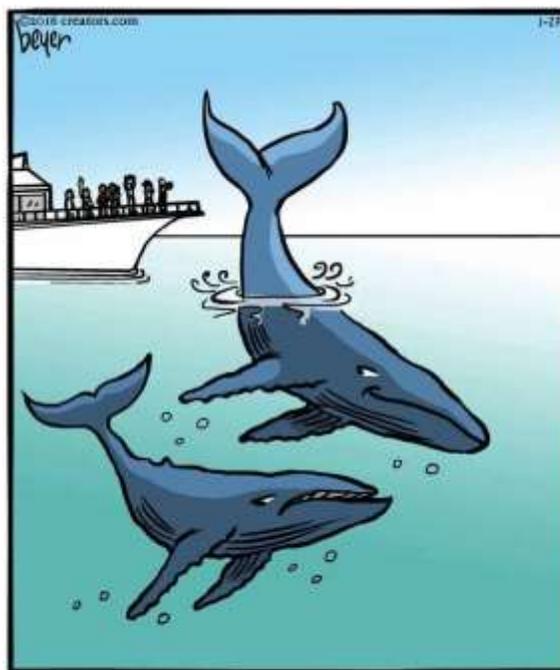
maggie and milly and molly and may
went down to the beach (to play one day)
and maggie discovered a shell that sang
so sweetly she couldn't remember her troubles, and
milly befriended a stranded star
whose rays five languid fingers were;
and molly was chased by a horrible thing
which raced sideways while blowing bubbles: and
may came home with a smooth round stone
as small as a world and as large as alone.
For whatever we lose (like a you or a me)
it's always ourselves we find in the sea.

maggie and milly and molly and may

E. E. Cummings - 1894-1962



LAUGH OF THE WEEK



"I don't think they realize you're mooning them."

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