



DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

JANUARY 25, 2021

All hail... well, the hail. It's been a mixed bag of weather here in Vancouver, where I'm still waiting on the snow they promised would start yesterday. Realistically, it's probably for the best that we've had everything but – rain, sun, cloud, wind, and now hail – still, I was so ready for snow. A default setting to Peace and Quiet, as long as cars aren't involved. An imposed blank slate that I just can't seem to manage on my own. As quickly as it came, the hail is now gone... there's a crack of blue sky, even. Snow or not, at least the sky's a change of scenery in COVID times.

GENERAL UPDATES

Today, we extend a big welcome to **Paula Gomez Villalba**! She joins DA for a last-minute virtual placement and will do her best (which I'm sure is top-notch) to help Ocean Wise researcher Valeria Vergara and her team with their ongoing beluga bioacoustics project. Best of luck Paula, and we hope you'll learn lots!

Do you love all things under the sea? Check out the [Ocean Wise Marine Life Identification Course](#), starting February 1st! Whether you dive or not, this is a great introduction to marine life here in the Pacific Northwest.

ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK **January 26th** at 2:30pm (PT) / 5:30pm (ET) join Ottawa Riverkeeper's Water Leaders Career Fair to learn more about what kinds of jobs are out there! [Register for free here.](#)

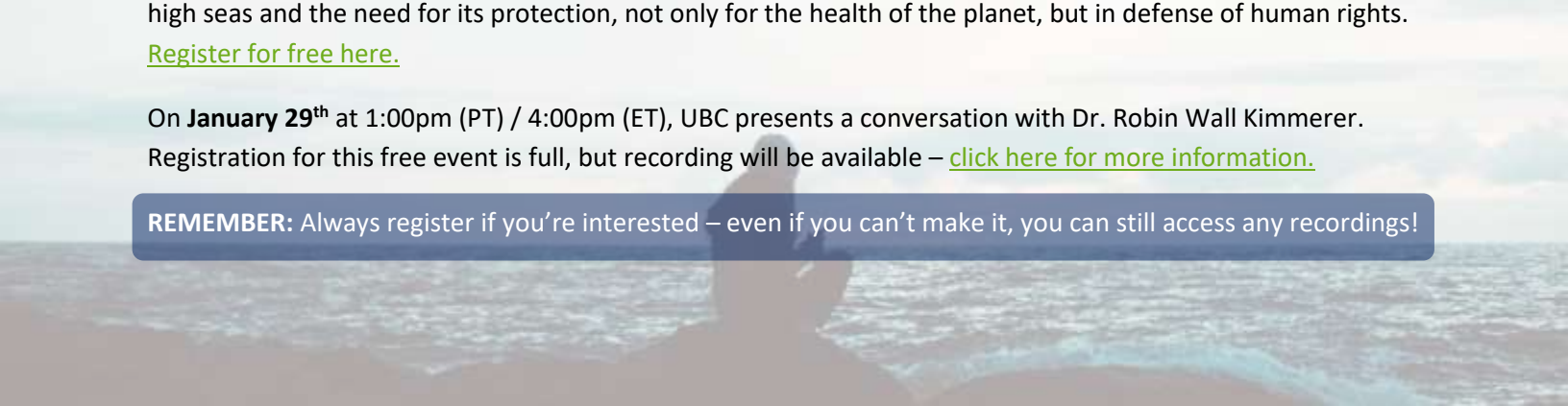
On **January 27th** at 4:30pm (PT) / 7:30pm (ET), join for an episode of Ocean Encounters: Making Ocean Conservation Work! Find out what is being done to combine science, community, and policy for a sustainable future with speakers Anne Cohen, WHOI, Ann Singeo, Ebiil Society, Palau, and Staci Lewis, Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions. [Register for free here.](#)

Also on **January 27th** at 5:30pm (PT) / 8:30pm (ET), Progress Not Perfection: LMME Virtual Speakers Series 2021 Keynote with Silvia Mangue Alene. [Register for free here.](#)

On **January 28th** at 3:00pm (PT) / 6:00pm (ET), Dive in with Liz & Sylvia and Guest Ian Urbina as they discuss the high seas and the need for its protection, not only for the health of the planet, but in defense of human rights. [Register for free here.](#)

On **January 29th** at 1:00pm (PT) / 4:00pm (ET), UBC presents a conversation with Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer. Registration for this free event is full, but recording will be available – [click here for more information.](#)

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





WEBSITE

Keep posting to the [BLOGS](#) and [GALLERY](#)! These highlights are incredible to see.

Do you love podcasts? Keep an eye out this week in the [DISCUSSION](#) forum and share your favourites as we co-create our very own Direct Action Podcast Playlist!

SPINY SAYS...

Lessons from the Lumpsucker.



Take a colour walk. If you have watercolours or pencil crayons, bring them with you! You don't need to be an artist to appreciate and express the beauty around you. Mark the colours you see – every walk will have a different palette!

WEEKLY FUN FACT

There are more historic artefacts under the sea than in all of the world's museums.



Hide & seek champions!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Most of the ocean has never been seen by anyone, let alone explored... Even in the same place, every day is different, every minute of every day. It's a constantly dynamic system.”

- Sylvia Earle

LAUGH OF THE WEEK



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