



## DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

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MARCH 22, 2021

You may be coming to the end of your time with Direct Action, or you may be just starting! Either way, we are excited for the work you will do and the change you will make in the world of marine and freshwater conservation. It's been a whirlwind from my end, but one full of new ideas and new people and opportunities that I would never have heard about except through knowing you! No matter what you do, keep sharing your wonderful stories.

### GENERAL UPDATES

We have so many welcomes this week! First, welcome to Amanda Lu who started her placement with the Ocean Wise Seafood team working on a Salmon Habitat Mapping project. Amanda is officially our last participant for Direct Action's 2020-2021 program and we're excited to see where she goes from here!

The Direct Action team is growing! We'd like to formally welcome Cayley Elcombe, our new Program Specialist, and Erin Christensen, our very own Program Administrator. Keep an eye on the [Direct Action website](#) to learn more about these incredible folks.

We finally have our own email address! For general inquiries and expenses, you can now contact the team at [DirectAction@ocean.org](mailto:DirectAction@ocean.org). Of course, you can always contact your Program Specialist with specific questions.

### WRAP-UP ACTIVITIES FOR 2020-2021 COHORT

Well, my lovely Direct Actioners, our program year officially ends next week! Mostly. Some of you are bridging the gap and we so look forward to your stories to keep us going through April. For most of you, it's time to think about WRAP-UP ACTIVITIES.

If you haven't already, please post a little [BLOG](#)—I promise that even though you might think you have nothing to share, you absolutely do and we would love to know more!

Take a few minutes to reflect on your experience since January. You can post your [FINAL REFLECTION](#) to the [Writing](#) section of the website.

This is a personal exercise, but it's a good idea to make a little plan for what comes next! If you can, write out some [GOALS](#) for the rest of 2021.

As always, your photos in the [GALLERY](#) make us smile, so share as many as you want.





## EVENTS

**THIS WEEK** March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm (PT) / 10:00pm (ET) brush off your skills for [Whale Trivia Night](#), hosted by Ocean Bridge. It will be lots of fun and I think there might be prizes?

March 24 @ 1pm (PT) / 4pm (ET), learn more about Indigenous harvesting techniques through the [Coastal Insights](#) series hosted by Raincoast Conservation.

March 25 @ 3pm (PT) / 6pm (ET), [Dive In With Sylvia and Liz](#) to learn all about horseshoe crabs from John Tanacredi, Professor of Earth & Environmental Studies and Executive Director of the Center for Environmental Research and Coastal Oceans Monitoring!

March 25 @ 4pm (PT) / 7pm (ET), join CWF and Colleen Cirillo to [learn about how to handle invasive plants](#).

March 26 @ 12pm (PT) / 3pm (ET), [talk sustainability with Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier](#).

## SPINY SAYS...

Lessons from the Lumpsucker.



What's your favourite colour? Maybe you've always loved the same one, or maybe it changes every day. Today, your mission is to go outside and find it! Trees? Water? Houses? Cars? Flowers? Where is your favourite colour?

## WEEKLY FUN FACT

The biggest penguins around nowadays are emperor penguins, measuring a respectable 4 feet tall. However, 37 million years ago, a species known as *Palaeudyptes klekowskii*, or [colossus penguins](#), roamed Antarctica. They weighed about 250 pounds and stood about 6 feet, 6 inches tall!



FEAR ME.



OKAY.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What did you do as a child that made the hours pass like minutes?  
Herein lies the key to your Earthly pursuits.”

- Carl Jung

LAUGH OF THE WEEK

Me trying to talk to people



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