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Forage fish eggs in substrate sample. Photo courtesy of June Pretzer.

# **SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER**



# **SER-WC Events** Calendar



SER-WC is launching a



#### **SER2021 Virtual World Conference**

The Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) will host the 9th World Conference on Ecological Restoration virtually from 21 – 24 June 2021.

As we enter the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration there has never been a more important time to come together to tackle the vast environmental challenges that we face today. This four-day meeting will provide a lively forum for networking and knowledge exchange.

Participants from across the field of ecological restoration are invited to join us virtually to connect, learn, and work towards catalyzing global change as we start this critical decade.

Learn more...



**Bylaw survey** 

number of new initiatives this year. You can check them out on our Event Calendar!

Webinar: Apr 29th, 10:00am
PDT - The Peninsula Streams
Society - From Headwaters to
Deepwaters

### **Restoration Tips**

To make sure you don't miss out on any Restoration Tips throughout the year, follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>, or visit this page regularly for updates. If you have your own tips you'd like to share, tag these #ERestorationTips.

#### Tip #226

You've heard of cow tipping, but have you heard of tree tipping? While felling trees results in a rapid loss of needles, tipped and bent trees maintain root contact with soils while creating a line-of-site and movement barrier for wolves and humans on linear restoration sites of caribou habitat in the Canadian boreal forest. To see how it's done take a look at this video:

Restoring caribou habitat in northern Alberta.

#### Tip #225

Calgary has recently introduced goats to graze natural systems as a means of targeting invasive species in inner city parks with steep slopes or near bodies of water; As well as these conversation efforts, the goats work towards enhancing biodiversity and promoting the growth of native vegetation. The goats are monitored by shepherds with the help of

SER-WC has proposed a number of updates to our bylaws. We need 2/3 of our membership to vote to approve these changes. If you have not already done so, please take 30 seconds to vote!

**Proposed Bylaws** 

**Proposed Constitution** 

**Vote Now!** 



#### **Indigenous Student Scholarship**

Two more week remain to apply for SER-WC's new Indigenous Student Scholarship initiative! Supported by the SER Partnership Fund, we will be providing a \$2000 award to an Indigenous student studying ecological restoration. Apply by 30 April!

To learn more, please visit: Indigenous Student Scholarship page.



**Journal Club** 

dogs and horses to help restore Calgary's natural parks!

#### Tip #224

Interested in how Africa plans to restore 8000km of land destroyed by desertification, sequester 250 million tonnes of carbon, and create 10 million green jobs by 2030?

Check out

<u>GreatGreenWall.org</u> and the <u>Great Green Wall Trailer.</u>



## **Invasive Species**

#### Gorse

(Ulex europaeus)

Gorse is a spiny, perennial evergreen shrub. It thrives in sunny clearings with dry, infertile soil such as sandy or rocky areas, roadsides, and fields. A single plant can live up to 45 years. A mature plant can disperse up to 18,000 seeds per plant, and their seeds are easily distributed by human, environmental, and animal transport. Gorse poses a fire hazard due to its volatile oils. It is considered a noxious weed throughout the province. Learn more

### **Member Benefits**

SER members receive a newsletter subscription, event discounts, access to the online community and more!

Learn how you can become become a member today!

SER-WC has begun hosting a Journal Club evening every other month. We will be hosting our second Journal Club night on May 27th to discuss Stream Bioengineering. For more information, keep an eye on our SER-Western Canada Journal Club Page.



#### **Member Manual**

SER-WC has a lot going on! We've put together a Membership Orientation Manual to help new members learn about our various initiatives and get involved more easily.

#### **Member Manual**



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