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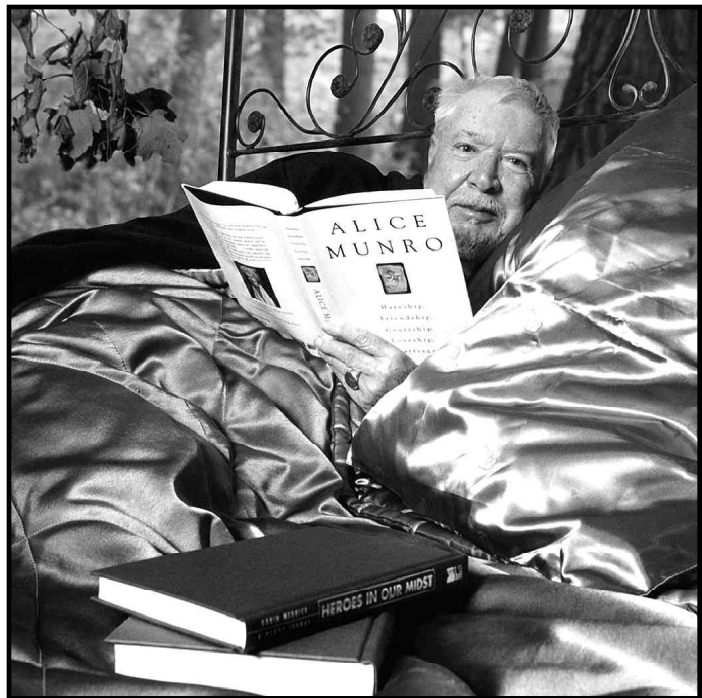
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WHO'S GOOD BETWEEN THE COVERS?

We'll tell you who's really good between the covers – it's the Canadian book publishers who have joined a groundbreaking initiative to eliminate ancient forest paper from their books. In one month alone over 3,000 trees were saved because several publishers printed on 100% recycled paper. New Society Publishers from British Columbia was the first to sign the Markets Initiative commitment. McClelland and Stewart (Alice Munro's new book), Douglas and McIntyre, Raincoast Books (Harry Potter series), Penguin Canada, Random House Canada, Double Day Canada, Harbour Publishing and UBC Press are amongst those who have begun the switch to environmentally sound papers.

The Markets Initiative is a coalition project of the Friends of Clayoquot Sound, Greenpeace and Sierra Club of BC. We applaud these visionary companies for committing to publish Canadian literature without destroying ancient forests. For more information visit

www.marketsinitiative.org



Dean Tomlinson

Author Timothy Findley poses for Markets Initiative advertisement in Globe and Mail newspaper

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The federal government has revoked our charitable tax status because we do too much advocacy. Frankly, we want to be advocates on behalf of the environment and were not willing to comply with the government's constraints, which would make us ineffective. Free at last! We thank you for your continued support, which enables our work.

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A Lull in Logging

Clayoquot Sound's two forestry companies, Interfor and Iisaak Forest Resources, were to have been busy logging this summer and fall. However, unexpected delays have prevented them from translating their ambitious Forest Development Plans (FDPs) into on-the-ground cutting.

This spring, **Interfor** finished logging on Catface Mountain and submitted two "major amendments" to its FDP. Major indeed – a total of 43 new cutblocks, with a gross area of 1,860 hectares and an estimated volume of 825,000 cubic metres of wood to be cut. The company was to have started operations by now in the Hesquiaht Harbour area of northern Clayoquot Sound, and in southern Clayoquot near Pacific Rim National Park. However, approval of the amendments has been delayed by a question regarding Scientific Panel implementation. First Nations' approval has also been delayed. Despite having signed logging agreements with Interfor, Clayoquot Sound First Nations are realizing that their future treaty settlement may be diminished by granting Interfor approval for so many blocks. Once blocks are legally entrenched in an approved FDP, a company is entitled to claim compensation from the government should a treaty settlement prevent it from harvesting the

blocks. Interfor's first FDP amendment, for the Hesquiaht area, was approved in early October, while approval for the second amendment is still up in the air. These delays have caused an interruption in Interfor's 'fibre flow'.

Iisaak is also up in the air – to log or not to log this year is its dilemma. Its FDP, introduced this spring, is hung up on the same Science Panel snag as Interfor's. Worsened economic conditions and worsening fall weather are causing Iisaak to consider postponing its planned 2001 logging (in Shark Creek and Millar Channel) until next year. Iisaak recently received eco-certification from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and wants premium prices for its wood, difficult to obtain in the current economic downturn. Another development is that Iisaak has deferred, for an unspecified period, its cutblock next to the scenic falls at the mouth of Shark Creek, due to pressure from Tofino's eco-tourism operators.



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Interfor's Catface Logging

In the first half of 2001, Interfor logged 53,000 cubic metres of old growth wood on Catface Mountain. That amounts to 1,750 loaded logging trucks. Parked bumper to bumper single file, the line of trucks would have stretched for 32 kilometres. For those who've been to Clayoquot Sound, that's the distance from Tofino to the Ucluelet-Tofino highway junction.

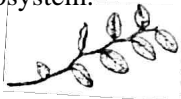
Massive Die-off at Clayoquot Sound Salmon Farm

Fish farming stinks, really stinks, when 100,000 fish die and rot in their netcage. At a Pacific National Aquaculture fish farm in Clayoquot Sound 100,000 Atlantic salmon (200 tonnes) died due to a toxic algae bloom.

Open netcage salmon farming allows sewage from the farms to accumulate on the ocean floor underneath. As this sewage decays it generates nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous. While toxic phytoplankton blooms are a naturally occurring event, excess nutrients from industrial or municipal sewage can fertilize their growth. No comprehensive studies are being conducted in BC on the link between salmon farm sewage and toxic blooms.

“Massive Die-Off” continued

In August, 260 (reported) Atlantic salmon went on the lam from two Clayoquot salmon farms. In September, 90 of these escapees were found in three Clayoquot rivers (despite industry claims that they could not survive in the wild). Atlantic salmon do not die after spawning, as do Pacific salmon. They swim back out to sea. If the Atlantics muscle out the Pacific salmon, an important nutrient cycle is broken. Decaying Pacific salmon become food for water insects, which in turn are the food source for the next generation of salmon fry. If the cycle is broken by the introduction of an exotic species, it would be an unforgivable destruction of a keystone species of the ocean and forest ecosystem.



Valerie Langer

Pristine Wilderness Profile:

Sulphur Passage, Clayoquot Sound

Sulphur Passage is the gateway to the far northern part of Clayoquot Sound. A narrow rock-lined ocean passage, it connects the part of Clayoquot Sound that is well traveled, to the quiet and remote parts that few people ever see – Megin River, Bacchante Bay, and Shelter Inlet.

The walls of Sulphur Passage are steep, rocky and studded with shore pine. The rock walls are streaked with gray, brown and orange lichens, and the trees are a deep rich green. An estuary on the east shore of the passage stands out in brilliant emerald, the outlet of a pristine, unnamed river valley. Kayakers paddling quietly past see herons feeding or wolves cavorting here.



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At each sharp turn of the passage, tiny islets appear: smooth grey rock coated with tufts of lichen and moss, peppered with yellow wildflowers, and with gnarled pines clinging precariously to cracks. Sulphur Passage feeds the tidal waters that fill and empty central Clayoquot Sound twice daily. The narrowness of this twisting passage causes strong currents to rush through here, carrying nutrients that feed the rich intertidal life that clings to rock shores and swirling kelp beds.

The rugged shores of Sulphur Passage are one reason that the forested slopes above are still standing. The southern entrance to Sulphur Passage provides a harsh reminder of the precarious state of the forests here: a road blasted along the cliffs sheds streaks of detritus into the ocean. Loggers pushed this road northward, from the logged-out Atleo River valley in order to access the Megin River valley, in 1988. Protesters blocked progress on the road, and the road

was stopped. The Megin valley was saved as a result of this blockade, but the reprieve for Sulphur Passage may be running out. This spring, Interfor proposed cutblocks and roads on the east side of the Passage, in the headwaters of two pristine unnamed rivers. Given the history of resistance in this contentious area, it remains to be seen whether Interfor’s logging plan for Sulphur Passage will be realized.



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All that Jazz...to benefit the Friends of Clayoquot Sound

One August evening in Tofino, celebrated jazz pianist Marilyn Lerner sat down at a grand piano to give a benefit performance for FOCS. The jazz gala took place in a grand home on Chesterman Beach for an audience of 50 people. There was wine, hors d'oeuvres and atmosphere. And the music? Splendid, according to everyone there, who said they are enthusiastically looking forward to next year's benefit performance.



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We are a grassroots organization advocating protection for the ancient temperate rainforests and marine ecosystems of Clayoquot Sound, and all of Vancouver Island. We are part of an international movement calling for a shift of consciousness in the way humans relate to the Earth. We need your support to continue to educate, and to inspire people to action. Please keep writing those letters to politicians, sending donations, and joining us to take a stand for the environment.

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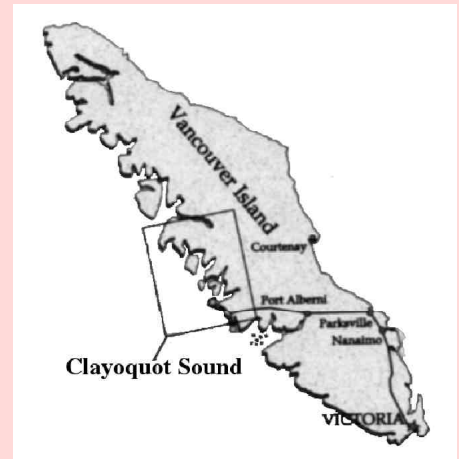
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