



Buttertubs Marsh Bird Sanctuary Water Control Improvements

For Immediate Release

August 26, 2009- Wetland conservation organization Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) will be spearheading a habitat improvement project at Buttertubs Marsh Bird Sanctuary beginning on August 27, 2009.

Crew and equipment will be in the marsh starting tomorrow and into the first few weeks of September to replace the aging water control structure and upgrade the north dyke.

“After almost 25 years of use, the water control is showing signs of wearing out and needs to be replaced to ensure the continued wetland’s continued health,” comments regional biologist Dan Buffett. “Without the upgrade, this structure would not be able to maintain adequate water levels.”

During the construction period, impact on the surrounding community will be kept at a minimum, although there will be periods when the trail along the Millstone River will be closed. Signs will be posted to notify the public of these closures. Attempts will be made to limit closures to daylight periods when equipment and crew are on location.

For more information about these improvements, contact Ducks Unlimited Canada at 604-592-0987 or du_surrey@ducks.ca or contact Jeff Ritchie, Senior Manager of Parks for the City of Nanaimo, at 250-755-7503.

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