

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Celebrate World Rivers Day in Nanaimo

#### Summary

The fourth Sunday of September is Rivers Day, a day to celebrate the world's waterways and their importance to all life on earth. This year, the City of Nanaimo, Nanaimo Area Land Trust (NALT) and Nanaimo River Watershed Round Table are pleased to host a number of tours and activities both before and on Rivers Day, September 23.

Activities for Rivers Day include an interpretive guided stream walk, live music by local bands, community information and interactive booths, \$20 tree vouchers for sale, a draw to win a re-purposed rain barrel tote and a salmon BBQ hosted by NALT. Several tours, such as the Watershed & Water Treatment Plant Tour, River Kayaking and Estuary Raft Float, hosted by Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable will take place Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 (pre-registration is required).

*Strategic Link:* Environmentally Responsible; Recreation, Culture, Sports and Tourism

#### Key Points

- World Rivers Day events will take place at Bowen Park Lower Picnic Shelter on Sunday, September 23 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.
- Live Music by the Downward Dawgs, Laura Kelsey and Dave Hart.
- Pre-registration is required for all Rivers Day tours. See page 69 of the Fall and Winter Activity Guide.

#### Quotes

"It's going to be a great weekend to celebrate Nanaimo's waterways. We have some amazing tours available to the public, be sure to view the list on Page 69 of the Fall and Winter activity guide and register soon, as they fill up quickly."

Deborah Beck  
Recreation Coordinator  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- Rivers Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in September and was founded by world-renowned rivers advocate - and British Columbian - Mark Angelo.

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