Fraser Basin Council

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Nominations Sought for Awards Recognizing Contributions to Sustainability

Vancouver, BC – Nominations are now open for the Fraser Basin Council Sustainability Awards for organizations and individuals who make outstanding contributions to the sustainability of the Fraser River Basin, extending from the River's headwaters at Mount Robson near Prince George to the mouth of the Fraser in the Lower Mainland.

Every day, people across the Fraser River Basin are making outstanding contributions to advance the well-being of their communities, local economies and the environment that sustains us. Biennially, the Fraser Basin Council recognizes these dedicated individuals and organizations for their contributions toward the sustainability of this special place with the presentation of five "Sustainability Awards" on January 25th, 2003.

The Awards program has five categories of recognition: Understanding Sustainability, Strengthening Communities, Caring for Ecosystems, Improving Decision-Making, and an Overall Sustainability Award, honouring those who make significant contributions in each of the award categories. Award recipients for the year 2000 included Carney's Waste Systems, Fraser Valley Regional Watershed Coalition, West Fraser Timber Company, Sun Rivers Corporation for Sun Rivers Resort Community and the Salmon River Watershed Roundtable.

The deadline for nominations is November 15, 2002. A panel of judges will announce a shortlist on December 3, 2002 and Award winners will be announced at the State of the Fraser Basin Conference at an Awards Luncheon on January 25, 2003, in Richmond, BC. Nomination packages can be obtained by contacting Laura Brend at 604-488-5352 or by visiting the website at www.fraserbasin.bc.ca .

The Fraser Basin Council brings people together to find solutions to advance social, economic, and environmental sustainability in the Fraser River Basin. The Council includes individuals from throughout the Fraser Basin, with representatives from federal, provincial, local and First Nations' governments, as well as the private sector and civil society. Home to 2.7 million people, the Fraser Basin covers approximately one quarter of BC in land area and produces 80% of BC's provincial economic output. See website - www.fraserbasin.bc.ca

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