

Coming events

- May 5: The last meeting of the Natural History Society before it takes a break for the summer begins at 8:00 pm at the Farm Centre in Charlottetown. This is the annual slide competition meeting and if it's anything like last year's, we can expect to see some great shots of Prince Edward Island and it's wildlife.
- May 8-11: Annual meeting of the Canadian Environmental Network in Ottawa. Contact Gary Schneider or Diane Griffin for more information.
- May 28: The annual meeting of the Island Nature Trust will be held at the Farm Centre at 7:30 pm. Dr. Rick Cawthorn will speak on "Wildlife Veterinary Science". New directors will be elected. All are welcome to attend. Phone 892-7513 for details.
- May 15: Arbor Day. Plant a tree, preferably the new provincial tree, the red oak.
- June 1-6: Environment Week. All conservation organizations are participating in this event. For the first time, the provincial and national environment weeks coincide. For details, contact Andre Lavoie at 892-0311.

Resolution draws support



It seems that more and more groups are taking the issue of acid rain very seriously. At the March 19 CWF meeting, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

WHEREAS sulfur and nitrogen oxide emissions from Canada and the United States (6.5 and 44 millions tons respectively) are the major cause of acid rain in both countries; and WHEREAS acid rain drastically reduces the ability of water bodies to sustain life, including plants and animals, and adversely affects the quality of life for all living things; and WHEREAS clean air is not a privilege, but a right; and WHEREAS the government of Canada is committed to reducing its emissions by 50% by 1994, and the government of the United States remains unwilling to implement reductions in sulfur and nitrogen emissions, or set target dates for emission reductions: and WHEREAS recent media reports indicate that the government of the United States may be willing to decrease emissions in return for Canadian government concessions in the free trade negotiations: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Wildlife Federation vigorously opposes any attempt by the Canadian and United States governments to link the acid rain and free trade issues, and opposes any attempt to class clean air as a commodity to be traded or compromised in free trade negotiations; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Wildlife Federation seek support of this resolution from the National Wildlife Federation.

The U.S. group also carried the resolution.