Welcome back from summer vacation!

Not to alienate any southern hemisphere readers but summer "vacation" at EcoAdapt was great! We seemed to be as busy as ever but tried to do it with as much joie de vivre and carefree spirit as possible. We're aspiring to bring that attitude to our work with you year round. So, take off your shoes, dig your toes into a shell strewn beach, and enjoy this overflowing issue of Adaptation Notes.

Play and some work make for summer at EcoAdapt

What do Lihue, Green Bay, Honolulu, Dubuque, Haida Gwaii, Oakland, Italy, Sacramento, Salmon Valley, Ann Arbor, Irvine, San Diego, Portland, and jury duty have in common? Those are a few of the places the EcoAdapt team spent our summer days. If you missed us there, check at the bottom of this email to find out where to meet up with us this fall!

Do you know... you get a handwritten customized BOB notecard if you make a donation to EcoAdapt?
Programmatic Updates

EcoAdapt Programs never take a summer vacation, because climate change doesn't!

**State of Adaptation**

*EcoAdapt on fire*

Over the past year, EcoAdapt has been partnering with the Institute of Natural Resources to **assess the science behind prescribed fire as a climate adaptation action.** By combining a systematic literature review, Forest Service manager interviews, a fire science expert workshop, and an upcoming manager-scientist collaborative workshop, EcoAdapt and partners hope to build a better understanding of what fire and fuels management may look like in the face of climate change in the Pacific Northwest. This project is one of EcoAdapt’s newest ventures into the field of adaptation monitoring and evaluation.

**Awareness to Action (A2A)**

*Adaptation is Comprehensive*

You may not know it but your local government (city, county, hamlet) probably has a comprehensive plan that guides long-term planning in your community. If you’re thinking long-term we think this should include planning for climate change! EcoAdapt is **currently working with the City of Bainbridge Island** with funding from the local Bainbridge Community Foundation to develop a Climate Impact Assessment and guidance for the City’s Comprehensive Plan revision to make the community Climate Savvy. In the coming months we’ll be releasing guidance to help any community create their own climate-informed comprehensive plan, so stay tuned!

**Adaptation Consultation**

*Swapping adaptation into the Washington State SWAP*

As climate changes become increasingly apparent, federal and state agencies are revising current plans and practices with increased attention to potential climate impacts on natural resources to better meet long-term goals. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and EcoAdapt teamed up to conduct a rapid vulnerability assessment for state habitats and species of greatest conservation need, including over 40 habitats and 270 species of mammals, fish, birds, and invertebrates. The information from the vulnerability assessment is being incorporated into the 2015 State Wildlife Action Plan Update, and will be used to inform critical management decisions.

**Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange (CAKE)**

*Are you getting your Slice of CAKE?*

Most cakes only diminish in size as they are slowly eaten by those that have access to them. But our CAKE is a little different. The more people with access, the bigger CAKE gets with richer community-created content and tastier fact-filled frosting. We continue to work to make CAKE more useful to its user community; our goal is to get innovative and emerging information to you to meet your needs and fuel your adaptation voyage. If you aren't signed up for the Slice of CAKE, our monthly CAKE content newsletter, pick up a fork and point your browser to [www.cakex.org/user/register](http://www.cakex.org/user/register). You can also follow CAKE on [Twitter](https://twitter.com), [Facebook](https://facebook.com) or get an RSS feed.
Upcoming Events

*EcoAdapt* staff members are gearing up for a busy fall; join us and learn about our work at the following adaptation events!

- **National Adaptation Forum Quarterly Webinar: Climate Change Adaptation Evaluation and Monitoring**
  September 30, 2015 - Online
- **Central Valley Landscape Conservation Project Vulnerability Assessment Workshop**
  October 8-9, Sacramento, CA
- **North-Central CA Coast and Ocean Climate-Smart Adaptation Working Group Meeting**
  October 16, 2015 - Oakland, CA
- **Pacific Northwest Climate Science Conference**
  November 3-5, 2015 - Coeur d'Alene, ID
- **Rising Seas Summit**
  November 3-5, 2015 - Boston, MA
- **Coastal and Estuarine Research Foundation Conference**
  November 8-12, 2015 - Portland, OR
- **3rd National Adaptation Forum**
  2017 (Date and Location TBD)

The entire EcoAdapt staff wishes you a fantastic, adaptation-filled fall!

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