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News Release

Noted UBC Professor anchors public lecture series.

Dr. Hamish Kimmins, a Professor of Forest Ecology with the UBC Faculty of Forestry, will be the West Island Woodlands Advisory Group's (WIWAG) first guest speaker.

As part of their communication strategy, WIWAG will be hosting a spring and fall lectures series. Topics will include biodiversity, non-timber forest products, and log exports.

WIWAG is composed of a cross section of community representatives who work with Weyerhaeuser staff on behalf of all those who have an interest in, or are affected by sustainable forest management. Guided by recognized certification criteria, WIWAG maintains an open and transparent process that facilitates and acknowledges the widest community input.

The first seminar will be held June 5, at Echo Centre in the Dogwood Room from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Dr. Hamish Kimmins has served as a Professor of Forest Ecology, Faculty of Forestry, at the University of British Columbia since 1969. He received his B.Sc. degree in forestry from the U. of Wales, Bangor, his M.Sc. in forest entomology from the University of California, and a Ph.D. in forest ecology from Yale. Over his 32 years of association with UBC he has been awarded several major awards, including the Western Forestry and Conservation Award for Achievement in Forestry (1991). Dr. Kimmins has published over 78 refereed journal articles, as well as two major books and ten book chapters. He is a member of UNESCO's World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology and is an Associate of the Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues at UBC.

Dr. Kimmins lecture/slideshow is titled "Biodiversity, Beauty and the Beast in Forestry: are beautiful landscapes always sustainable, are sustainable landscapes always beautiful, is "small" always ecologically appropriate?" The talk is based on a paper in the Forestry Chronicle 1999.

Members of the public and media are welcome as observers at all advisory group meeting which are held at the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office, 3008 5th Ave. Port Alberni at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are scheduled for June 20 and July 18.

For further information please see the WIWAG website at <http://wiwag.org/>, or contact Ryan at 723-5782, email rdvorak@shaw.ca.

