

**2010-2011 Annual Report of the Natural Resources and Environmental
Studies Institute
31 March 2011**

Overview of NRES Institute

OUR PURPOSE

The Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute (NRES Institute) is a formal association of UNBC faculty and affiliates that promotes integrative research among its members to address natural resource systems and human uses of the environment, including issues pertinent to northern regions. The Institute's primary goal is to foster research across perspectives to better understand the functions, viability, and values of natural resource systems.

Founded on and governed by the strengths of its research-active members, the NRES Institute creates opportunities for collaboration among its members to work on complex problems and to disseminate results. It advocates both fundamental and applied research approaches to resource

Table 1. Steering Committee membership during FY 2010-2011.

Name	Role	Term
Michael Gillingham	Director	1 July 2008 – 30 June 2011
Kathy Lewis	Elected Member	1 July 2009 – 30 June 2011
Phil Owens	Elected Member	1 July 2008 – 30 June 2010
Phil Mullins	Elected Member	1 July 2010 – 30 June 2012
Dennis Procter	Elected Member	1 Jan 2010 – 31 Dec 2011
Ken Otter	NRES Grad Program Chair	No Fixed Term
Kyle Aben	PICS Representative	No Fixed Term
Art Fredeen	Publications Editor	Ex Officio

Garcia, Oscar	Full
Gillingham, Mike	Full
Green, Scott	Full
Haeussler, Sybille	July 20, 2009
Hall, Kevin	Full
Halseth, Greg	Full
Hanlon, Neil	Full
Hardy, Anne	September 1, 2008
Hartley, Ian	Full
Hawkins, Chris	Full

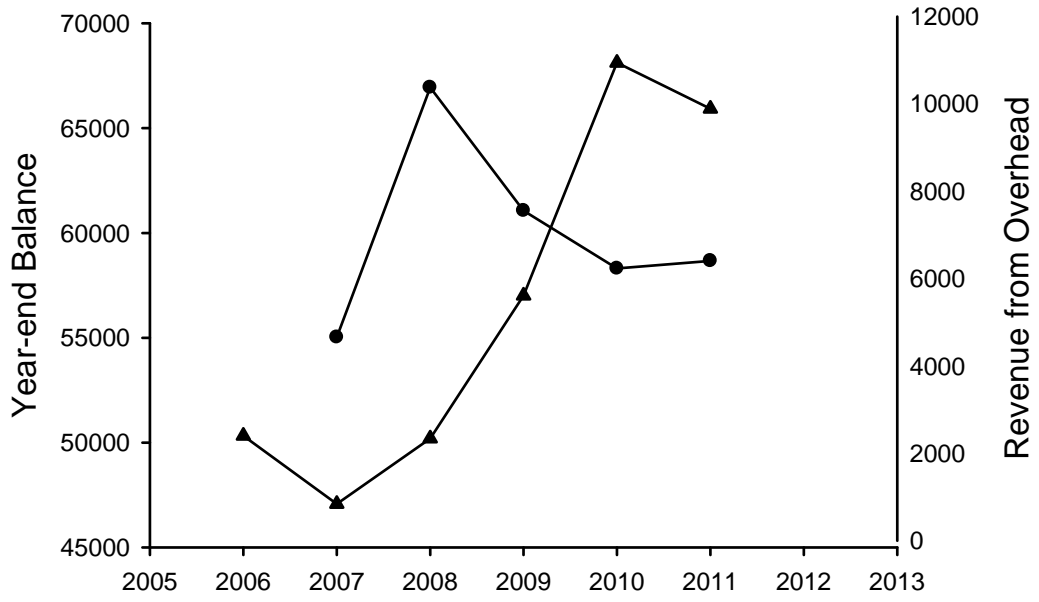
Report on Activities for 2010-2011

- x There are currently 73 members of NRES Institute made up of 57 Full members (inclusive of one life-time member) and 16 Associate members. Membership activity in 2010-2011 included the addition of 3 new Full members, 1 new Associate member, and the non-renewal of 2 Associate members.
- x The Institute hosted 24 colloquia as part of the weekly NRES Institute Colloquium Series (past abstracts available at www.unbc.ca/nres/seminar/index.html). Travel costs for four of the Colloquia speakers were paid for by the Institute. The series included the Peace Williston Fish and Wildlife Compensation Fund Annual Lecture, three Colloquium sponsored by the UNBC Fish and Wildlife Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and a colloquium co-hosted by the NRES Institute and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions.
- x The 'virtual' audience attending the Elluminate broadcast versions of the Colloquia continued to grow. Weekly on-line attendance averaged about 10% of the in-room audience and totaled well over 200 viewers for the semester.
- x The 6th Annual NRES Graduate Fall Research Social was held on October 1st to showcase the work of NRES Graduate Students and to welcome new graduate students to the program (approximately 14 poster presentations). We continued the model of pairing this event with a presentation by a speaker nominated by the NRES Graduate Students – Dr. Peter Kevan from the University of Guelph.
- x The 6th Annual NRES Institute Research Forum (April 7th) will show case current research of NRES Graduate Students and Institute members. This event, which precedes the Annual Lecture, will feature posters by Institute members and their graduate students.
- x The 6th Annual NRES Institute Lecture (April 7th) will feature Dr. Peter Ward (University of Washington).
- x Three NRES Occasional Papers was published during FY 2010-11:
 - Occasional Paper No. 6: García, O. 2010. Models and limits to predictability. Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute Occasional Paper No. 6, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, B.C., Canada.
 - Occasional Paper No. 7: Haeussler, S. 2010. Climate change adaptation for British Columbia Forest and Range Ecosystems: an analysis of existing research frameworks and research needs for the Future Forest Ecosystem Scientific Council (FFESC). Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute Occasional Paper No. 7, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, B.C., Canada.
 - Occasional Paper No. 8: Noble, B. 2010.

RESEARCH

The NRES Institute links a community of researchers with varied backgrounds and research interests empowering them to pursue their disciplinary research in an interdisciplinary context. Consequently, many of the research initiatives undertaken by I7cg

will continue to pursue ways in which Institute members can contribute to the examination of cumulative effects within the BC context.



The Institute intends to continue