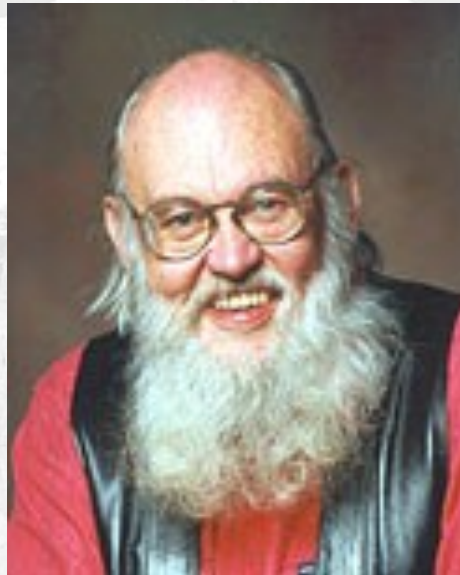


# Her Majesty, Social License and Astonishing Opportunity - Observations of a Bystander

## ABSTRACT:

Only Commonwealth Nations, and not all of them, have retained the feudal concept of crown lands. That concept expands the breadth of stakeholders when the governments or corporations request social license to operate. British Columbians take the concept of social license seriously and have frequently denied social license in ways that have led to significant changes in land-use practices. The most common failings of those applying for social license are: lack of respect, leading with economic issues, perceived bullying and omitting or hiding information. British Columbia's history of taking social license seriously, combined with diverse features, such as the province's richness (the richest north temperate region on the planet), climate change and apparently untamable global debt, produce an astonishing opportunity for British Columbians to improve the well-being of their children and grandchildren.



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Dr. Fred Bunnell is Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Forestry. He studied at UBC (forestry), Switzerland (forestry) and Berkeley (life) in the 1960s. The latter did not leave him unchanged. He returned to UBC in 1971 to teach in Forestry and Zoology. He was founding Director of the Centre for Conservation Biology (1991-2001) and Co-director for the Centre for Applied Conservation Research. In 1996 he assumed the Forest Renewal Chair in Conservation Biology and held it until 2002 when he retired to be caregiver for his wife. Happily she is now flourishing.

Reviewing his publications (6 books, about 300 journal articles and the same number of publications for industry and government) reveals the attention span of a gnat. This is affirmed by the 7 provincial, national and international awards he has received. The first (1989), Canadian Institute of Forestry's gold medal for Scientific Achievement, recognized ground-breaking work in decomposition and nutrient flux; the most recent (2010) Ian McTaggart-Cowan award for excellence in Biology was for surviving this long.

He is not very good at keeping records, but acknowledges service on at least 70 provincial, national and international committees dealing with resource management, several commissions (including 2 he's proud of), elected offices in about 6 professional societies, too many stints as journal editor, consultancies in 11 countries and invited lectures in 30. He is a native son, happily married parent and has served on Ministry and Counsel of the Religious Society of Friends.

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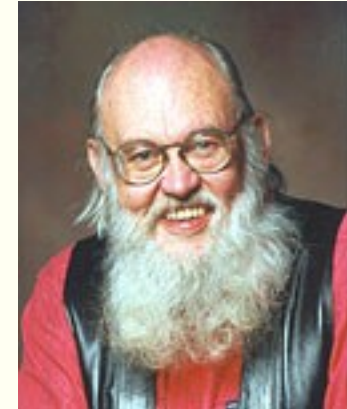
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