

# Conservation program honoured at gala in May

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The East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP) was honoured for its excellent work in Stewardship at the Wings over the Rockies Gala Dinner in Invermere on May 9, 2009.

EKCP was selected amongst all the organizations in the province by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) for the award because of the program's demonstrated ability to engage a wide range of partners in effective conservation and stewardship of high value conservation lands in the East Kootenay.

EKCP is a partnership of 49 industry, government and conservation organizations dedicated to conserving natural areas for Kootenay communities.

The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation is a provincial organization that invests in projects that maintain and enhance the health and biological diversity of BC's fish, wildlife and habitats so that people can use, enjoy and benefit from these resources.

The Silver Award is named in honour of Rod Silver, the longtime manager of HCTF, and was also inaugurated at HCTF's Silver Anniversary in 2006, noting 25 years of conservation excellence.