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Megan has a keen interest in the connections between biota and environmental processes. She plans to shape her career towards some aspect of resource management, conservation and education. She is currently completing her bachelor's degree in natural resource science through Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC. Her degree program has a broad focus, providing her with a good background for integrated resource management. Her senior coursework has given her a solid grounding in wildlife, watershed, and fisheries management, forest ecology, silviculture, and soil science. Megan is planning further studies to explore how environmental changes brought about by a changing climate affect species and their habitats.

Megan has worked as a field researcher, as a park interpreter and as a teacher of English as a second language. She is currently assisting with literature research, database management, and report preparation for Eamer Science & Policy—while raising her three children and completing her university studies. She brings a strong ecosystem science background, combined with excellent research and communication skills to the Eamer Science & Policy team.

Eamer Science & Policy project work

- **Transboundary waters assessment programme (TWAP)** for the United Nations Environment Programme. Role: editorial assistant. (May to October 2015)
- **The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) for the Arctic: A scoping study** for the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Working Group of Arctic Council (CAFF) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Global Arctic programme. Role: Editorial assistance, references. (September to November 2015)
- **Educational tool kits** for the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Working Group of Arctic Council (CAFF). Role: author, educational activity development, research and editorial assistant. (September 2014 to April 2015)
- **Technical ecozone reports** for Environment Canada: assessment of status and trends in taiga and arctic regions of Canada. Role: research and editorial assistant. (May to September 2013)
- **Biodiversity reports** for the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Working Group of Arctic Council (CAFF): reports on sea-ice-associated biodiversity and on Arctic species trend analysis. Role: research assistant. (April 2012 – May 2013)
- **Caribou research database**, compiled for the CircumArctic Rangifer Monitoring and Assessment Network (CARMA)—an international network of caribou and reindeer researchers, managers, and user groups. CARMA is a species network under the biodiversity monitoring and assessment program of Arctic Council. Role: bibliographic database development. (January 2012 – February 2013)

Relevant work experience

Research Assistant

Thompson Rivers University, Department of Geography April 2013 – January 2014

Data collection for the Stormwater Trees project: conducting stemflow measurements on urban trees in Kamloops, BC., data management, and public outreach

Wildlife Interpreter

BC Wildlife Park, Kamloops, BC May – Sept 2007 & 2008

Taught interpretive programs to school-age children. Presented animal encounter and animal feeding shows to the public. Handled a variety of educational animals including falcons, owls, and snakes. Assisted with development of signage and interpretive programs. Planned and implemented summer day camp activities.

Volunteer Coordinator

BC Wildlife Park, Kamloops, BC May – Sept 2007

Coordinated all volunteer activities within the park and compiled and maintained the volunteer database. Conducted volunteer recruitment and training. Organized special events and public outreach campaigns.

Education and professional qualifications

BNRSc student (completion in 2016) in the Natural Resource Science program, TRU

Student Biologist (College of Applied Biology) and student member of the **Association of Professional Biology**, British Columbia

Wilderness and Remote First Aid, CPR level C in good standing

Cambridge English Language Teaching for Adults (CELTA) certificate