

the world's greenhouse gas emissions, as pollution from fertilizers, habitat soil degradation. Under our current system, farmers use lights, ventilation, and modifying technologies to create an indoor environment to grow cannabis, which produces a lot of greenhouse emissions. It is on the precipice of a similar fate for agriculture in Canada, it's time to ask how we can shift marijuana cultivation to an environmentally friendly path.

In B.C., growers have already begun to voice their concerns about the large-scale use of pot, envisioning an alternative regulatory model, similar to craft breweries. They believe that consumers will appreciate an environmentally friendly product for a higher price. The fact that many British Columbians are willing to pay extra dollars for craft beer proves

abandoned vessels.

Transport Canada has abandoned or derelict vessels in public waters, undoubtedly an environmental eyesore. Each is, at least, an eyesore and a source of environmental contamination, a navigational hazard.

The cost to remove an abandoned vessel ranges from small change to several hundred thousand dollars, depending on complexity. As many old boats near their life end, owners are tempted to dump unwanted vessels in public waters. As litterbugs on land found at the dawn of anti-litter laws, penalties for abandoning vessels are needed to discourage the practice.

But many government agencies are involved: Transport Canada, the Coast Guard, federal and provincial environmental agencies, and local governments. Overlapping agencies

so it was worked from a wide with Opposition Minister Lisa R.

The bill made sense, not ideological, and was popular. I'm confident it would have passed. But Parliament rose soon after I tabled the bill and it died on the order paper.

John Weston  
West Vancouver

#### RUNNING SUPPORTS FOOD BANK

Christine Suter from C2Skymultisport and Dave Clark from the Whistler Half Marathon would like to thank all of the walkers, runners, and volunteers who came out and participated in the Whistler Food Bank 5km fun run and walk in support of Whistler Community Services Society.

whatever fee they pay, whatever kind of traffic one encounters en route, so with gas, time and dumping fees, you are probably looking at \$50 to dispose of a mattress and, more importantly, guess what, our back country and logging roads will just become dumping grounds.

I guess then we can thank the bean counters at the SLRD for screwing up our environment!

Len Ritchie  
Pemberton

#### KUDOS TO MUNI PARKS STAFF

I'm rehabbing from knee-replacement surgery

## Popular Science Writing

**For:** FYORD members (MA/Doc/Postdoc) of all fields who wish to improve their science communication skills and learn how to write for newspapers, magazines, blogs, or institutional outreach.

How can you make your research (more) accessible, accurate, and irresistible to a wider audience?

This two-day workshop introduces participants to the essentials of popular science writing in English. They will learn how to translate complex scientific ideas into clear, compelling narratives that engage readers beyond their academic field. Through a mix of short lectures, practical exercises, and peer feedback, the workshop covers key aspects of style, structure, and storytelling – from developing a strong hook and simplifying jargon to finding the right tone for magazines, blogs, and public outreach platforms.

By the end of the workshop, participants will have gained hands-on experience in writing and revising their own popular science texts and will feel more confident communicating their research to non-specialist audiences.

### When & where:

Jan 14, 2026 (Wed) 10.15 to 16.00 h

Jan 21, 2026 (Wed) 10.15 to 16.00 h

Marine Science Campus, Fraunhoferstr. 16, Room 01.027

### Lecturer:

Jackie Gillies, lecturer for science communication and media competency at Kiel University

#### Workshop topics

- Principles of popular science writing
- Knowing your audience
- Clear, engaging narratives
- Strong openings & structure
- Tone, voice, style
- Cutting jargon effectively
- Peer feedback practice
- Writing & revising texts

#### Registration to the workshop

FYORD members: <https://portal.fyord-kiel.org>

The **number of participants** is limited to **12**.

**Please register till January 07.**

For questions, please contact Mirco Bergerhof (FYORD Workshop Planning & Organization) at [mbergerhof@gz.uni-kiel.de](mailto:mbergerhof@gz.uni-kiel.de)

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