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## News From Our Coastal Region

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### Update on 2016 Grant Applications

Our annual grant intake is closed for 2015 and province-wide we received 184 applications for fish and wildlife grants. That's up from 172 last year. Here in our Coastal Region, which includes the Shuswap, Bridge and Seton watersheds, we received 61 grant applications, up from 56 last year.

Each grant application has recently gone through a technical review by our four fish and wildlife committees. Coastal Region Board members are starting their evaluation now. Final decisions will be

announced by March. Monitor the status of your grant application [online](#). (Photo: Ian Routley)

### Jordan River Restoration Plan

A restoration plan for fish and fish habitat in the Jordan River watershed near Sooke on Vancouver Island is complete, thanks to an FWCP Seed Grant. The plan outlines actions to help restore the Jordan River mainstem and side channels by adding spawning gravel, stabilizing banks, adding woody debris and more. These actions will increase spawning habitat and help restore salmon and trout runs. [Read the plan](#).



### Survey: Bobolinks are in the Shuswap

A project we funded has confirmed threatened Bobolinks, a grassland songbird, are still breeding successfully in the Middle Shuswap River valley, despite low numbers. Recent surveys confirm 23 males and 15 females present. Loss of natural habitat and changes to farming practices play a part in their decline. At least one local farmer is working to conserve Bobolinks, and as a result of this work, local Bobolinks are

now being monitored as part of a larger North American study. [Read the full report](#) (Photo: R. Gill)

## Review - Survey of Perceptions and Opportunities

Thanks to everyone who participated in our *2015 Review of Perceptions and Opportunities for Improvement*. The survey and interview results are being compiled and a summary of results will soon be available on our website.



### Helping Marmots Recover

We're one of many helping endangered Vancouver Island Marmots recover. A recent FWCP-funded project assessed the impact of supplemental spring feeding, and explored the survival differences in wild-born and captive-born marmots. The project also tracked movements and reproduction. [Get all the results.](#) (Photo:

Mike Lester)

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### Message From the Manager

I would like to thank everyone for their help last year to make our vision of thriving fish and wildlife populations, and sustainable watersheds, a reality. We couldn't do our work without the support of the many groups and individuals like you. Wishing you and your families the very best for 2016 and I look forward to working with you again this year.



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