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Tell Us Your Fish & Wildlife Priorities for the Clowhom River Watershed

You're Invited: Online Discussion Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 2 – 4 pm

(CLOWHOM RIVER) What would you do to support species and conserve habitats impacted by BC Hydro dams? What priorities and projects would you focus on? The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) wants to hear your ideas. Help us define FWCP priorities for fish and wildlife impacted by the Clowhom Dam. Please join our online discussion Tuesday, February 21, from 2 – 4 pm.

"We're starting a discussion today that will help determine what conservation and enhancement projects are within our mandate for the Clowhom River watershed for the next five years," says Julie Fournier, Manager of the FWCP's Coastal Region.

Confirm your attendance at the February 21 online discussion by February 17, 2017 via email to fwcp@bchydro.com. You will need a phone and an internet connection.

In 2016-17 the FWCP's Coastal Region Board approved more than \$1.9 million for 41 fish and wildlife projects underway now across BC. In the Clowhom River watershed the FWCP is currently funding a multi-year wildlife project to assess and map wetlands and undertake comprehensive surveys of species-at-risk and their habitats with an emphasis on Northern Goshawks, bats and Roosevelt Elk, the largest elk in B.C. and a priority species in this watershed.

"Our updated Action Plans will help determine the types of projects we fund and the species we focus on," says Fournier. This online session is a chance to review and discuss potential conservation priorities, as well as research and hands-on projects for the watershed. Draft priorities and projects, will be online for your review at fwcp.ca one week prior to the discussion.

A draft action plan for this watershed will be developed following the February 21 discussion and it will be available for public comment in spring 2017.

"Our Action Plans need to reflect the unique fish and wildlife needs in each watershed. That's why we're talking with government, First Nations, stakeholders and the public. We hope interested groups and individuals will join us," says Fournier.

The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of BC, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and Public Stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife impacted by BC Hydro dams. Learn more at fwcp.ca

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Photo and Caption:

Roosevelt Elk are an important species in the Clowhom River watershed and one of many species to benefit from a four-year project funded by the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP). The mapping and inventory project will help define future fish and wildlife projects in the watershed. The FWCP is hosting an online workshop February 21 to discuss potential future projects to conserve and enhance species impacted by construction of the Clowhom Dam. Learn more at fwcp.ca. *(photo: flickr)*