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## Tell Us Your Fish & Wildlife Priorities for the Jones Lake / Wahleach Creek Watershed *You're Invited: Online Discussion Thursday, Mar. 9, from 2 – 4 pm*

**(HOPE)** What would you do to support species and conserve their habitats? 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 Wahleach Dam at Jones Lake Reservoir. Please join our online discussion Thursday, March 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"We're starting a discussion today that will help determine the conservation and enhancement projects we fund and deliver in the Jones Lake - Wahleach Creek watershed west of Hope for the next five years," says the FWCP's Coastal Region Manager Julie Fournier.

Confirm your attendance at the Thursday, March 9 online discussion by March 7, 2017 via email to [fwcp@bchydro.com](mailto:fwcp@bchydro.com). You will need a phone, and an internet connection.

"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 Jones Lake – Wahleach Creek watershed, which has been impacted by construction of BC Hydro's 1952 Wahleach Dam. Draft priorities and projects, will be online for your review at [fwcp.ca](http://fwcp.ca) one week prior to the discussion.

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

In 2017 the FWCP's Coastal Region Board approved more than \$1.9 million for 41 fish and wildlife projects underway now. In 2016 – 17 the FWCP approved a grant application from the South Coast Bat Action Team and provided more than \$50,000 to map riparian habitats and inventory species in the watershed including mammals, bats, birds and amphibians. This research will provide important information about biodiversity in the watershed, and identify potential conservation and restoration projects that will have long-term benefits for the watershed. The final report from this project will be available soon. Subscribe at [fwcp.ca/subscribe](http://fwcp.ca/subscribe) and stay informed about FWCP projects.

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](http://fwcp.ca)

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**Photo and caption:** The FWCP is hosting an online workshop on Thursday, March 9 to discuss potential future projects to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife impacted by construction of the Wahleach Dam at the Jones Lake Reservoir. Join the discussion: RSVP and learn more at [fwcp.ca](http://fwcp.ca). The FWCP is funding a project to inventory species in the watershed and this black bear was recorded on a trail camera installed as part this ongoing effort to improve understanding of local biodiversity. *(Photo credit: Quercus Ecological)*