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Tell Us Your Fish & Wildlife Priorities for the Bridge and Seton River Watersheds

You're Invited: Wed., May 24, from 1 – 4:30 p.m.

(LILLOOET) 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 define FWCP priorities for fish and wildlife impacted by BC Hydro dams: attend our workshop in Lillooet.

“We’re starting a discussion today that will help guide the conservation and enhancement projects we fund and deliver in the Bridge and Seton River Watersheds for the next five years,” says FWCP’s Coastal Region Manager, Julie Fournier. “Our updated Action Plans will help determine the types of projects we fund and the species we focus on.”

Please join the discussion in Lillooet on Wednesday, May 24, at the Lillooet Recreation, Education, & Cultural Centre, 930 Main Street. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Discussion starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. If you can’t attend, share your ideas by Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at fwcp@bchydro.com. More details are at fwcp.ca.

The Lillooet workshop is a chance to review and discuss potential conservation priorities, research, and hands-on projects for the Bridge and Seton River Watersheds. Draft priorities and projects will be online for review at fwcp.ca one week prior to the discussion.

“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. And we hope interested groups and individuals will join us in Lillooet,” says Fournier, pointing to the FWCP’s ongoing work in the watersheds.

Between 2010 and 2016, the FWCP funded 68 projects valued at \$3.9 million. With FWCP funding, projects to support salmon, bears, bats, mammals, reptiles, and birds—including Western Screech-Owls, fishers, mule deer, wolverines, Whitebark Pine, and more—were completed. Several projects helped improve the science and understanding of these species in the Bridge and Seton River Watersheds. Other hands-on projects resulted in habitat improvements to support these and other species. In 2017–2018, the FWCP is funding six fish and wildlife projects valued at more than \$195,000.

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.

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Caption: Western Screech-Owls are one of many species to benefit from hands-on projects funded by the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP). The FWCP is conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife impacted by BC Hydro dams. Attend our May 24 workshop in Lillooet to discuss future FWCP projects. Learn more at fwcp.ca.