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

You're Invited: Tues., May 23, from 1 – 4:30 p.m.

(SQUAMISH) 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 Squamish.

“We’re starting a discussion today that will help guide the conservation and enhancement projects we fund and deliver in the Cheakamus River Watershed 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 Squamish on Tuesday, May 23, at the Executive Suites Hotel & Resort, 40900 Tantalus Road. 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 Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at fwcp@bchydro.com. More details are at fwcp.ca.

The Squamish workshop is a chance to review and discuss potential conservation priorities, research, and hands-on projects for the Cheakamus River Watershed. Draft priorities and projects will be online for review at fwcp.ca one week prior to the discussion. By summer 2017, renewed Action Plans will be developed for each of the 14 watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams that make up the FWCP’s Coastal Region.

“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 Squamish,” says Fournier, pointing to the FWCP’s ongoing work in the watershed.

Between 2010 and 2016, the FWCP funded eight projects in the Cheakamus River Watershed. Six hands-on projects created, restored, and improved side channel and estuary habitats to benefit Coho, Chinook, Pink, and Chum Salmon, and other fish species. Two projects focused on improving the science and understanding of high-priority amphibians, including the Coastal Tailed Frog. This year our Coastal Region Board approved more than \$150,000 for fish projects that will continue to improve habitat availability. Across the province in 2017–2018 we are funding 102 projects valued at more than \$9.4 million. 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: Coho are one of many species to benefit from hands-on projects funded by the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP). Habitat restoration and creation is a priority for the FWCP, which is conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife impacted by BC Hydro dams. Attend our May 23 workshop in Squamish to discuss future FWCP projects. Learn more at fwcp.ca.