



## News From Our Columbia Region October 2017



### Application deadline ahead: October 27

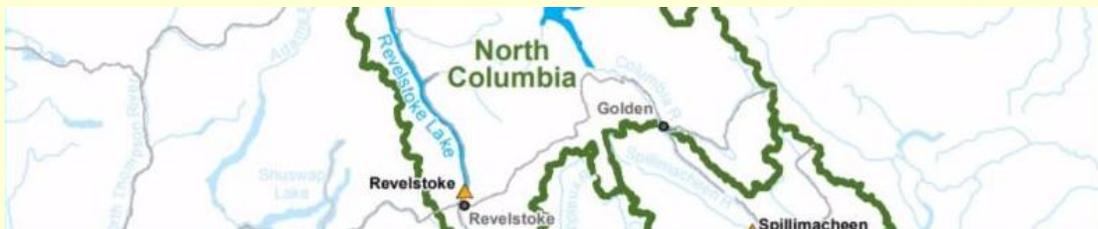
The deadline for our fall application intake, for projects starting next year, is fast approaching: Friday October 27, 2017, 5 p.m. PDT. Projects must align with the priority actions outlined in our [Action Plans](#). For more information on our application process including project eligibility and regional priorities and/or requirements, please read our [grant information kit](#). We're here to help so please contact our Columbia Region Manager, [Crystal Klym](#), if you have questions or wish to discuss your project idea.

### Year five of five for UKEEP: submit your grant application

Projects funded under Upper Kootenay Ecosystem Enhancement Plan (UKEEP) in 2018 mark the [fifth year of a five-year agreement](#) between the Columbia Basin Trust and the FWCP. Apply by Friday, October 27, 2017, 5 p.m. PDT if you have project ideas that align with the [UKEEP Action Plan](#). Applicants are encouraged to focus on those actions in the Plan that are ranked as priority one. [Read more](#), including our grant information kit.

### FWCP Columbia Region priorities for grant applications

Our Columbia Region Board has identified [three priorities for fall 2017](#) grant applications. The Board is encouraging grant applications for projects that result in "on-the-ground" or "in-stream" restoration and enhancement, as well as projects delivered in the North Columbia which includes the areas around Revelstoke and Golden and north to Valemount. [See map](#)



### 33 wetlands evaluated in rapid fashion in the East Kootenay

Assessing the health of a wetland is the first step toward simple restoration efforts such as fencing, off-site watering, treatment of invasive plants, and restoration of water levels through mechanical methods. Now there is a rapid method being tested in the field that is

showing success in streamlining the process. [Read more](#)



## More fish habitat to be made accessible at Heart Creek

In 2015, the construction of an 18-metre long, clear-span bridge at Heart Creek successfully allowed fish to access approximately 250 metres of spawning and rearing habitat. Now, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), with funding from the FWCP, has set its sights on a bigger goal: removal of a second hanging culvert (below) to open up a further 1.2 kilometres of prime fish habitat upstream. [Read more](#)



## Read our project reports

We post and share all final project reports so the results and lessons learned are available to everyone. We're updating our [report list](#) often as new reports are finalized. [Contact us](#) if you can't find what you're looking for.

The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and Public Stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish & wildlife impacted by BC Hydro dams.

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