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\$2.1 million for 30 fish and wildlife projects approved for 2018–2019 **Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program offers free wetland workshops**

(PEACE REGION) Field season is underway for grant recipients working on the 30 fish and wildlife projects approved by the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program’s (FWCP) Peace Region Board. The FWCP conserves and enhances fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams.

“The projects approved by the FWCP in the Peace Region for 2018–2019 will benefit species, habitats and ecosystems impacted by existing dams, and we’re very excited about the work planned for this year,” says Chelsea Coady, Manager of the FWCP’s Peace Region.

In the Peace Region endangered caribou herds, Arctic Grayling, Bull Trout, amphibians, birds, and bats are among the many species that will benefit from the research and hands-on projects starting now. All the projects funded by the FWCP align with the priorities outlined in one of its seven Basin and Action Plans.

Community engagement and stewardship are also important to the FWCP, so we’re funding four, free, public wetland workshops across the Peace Region. The workshops will build awareness about the value of wetlands, and how to conserve and manage them. For dates, locations, and how to register, visit fwcp.ca/wetland-workshops/.

“Projects like the wetland workshops will benefit many species, and support conservation and enhancement of important habitats. Many of the projects we fund will improve the science and understanding of species and their habitats, which is the first step in conservation planning,” added Chelsea.

Projects receiving FWCP funding this year include creating wildlife trees, bird banding near Mackenzie, restoring caribou habitat, improving caribou calf survival with maternity penning, investigating factors limiting moose, conserving Fisher habitat, and supporting Lake Trout and Bull Trout in Williston Reservoir.

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

To see the full list of projects being funded by the FWCP in the Peace Region, or to subscribe and learn more about applying for a grant, visit fwcp.ca.

Photo: Wetland workshop image provided by BCWF



Caption: In 2018–2019 the FWCP is funding a series of free wetland workshops aimed at conserving and managing local wetlands. Find out how to register for the June and July workshops at fwcp.ca/wetland-workshops.