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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 is working to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams and has just announced 118 fish and wildlife projects across the province.

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.

“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.

One of the projects FWCP is funding this year is a series of free, public wetland workshops in June and July, hosted by BC Wildlife Federation. The workshops, at Moberly Lake, Mackenzie, Tsay Keh Dene, and Fort St James, are aimed at building awareness about the value of wetlands and how to conserve and manage them. Find out how to register now for these workshops at 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.

The FWCP is funded by BC Hydro each year. BC Hydro has water licence obligations in the Columbia and Peace regions, and has made voluntary commitments to address dam impacts in the Coastal Region. BC Hydro fulfills the applicable obligations through the work of the FWCP.

The FWCP is partnership of BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and Public Stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams. FWCP directs BC Hydro funds towards priority actions across its three regions.

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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. Register now at fwcp.ca/wetland-workshops.