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## **The FWCP is updating its Columbia Region Action Plans**

*You're invited: Come to a technical workshop or an online information session*

**(FERNIE)** The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) is hosting workshops and online information sessions to discuss updates to its Columbia Region Action Plans. The ecosystem-based Action Plans guide close to \$6 million each year toward fish and wildlife projects in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

“The updated plans will define our priority actions for fish and wildlife and support funding decisions in our Columbia Region for the next several years,” says FWCP’s Columbia Region Manager, Crystal Klym. “We’re looking for input on our priority actions through technical workshops, evening open houses, online information sessions, and an online feedback form.” Learn more at [fwcp.ca/updated-columbia-action-plans](http://fwcp.ca/updated-columbia-action-plans).

Input from First Nations, agencies, stewardship groups, and others is central to the discussion about updating the plans and FWCP priorities for the Columbia Region. The final updated Action Plans will include priority actions that support our strategic objectives, mission, and vision, and will be complete by August 2019. Our current Action Plans are available at [fwcp.ca/action-plans-columbia-region](http://fwcp.ca/action-plans-columbia-region).

In April, the FWCP will host eight half-day technical workshops in Valemount, Golden, Revelstoke, Nakusp, Castlegar, Kaslo, Fernie, and Cranbrook. The workshops start at 1 p.m. and adjourn by 4:30 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. The afternoon workshop in Fernie will be held on **Wednesday, April 24, 2019**, at the **Best Western Fernie Mountain Lodge** at 1622 7th Avenue. Please **RSVP to [fwcp@bchydro.com](mailto:fwcp@bchydro.com)** by April 19 if you can join us.

We’re also hosting our second online information session on Tuesday, April 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. (Pacific time). Please **RSVP to [fwcp@bchydro.com](mailto:fwcp@bchydro.com)** if you can join us for the information session. Please save the date.

An online feedback form is available at [fwcp.ca/action-plans-columbia-region](http://fwcp.ca/action-plans-columbia-region) until May 3. Draft Action Plans will be available for public comment in early summer.

**Evening open house:** If you can’t make it to a workshop, consider coming to an evening open house to learn more about the FWCP, projects underway, Action Plans, and how you can apply for a grant. The open house in Fernie is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with a short presentation at 6 p.m. Light snacks will be provided.

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### **For More Information**

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