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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

(NAKUSP, CASTLEGAR, & KASLO) 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 a 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/Updating-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.

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. Please **RSVP to fwcp@bchydro.com** by April 12 if you can join us.

<p>Nakusp Tuesday, April 16, 2019 Auditorium, Nakusp & District Sports Complex 200 8th Avenue NW</p>	<p>Castlegar Wednesday, April 17, 2019 Castlegar Forum 101-445 13th Avenue</p>	<p>Kaslo Thursday, April 18, 2019 St. Andrew’s United Church Heritage Hall 500 4th Street</p>
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We’re also hosting online information sessions on Thursday, April 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. (Pacific time), and Tuesday, April 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. (Pacific time). Please **RSVP to fwcp@bchydro.com** if you can join us for an information session. Please save the date.

An online feedback form is available at 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 houses in Nakusp, Castlegar, and Kaslo are 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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The Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program 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 and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.