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Wanted: feedback on draft fish & wildlife action plans

Give us your feedback online by May 1, 2020

(**PEACE REGION**) The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) is updating our Peace Region action plans, which guide close to \$1.5 million each year toward fish and wildlife projects in the area. Draft documents are available for review, and we'd like your feedback by May 1, 2020.

"We know that concerns about COVID-19 are escalating, and while it's definitely not business as usual, we'd like to keep working on updates to our Peace Region action plans if possible," says FWCP Peace Region Manager Chelsea Coady. "If you have the time and space, and are able to join us online or submit a feedback form, we'd love to hear from you."

Input from First Nations, agencies, stewardship groups, and others with an interest in fish and wildlife is important to updating the ecosystem-based action plans that outline projects eligible for FWCP funding.

"Due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, we've have cancelled in-person discussions planned for April 2020 in Mackenzie, Hudson's Hope, and Prince George. We're now offering six online discussions plus an online feedback form to make it easy for people to safely join the discussion," says Coady. "Our updated plans will define our priority actions for fish and wildlife and steer funding decisions in our Peace Region for the next several years."

Join the conversation. Start by reviewing the draft action tables at fwcp.ca, then provide your input by joining an introductory information session or a technical workshop, or through an online feedback form. See http://fwcp.ca/peace-region-action-plan-update/ for draft action tables and more details on how to join the conversation.

Read our draft action tables at http://fwcp.ca/peace-region-action-plan-update/.

Join an online information session. We are hosting introductory online information sessions to talk about our work, introduce our draft action tables, and hear your ideas.

Wednesday, April 8 Wednesday, April 22 Wednesday, April 29

10–11:30 a.m. 6:30–8 p.m. 12–1:30 p.m. All online information session times are pacific.

Please RSVP to fwcp@bchydro.com to join an online info session.

Join an online technical workshop. We have scheduled three online technical workshops to talk about our draft actions in depth. Please join our aquatic (rivers, lakes, and reservoirs) or terrestrial (upland, wetland, and riparian areas) discussions. If you are interested in both ecosystem types, join us to talk about all draft actions. Please attend as many of these sessions as you wish and share this information.

Tuesday, April 14Wednesday, April 15Thursday, April 16Draft Aquatic ActionsDraft Terrestrial ActionsAll Draft Actions

All technical workshops are 1:30–3:30 p.m. pacific time.

Please RSVP to fwcp@bchydro.com to join an online technical workshop.

Use an online feedback form until May 1, 2020 at http://fwcp.ca/peace-region-action-plan-update/.

Draft action plans will be available for public comment in early summer. The final updated action plans will be available in August 2020, when the FWCP opens its annual intake of grant applications.

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