

Columbia Region Update

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2016-17 Projects Underway

Our Board has [approved funding](#) for 55 fish and wildlife projects across the Columbia Region, for a total project investment of about \$5.8 million.

The projects will help numerous species, many of them at-risk, and will be delivered by First Nations, stewardship groups, consultants and

agencies. See the [full list](#) of projects and who is delivering them, and our [interactive map](#).

Photo: At-risk are the focus of several FWCP projects this year (Jeremy Baxter image).

More Projects Funded in North Columbia

The FWCP is funding nine conservation and enhancement [projects in the North Columbia](#) area this year. The total funding is for more than \$200,000, and is a three-fold increase over last year following the Board's direction to increase projects being supported in this sub-region. See all the projects being funded in the Columbia Region, including those in the North Columbia, in our [Project Summary](#), or on [our map](#).



Photo: Western Painted Turtle and wetland habitat work is planned for the North Columbia.



Mule Deer Project One of Many Supported Under UKEEP

We are now in our second year of supporting projects under the [Upper Kootenay Ecosystem Enhancement Plan \(UKEEP\)](#) - a partnership between the FWCP and Columbia Basin Trust. In total, 14 projects are being funded this year, and one of them is aiming to increase Mule

Deer abundance by better understanding their migration patterns, and identifying causes of death. [Read the latest](#) about this planned five-year project, and see the [full list of UKEEP](#) projects being funded.

Photo: A Mule Deer is collared as part of work to increase abundance (Pat Stent image)

Grant Intake Opens This Week

The opening and closing dates of our next grant application intake have been moved forward compared to last year. For 2017-2018, grant applications can be received starting July 15, and must be submitted no later than October 28, 2016.

The links to our [Action Plans](#), online application, and all the [other funding information](#), including this year's regional priorities, are on our [funding page](#).



Toadfest to be Held in July for the First Time

When the FWCP first starting organizing Toadfest near Nakusp in 2010, it was held at the end of August, with some of the peak toadlet migrations being recorded in September. Times have changed! In response to earlier migrations in recent years, and early breeding in 2016, [Toadfest is on July 27 and 28](#).



Caribou Work Funded in All Three FWCP Regions

The innovative maternity caribou penning project, coordinated by Revelstoke Caribou Rearing in the Wild, is one of two penning projects the FWCP is helping to fund this year the second is in our FWCP Peace Region. Both are showing signs of success. Caribou inventory work conducted in the South Monashee



Mountains earlier this year, however, paint a different picture, with that local sub population being deemed extirpated. [Read more](#)

Photo: Suspected last caribou of the South Monashee's sub population (Splatsin image)



Community Engagement Grant Increased to \$1K

Are you working on a summer project to help fish and wildlife in the FWCP Columbia Region and looking for a little extra funding? Our [Community Engagement Grant](#) has been increased to \$1,000 but it is still easy to apply, with a quick

turnaround. But apply now because when the funds are gone, they are gone!

Manager's Message

Thank you to all the groups, agencies, businesses and First Nations who applied for FWCP funding last fall. We recognize, and appreciate, the time and effort it takes to develop and submit grant applications. We look forward to working with all of you delivering projects to help fish and wildlife across the region. The Board is especially appreciative of the increase in applications from the North Columbia, and the number of on-the-ground wetland and riparian restoration projects they

were able to support this year. These two priorities, along with stream habitat restoration and enhancement activities, will be carried over for this year's annual grant intake, which is now open. Please don't hesitate to contact me, [Crystal Klym](#), if you have any questions



Got a Question for the Board?

Our FWCP Columbia Region Board consists of 10 members: three First Nations representatives, three Public Stakeholder representatives, and two representatives each from BC Hydro and the Province of B.C. If you have a question for any of them, [please let us know](#).

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