



News From Our Coastal Region October 2016

Move Fast! Grant Deadline Ahead

The deadline to submit your online grant application is 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2016. We offer seed grants to help get project ideas started, small grants for projects under \$20,000, and large grants for projects valued at more than \$20,000. Projects must align with our Coastal Action Plans. And we've made it easier for you: you can now copy from your last grant application. Simply request to copy your last grant application in the "Notes/ Questions" tab once you have started an application. For specific details, refer to the "Help" tab in the application.



Volunteers Wanted: Salmon River Conservation Area

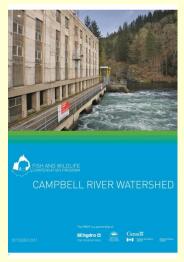
Grab your shovel and gloves between October 12 and 14 and help restore riparian and wetland habitats at the Salmon River Estuary Conservation Area near Sayward on Vancouver Island. Volunteers will be planting native shrubs and trees on land that was once home to invasive Scotch Broom. Read more



Action Plans: Join the Discussion

We're starting discussions now with technical experts, First Nations, stakeholders and community members in our Coastal Region in order to update our 2011 Watershed Action Plans. The Action Plans guide our funding decisions and help determine what conservation and enhancement projects we support.

This fall we're hosting half-day, in-person discussions on Vancouver Island in



November 2016. And we're planning discussions for smaller, Coastal watersheds too. Dates and times are being finalized. We'll renew our remaining Action Plans for Lower Mainland and Interior watersheds in spring 2017. Read more

Looking to Help Endangered Owls?

We're helping fund the <u>Northern Spotted Owl</u>
<u>Breeding Program</u>, near Langley. It's now offering some unique opportunities to learn about, and help, Canada's most endangered owl. Exclusive tours of the centre, which is not open to the public, are being offered this fall, and you have the chance to take an owl under your wing, figuratively anyhow, by becoming an Owl Guardian. See all the details on their Facebook Page





"Salmon Come Home" - October 23

Join the City of Coquitlam and the Hoy/Scott Creek Watershed Society to welcome the salmon home on October 23. The event is between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Hoy Creek Fish Hatchery. And if you have a passion for the environment and would like to volunteer at the event, email or call 604-345-9482.

See The Links to Our Latest Reports at fwcp.ca



White Nose Syndrome Action Plan

Bat experts from across the province recently came together in Chase. Volunteering their time, along with funds from an FWCP <u>Community Engagement</u> <u>Grant</u> and donated accommodation, they brainstormed content for the *BC Action Plan in*

Response to the Threat of White Nose White Nose Syndrome. Once completed, the Plan will be placed on the <u>BC Bats website</u>.

Contact Me if You Need Help

If you have questions about the FWCP in the Coastal Region, or about your grant application, contact me any time by email at trevor.oussoren@bchydro.com, or by phone at 250 755 7152.



The <u>FWCP</u> 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 impacted by BC Hydro dams.

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