



News From Our Columbia Region April 2017



\$5.5 million for local fish and wildlife

Caribou, Bull Trout, Kokanee, Gerrard Rainbow Trout, Grizzly Bears, wetland species, at-risk reptiles, waterfowl, and other species will benefit from the 48 fish and wildlife projects approved for approximately \$5.5 million in our Columbia Region. Thirteen of the approved projects will be delivered through the [Upper Kootenay Ecosystem Enhancement Plan](#) (UKEEP) - a joint initiative between the FWCP and Columbia Basin Trust.

[Read our full project list.](#)

FWCP projects approved for 2017-18

[One hundred and two fish and wildlife projects](#), valued at \$9.4 million, have been [approved](#) by our three regional Boards. The conservation and enhancement projects in our [Coastal](#), [Columbia](#) and [Peace](#) Regions went through a three-stage review and evaluation process, and address priorities in our Action Plans.



Watch our endangered owl webcam

In partnership with the Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program, we've just launched a webcam aimed at a pair of owls at the breeding facility in Langley. With only 20 wild owls left in Canada, this is a unique opportunity to view this endangered species. Shania has already laid two eggs! Find out why the nest is temporarily empty, and when to expect the chicks. It is anticipated that the first Northern Spotted Owls will be released into the wild in 2018. [See the owl webcam!](#)

Turtle Day: Cranbrook, Tuesday April 25

[Turtle Day](#) is a chance to get up close and personal with Western Painted Turtle hatchlings! Learn about their life cycle, and talk to biologists about how we monitor, clean, and even construct new, habitat. This free event, 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. at Elizabeth Lake Visitor Centre, is co-hosted with the Rocky Mountain Naturalists.



You're invited: other upcoming FWCP events

May 3 at Meadow Creek: Tour of the Duncan Lardeau Conservation Properties

May 9 at Shelter Bay: Juvenile White Sturgeon Release

May 13 at Trail (Beaver Creek Provincial Park): [Critter Day](#).

More on these events will be on our [website](#) soon, or [contact us](#) with questions.



Heron sightings wanted: especially North Columbia

Report any heron nest sites, active breeding colonies, or large groups of herons feeding in areas throughout the Columbia River Basin, especially from McBride to Valemount, and south to Revelstoke and Golden. [Learn more](#).



Thanks Grant!

We would like to offer our grateful appreciation to Grant Trower who, after 10 dedicated years on our Board as a public representative, stepped down at the end of March. Thank you for your many years of commitment, guidance and input to our organization! We are now in the process reviewing all of the applications we received to fill this seat on our [ten-member Board](#), and thank you to everyone who applied.

Read our project reports

We post and share all final project reports so the results and lessons learned are available to everyone. We're updating our [report list](#) often as new reports are finalized. [Contact us](#) if you can't find what you're looking for.



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