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## News From Our Peace Region

### March, 2018

#### FWCP Peace Region application process update

Forty-seven grant applications, requesting more than \$2.5 million for a total project value of 4.72 million, were recently reviewed by our Peace Region Board. [Learn more](#) about our review process. All applicants have been notified, and a full list of all the projects being funded for 2018-19 will be on our website soon.



Peace Reach, Williston Reservoir. Photo: Diversified Environmental Services

#### Kokanee presentation this Friday in Prince George

You are invited to a free Kokanee presentation on Friday, March 9, at the University of Northern British Columbia. UNBC's Dr. Mark Shrimpton, will be presenting research, funded in part by the FWCP, on the contribution of nutrients by Kokanee in tributaries where they spawn. [Read the details](#).



Spawned-out Kokanee. Photo: Giles Shearing

#### New caribou page, and new herd!

Of the 14 wildlife projects being funded by the FWCP in our Peace Region in 2017-2018, eight are supporting caribou, for a total investment of more than half-a-million dollars. Read more about these projects [on our new caribou website page](#). It includes a [map](#) showing where the herds are located and, although not related to FWCP-funded projects, biologists with the Province of B.C. recently identified a new sub-population called the Thutade Herd. Check out its location.



## Volunteers central to MNO's bird banding

The Mackenzie Nature Observatory (MNO) receives funding from the FWCP to help deliver its annual migratory bird banding program at Mugaha Marsh. The volunteers are key to its success and, in 2017, an impressive 2,300 person-hours were logged. [Read more](#), and find out what unusual visitor (right) they banded.



Photo: MNO



## eDNA course set for July in Dawson Creek

Environmental deoxyribonucleic acid (eDNA) is a fascinating field with great potential. It refers to nuclear or mitochondrial DNA released into the environment through feces, mucus, carcasses, and shed hair or skin. A sample of water, soil or air can reveal the presence of eDNA of an organism.

Dawson Creek Watershed Society is hosting a one-day course, plus an optional field day, on July 9 and 10, led by wildlife biologist, Jared Hobbs.

[Email](#) soon for further details, as space is limited.

Photo: Jared Hobbs

## Community Engagement Grants

We still have some funds left in our FWCP Peace Region under the [Community Engagement Grant \(CEG\)](#). Groups that have received CEG funds so far this fiscal include Hudson's Hope Ski Association (fishing derby), Fisher Working Group ("WeaselFest"), North Peace Rod & Gun Club (fundraiser) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (Bat Action Team Meeting).

Contact us if you have a project idea in the works that will benefit fish and wildlife, especially if it involves volunteers. You could be eligible for up to \$1,000, and they are easy to apply for, with a quick turn-around.



## Read our reports

Our list of [reports is online](#), and please [contact us](#) if you can't find what you're

looking for.

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