



News from our Coastal Region

April 2018

Coastal Region approves thirty-three projects for 2019 - 2020

Our Coastal Region Board approved 33 projects for approximately \$1.9 million. The 20 fish and 13 wildlife projects will be delivered by First Nations, agencies, stewardship groups, consultants and others. Together the projects will help build the science-based understanding of species, improve spawning channels and habitat, support recovery of endangered wildlife, restore estuary and riparian areas, secure conservation lands and more. The projects will benefit Chinook, Sockeye and other salmonids, bats, marmots, owls, turtles, ungulates and more. [Read our 2019 - 2020 Coastal Region project list](#). Visit our interactive [project map](#).



\$9.2 million approved for 97 projects across our three regions

Ninety-seven projects are being funded this year by the FWCP to conserve and enhance fish & wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams. The hands-on species and habitat-based projects, along with research and monitoring projects approved for funding, will be delivered across the FWCP's [Coastal](#), [Columbia](#) and [Peace](#) regions. The projects are being delivered through grants, long-term partnerships and contracts. Learn more at fwcp.ca



Evaluation & audit: Take the survey by Friday April 19

Take part in the [evaluation & audit](#). Complete the [online survey](#) by Friday, April 19. The independent, third-party evaluation & audit is required by our Governance Manual and is being implemented by [Ferrence and Co.](#)



Update: Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program

The Northern Spotted Owl is one of Canada's most endangered bird species. Its entire Canadian range occurs in southwestern British Columbia, with an estimated population of just 30 individuals, and more than half of these, [with funding from the FWCP](#), reside in captivity at the [Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program](#) in Langley. Several eggs are incubating and at least one, laid April 11, is fertile. If all goes well, it will hatch about a month later, when the FWCP will be streaming our owl nest-cam.



Confirmed: the egg is fertile. Photo: NSO Breeding Program

Conservation lands: making progress to secure Kus-kus-sum

The Comox Valley Project Watershed Society (CVPWS) [received \\$400,000 from the FWCP](#) to help secure a former sawmill site in the K'ómoks Estuary for future restoration. The K'ómoks First Nation named the site Kus-kus-sum. The FWCP's Puntledge River Watershed Action Plan identified the acquisition and restoration of Kus-kus-sum as a priority habitat-based action. Community fund raising has gone well - [70% of the targeted \\$500,000 from the community](#) has been raised to date - and CVPWS anticipates making the final payments to the landholders in 2020.



Community Engagement Grants available

Don't forget that we have funds available through our [Community Engagement Grants](#). If you have an idea, or a project in the works, that will benefit fish and wildlife, especially if it involves volunteers, then [contact us](#). You could be eligible for up to \$1,000.



Read our reports

As of the beginning of September, our list of [reports online](#) has been updated. Please [contact us](#) if you can't find what you're looking for.

The [FWCP](#) 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 in watersheds impacted by BC
Hydro dams.

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