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## News from our Coastal Region

### January 2020

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#### Thirty-three grant applications being reviewed

Thirty-three grant applications for fish and wildlife projects are going through our three-stage review process by our Regional Manager, technical committees, and regional Board. Approximately \$1.73 million in funding has been requested, for a potential project value of nearly \$3.52 million. Thank you to everyone who submitted a grant application. You will be notified by the end of February if your grant is conditionally approved or not. [Read more](#) about our application review process.



Mule Deer are one of many species that are benefitting from our [2019-2020 project funding](#). Photo: iStock.

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#### Northern Spotted Owl chick named

Four chicks successfully fledged last spring as part of the [FWCP-funded Northern Spotted Owl \(NSO\) Breeding Program](#). "Chick F," the star of the FWCP's 2019 web cam, has been named Fraser. The program hopes to have ten breeding pairs in captivity and begin releasing captive-bred birds into the wild. Watch this [gender reveal video](#).



Chick "F", from last spring's [nest web cam](#), has been named Fraser. Photo: NSO Breeding Program.

## Invasive plants removed from Campbell River Estuary

More than twelve thousand pounds of invasive plants have been removed from the Campbell River Estuary, including Yellow Flag Iris, Purple Loosestrife, Scotch Broom, Himalayan Blackberry, and Japanese Knotweed. This project aligned with the Campbell River Watershed Action Plan's priority action to implement wetland and riparian restoration projects, and was carried out by the Greenways Land Trust. [Read more.](#)



Yellow Flag Iris was dug up, bagged, and removed. Photo: Greenways Land Trust.

## Chum carcasses adding nutrients to upper Puntledge River

Approximately 4,000 Chum Salmon carcasses were collected and redistributed to the upper Puntledge River by volunteers with the Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association. The slow decomposition of the dead salmon will add much-needed nutrients to benefit the food web. The project took place over a two week period last fall with the support of an FWCP [Community Engagement Grant](#) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.



Volunteers moved Chum Salmon caracasses upstream in the Puntledge River Watershed. Photo: Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association.

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