



## News from our Columbia Region May 2020

### Columbia Region approves 43 projects for 2020-2021

Our Columbia Region board approved approximately \$5.5 million for 43 projects for 2020-2021. The 11 fish and 32 wildlife projects will be delivered by stewardship groups, agencies, Indigenous Nations, consultants, and others. Together the projects will restore spawning and riparian areas, improve grassland and upland habitats, assess and monitor populations, conserve wildlife corridors, restore wetlands, and secure lands for conservation. The projects will benefit wolverines, bighorn sheep, bull trout, kokanee, sturgeon, birds, amphibians, bats, and more. Read our 2020-2021 [Columbia Region project list](#). Visit our interactive [project map](#).



Several projects in our Columbia Region are focusing on helping grizzly bears. Photo: FWCP

### \$8.7 million approved for 99 projects in our three regions

Our three regional boards approved funding for 99 projects this year to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams. In addition to our [Columbia](#) project list, you can also read our [Coastal](#) and [Peace](#) project lists. The projects are being delivered through grants, long-term partnerships, and contracts. Learn more at [fwcp.ca](http://fwcp.ca).

## Conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife

The FWCP is conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams. With annual funding from BC Hydro, our independent regional Boards have approved approximately \$8.7 million for 99 fish and wildlife projects in 2020-2021. These projects align with our action plans.

Explore our [Coastal](#), [Columbia](#) or [Peace Region](#) maps. Learn more about projects happening now.



View our interactive maps to see the projects funded in our [Coastal](#), [Columbia](#), and [Peace](#) regions.

## Watch Canada's rarest owl: see the chick in the nest now!

The northern spotted owl is Canada's most endangered owl with less than 10 individuals estimated to be left in the wild in British Columbia. The [Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program](#), which is [funded by the FWCP in our Coastal Region](#), invites you to watch "Chick J" in his nest at the breeding facility in Langley B.C.

Watch now!

[fwcp.ca/webcam](http://fwcp.ca/webcam)



## Reptiles at risk: 17 snake hibernacula discovered

Over a six-year period from 2013 to 2018, a total of 38 North American racer snakes and two northern rubber boas were captured and radio-tracked. This resulted in the discovery of 16 racer and one rubber boa hibernacula. [The project](#), carried out by wildlife biologists Jakob Dulisse and Marlene Machmer, helped inform local land managers to conserve important habitat, and increase awareness about these and other at-risk reptile populations south of Trail.



An adult North American racer snake with a radio transmitter attached (left); the transmitter on the snake's ventral (underside) scales (right). Photos: J. Dulisse

## Community Engagement Grants available

Planning on doing a small project, with safe physical distancing of course, to help fish and wildlife in our FWCP Columbia Region in the near future? We have funds available through our [Community Engagement Grants](#). If you have an idea or a project in the works, then contact us. You could be eligible for up to \$1,000.



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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