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## News from our Peace Region

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### Peace Region approves 28 projects for 2020-2021

Our Peace Region board approved nearly \$1.5 million for 28 projects for 2020-2021. The 10 fish and 18 wildlife projects will be delivered by Indigenous groups, agencies, stewardship groups, consultants, and others. Together the projects will research and monitor fish and wildlife populations, improve habitat, and help species of conservation concern. The projects focus on bull trout, Arctic grayling, kokanee, caribou, Stone's sheep, waterfowl, invasive plants, amphibians, bats, and more. Read our 2020-2021 [Peace Region project list](#) and visit our interactive [project map](#).



A family of grizzlies caught on a trail cam during pre-treatment monitoring to help caribou habitat.  
Photo: Wildlife Infometrics

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

Our three regional boards are funding 99 projects this year to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams. In addition to the Peace project list, you can also read our [Coastal](#) and [Columbia](#) project lists.



A lake trout is tagged and released during [a 2019 project](#) to monitor their movements.  
Photo: Diversified Environmental Services

## 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 our FWCP Coastal Region](#), invite you to see "Chick J" in a nest at its breeding facility in Langley B.C. Watch now:



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



Fertile egg, and Chick J at 10 days old on April 30. Photos: Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program

## Public representative wanted: apply by June 15

We're looking for a new public representative to join our Peace Region board for a three-year term starting in August 2020. If you live in the FWCP's Peace Region, are committed to supporting thriving and sustainable watersheds, and can bring a regional perspective to fish, wildlife, and environmental issues, we'd love to hear from you. Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2020. [Read more.](#)



Special thanks to outgoing public representative Ross Peck (left, bottom) for his contribution to the FWCP and to help fish and wildlife in our Peace Region.

## 15 wetlands assessed: three to receive restoration plans

Fifteen wetlands near the Williston Reservoir were assessed, [with FWCP funding](#), as part of a traditional ecological knowledge study conducted by the Tsay Keh Dene Nation and Chu Cho Environmental. Fifty-three percent of the wetlands assessed were determined to be healthy, 34% were healthy with some problems, and 13% were assessed as unhealthy. Based on these assessments, restoration plans will be developed for three high-priority wetland sites in [2020-2021](#).



One of fifteen wetlands assessed in 2019. Photo: Chu Cho Environmental.

## Community Engagement Grants available

Planning on doing a small project, with safe physical distancing of course, to help fish and wildlife in our FWCP Peace 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 existing BC Hydro dams.

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