



COLUMBIA REGION NEWS

August 2020

Grants available for fish and wildlife projects

We're now accepting grant applications for fish and wildlife projects that align with our Columbia Region actions plans. Grant applications are due by 5 p.m. PDT on Friday, October 30, 2020. [Learn more](#). Read our [info kit](#), [funding FAQs](#), and [regional guidance](#) for grant applicants. [Contact](#) Crystal Klym, our Columbia Region manager, to discuss your grant application.

Join our online grant information session October 1

We're hosting a provincial online information session on Thursday, October 1, 2020, between 1 and 2.30 p.m. PDT. Learn more about our grants, action plans, and how to align your project idea with our priorities. Meet our three regional managers and the rest of the FWCP team. RSVP to fwcp@bhcydro.com to register.



Projects in the North Columbia are a priority for our board and we are encouraging grant applications for projects in the area bordered by Revelstoke and Golden in the south, and Valemount in the north. Last year we funded an [amphibian project](#) in the Robson Valley. Photo: J. McAllister, LGL Ltd.

Join our team: we're looking for a new manager

Trevor Oussoren is transitioning to a new role within BC Hydro, so we're looking for a new manager! The ideal candidate is a proven leader in the areas of relationship building, program management, development and implementation of collaborative agreements, opportunities, and action plans. [Follow the link](#) for more information. Apply by August 26, 2020. We can't wait to meet you!

Toadfest hops online: you're invited

There won't be Toadfest this year at Summit Lake Provincial Park due to COVID-19, but Toadfest is hopping online and you're invited! Get an update on work to help western toads, check out some cool new videos and photos, and talk to our biologists. There will be two one-hour sessions via Zoom: one for kids on August 26, and one for adults on August 27, both starting at 12.30 p.m. PDT. [Read more](#) and register at fwcp@bchydro.com.



Watch out for some special appearances by Toady, our Toadfest mascot! Photo: Isaac Carter

Implementing evaluation and audit recommendations

Our team is working to implement recommendations from our third-party evaluation and financial audit required by our governance manual. The recommendations, finalized in late 2019, will help us refine, support, and strengthen our approach to conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams. Read about our progress to implement audit recommendations, and review the auditor's summary and final [reports](#).

Community Engagement Grants available

Planning on doing a small project, with safe physical distancing of course, to help fish and wildlife in our Columbia Region in the near future? We have funds available through our [Community Engagement Grants](#) 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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