

Coastal Region News October 2021



Salmon, including Chinook, are a priority species for many watersheds in our Coastal Region, including the agravel restoration strategy guides projects to restore salmon habitat. Photo: iStock/Supercaliphotolistic

Apply soon: grant applications due October 29

Our annual grant intake is open for another two weeks. Projects eligible for a grant must align with priority actions in our Coastal Region's <u>action plans</u>. Read our <u>information kit</u> and regional <u>grant guidance</u>. Submit your grant application by 5 p.m. (PT), Friday, October 29.

Guidance for Coastal Region applicants

If your proposed project is in our Coastal Region, make sure your application meets our region-specific criteria.

- 1. Your project must clearly address one or more priority actions in our Coastal Region's action plans.
- 2. Your project must occur within the boundary area of our Coastal Region's 14 watersheds.
- Your project should engage with and, if possible, involve First Nations.
- 4. Your application must include letters of support, each from a First Nation, agency, and organization.
- 5. Research and information-gathering projects must inform conservation actions.
- 6. Your project should reflect knowledge of relevant projects reports and outcomes.
- 7. If your project evaluates opportunities to improve fish passage above BC Hydro facilities, it must follow BC Hydro's <u>Fish Passage Decision Framework</u>.
- 8. If your proposal is for salmon spawning habitat restoration in the Lower Campbell River, it must align with the <u>Campbell River Gravel Restoration Strategy</u>.

Questions? Get in touch!

We're here to help. <u>Contact</u> our Coastal Region manager, Julie Fournier, with any questions about our action plans, your project ideas, or your grant application.



Maintaining or improving the status of species of interest, such as the at-risk painted turtle, is an objective in our Coquitlam-Buntzen Watershed Action Plan, Photo: Deanna MacTavish

Join us: learn about the recovery efforts for the painted turtle

Join us for a free online information session at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, November 19, to learn more about western painted turtles in the Lower Mainland and the ongoing recovery efforts, funded by the FWCP, to support the Pacific coast population that is federally listed as Threatened. Aimee Mitchell with the South Coast Western Painted Turtle Recovery Group will be sharing information about this at-risk reptile, the construction and protection of nest sites, and the ongoing monitoring efforts. Also, get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the work with Greater Vancouver Zoo at their head-starting facility. Register here.



Read our 2020-2021 annual report

Our annual report covers the key highlights, decisions, and expenditures in our Coastal Region for the fiscal year F21, from April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. Find out how we're progressing on recommendations from the independent audit and learn about the projects we funded during the year.



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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