



Two habitat restoration projects in the Cheakamus River Watershed this year, totalling more than half a million dollars, will help many salmon species, including Chinook and coho (above). [Read more](#). Photo: iStock/Hailshadow

Thirty projects announced in our Coastal Region

Our Coastal Region board approved more than \$2.2 million for 30 projects for 2022-2023. The projects—18 fish and 12 wildlife—will be delivered by Indigenous Nations, communities and businesses, as well as agencies, stewardship groups, and consultants. Together, the projects will improve habitat, help secure conservation lands, fill important gaps about fish and wildlife populations, and support species of conservation concern, including Chinook salmon, western screech-owl, Vancouver Island marmot, western painted turtle, and more.

Read our [Coastal Region 2022-2023 project list](#) and visit our [interactive project map](#).



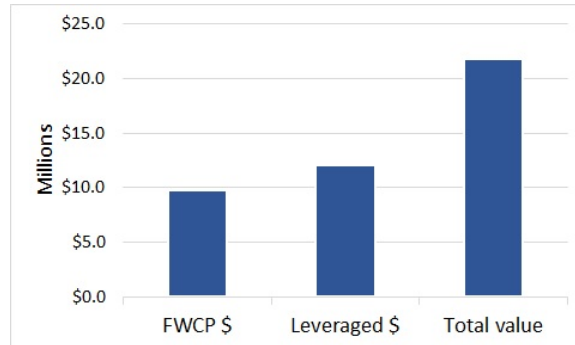
A wide range of species and ecosystems will benefit from the projects approved in our Coastal, Columbia, and Peace regions. Some projects will result in immediate benefits to species, others will fill important data gaps that will help define future conservation actions, and some are multi-year projects that build on work and results year over year. All projects support our vision of thriving fish and wildlife in watersheds that are

\$9.8 million approved for 95 projects in our three regions

Our three regional boards approved funding for 95 projects this year to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams. “We take a forward-looking approach that balances protecting past conservation efforts and contributing to the resilience of watersheds in the future while remaining focused on our overall mission to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams,” says Monique Stevenson, FWCP program manager. See all the projects we’re funding this year in our Coastal, Columbia, and Peace region [project lists](#).

Nearly 87% of project funding in 2022-2023 across all three regions is going toward land securement, habitat- or species-based actions. The \$9.8 million in FWCP funding has helped leverage another \$12 million, for a total project value of nearly \$22 million.

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The northern spotted owl webcam is now live! Watch the rarest owl in Canada at the Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program in Langley, BC. Be sure to check it out in the evenings and early morning when the owls are most active. Bookmark this page: fwcp.ca/owlwebcam/. The webcam is hosted by the FWCP and the Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program.

Photo: NSOBP



This year, our Coastal Region board has set aside more than \$350,000 for the purchase of conservation land. Land securement will benefit many species, including the grizzly bear. This one was photographed in April in the Salmon River Estuary. Photo: The Nature Trust of B.C.

Rare sighting highlights value of land securement

In 2015, the Nature Trust of BC, with funding from the FWCP and others, purchased the Salmon River Estuary

conservation lands on Vancouver Island. Since then, work has been ongoing to restore the 66.8 hectares of degraded riparian forest and wetland habitat in the estuary. [Read more.](#)

A grizzly bear was recently spotted and photographed on the conservation property. It is the first time in many years a grizzly has been seen foraging on the abundant vegetation in the estuary, which shows the value of land conservation and restoration.

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