



Securing lands with high fish and wildlife values, such as Morrissey Meadows in the East Kootenay, continues to be a very important conservation tool. The FWCP Columbia Region board has allocated nearly \$700,000 toward purchasing conservation lands in 2022-2023. Photo: S. Ogle

## Forty projects announced in our Columbia Region

Our Columbia Region board approved more than \$6.1 million for 40 projects for 2022-2023. [The projects](#)—10 fish and 30 wildlife—will be delivered by Indigenous Nations, communities and businesses; agencies; stewardship groups; and consultants. Together, the projects will improve habitat, help secure conservation lands, research and monitor fish and wildlife populations, and support many species, including bull trout, kokanee, bighorn sheep, elk, mule and white-tailed deer, bank and barn swallows, western toads, and bats.

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



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 functioning and sustainable. Photos clockwise from top left: A. Taylor; iStock Supercaliphottolistic; iStock Y. Gauthier; iStock D. Gaura; B. Houston; Wildlife Infometrics; Chu Cho Environmental

## \$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 three-quarters of the projects funded in 2022-2023 are 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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## Northern spotted owl webcam is coming soon!



Our northern spotted owl webcam will be online in a matter of days. Watch the rarest owl in Canada at the Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program in Langley, B.C. Be sure to check it out in the evenings and early mornings when the owls are most active. Bookmark this page: [fwcp.ca/owlwebcam/](http://fwcp.ca/owlwebcam/). The webcam is hosted by the FWCP and the Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program.

Bella on the nest, April 27, 2022. Photo: NSOBP

## You're invited: osprey monitoring and bear safety workshops



### Osprey monitoring workshop

Saturday May 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. PT. Kokanee Creek Visitor's Centre  
Join Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society for a Lake Watchers workshop on osprey nest monitoring, co-hosted by wildlife biologist Joanne Siderius. The workshop will train you to collect and submit data on osprey breeding activity for the long-term tracking of osprey survival on Kootenay Lake. [Read more](#)

Photo: FWCP



### Grizzly bear safety workshop

Tuesday, May 17, 7-9 p.m. PT. Nelson and District Rod & Gun Club  
This free workshop, hosted by Gillian Sanders, is geared towards hikers, mountain bikers, hunters, campers, berry pickers, birdwatchers and anyone living, working, or recreating in grizzly bear habitat. Learn how to prevent bear conflicts and how to respond safely if/when you encounter a bear. [Read more](#)

Photo: BC Hydro

### Toadfest is back this summer!

Toadfest is coming back in August at Summit Lake Provincial Park near Nakusp.



Bring the family and learn more about western toads and other species that call the region home. Toadfest takes place in the late afternoon on Wednesday, August 17, and the morning of August 18. Bookmark this page, [fwcp.ca/toadfest/](http://fwcp.ca/toadfest/) for future news and information.

Photo B. Houston

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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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