



Thank you for joining this online information session about FWCP's grants and action plans.

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FWCP Grants for Fish & Wildlife Projects Online Information Session

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

1 – 2 p.m. PT

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Introductions



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Today's discussion

Welcome and agenda review

Introduction to FWCP

Overview:

FWCP grants

Regional action plans

How to apply for an FWCP grant:

Regional guidance for grant applicants, FAQs

Online grant management system

Discussion & questions

Adjourn

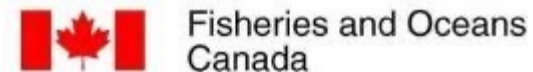
Coffee talk!



Introduction to FWCP

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.**

BC Hydro fulfills **water licence and voluntary commitments** through the FWCP. The FWCP is **funded annually by BC Hydro.**



FWCP's vision & mission

FWCP Vision

Thriving fish and wildlife populations in watersheds that are functioning and sustainable.

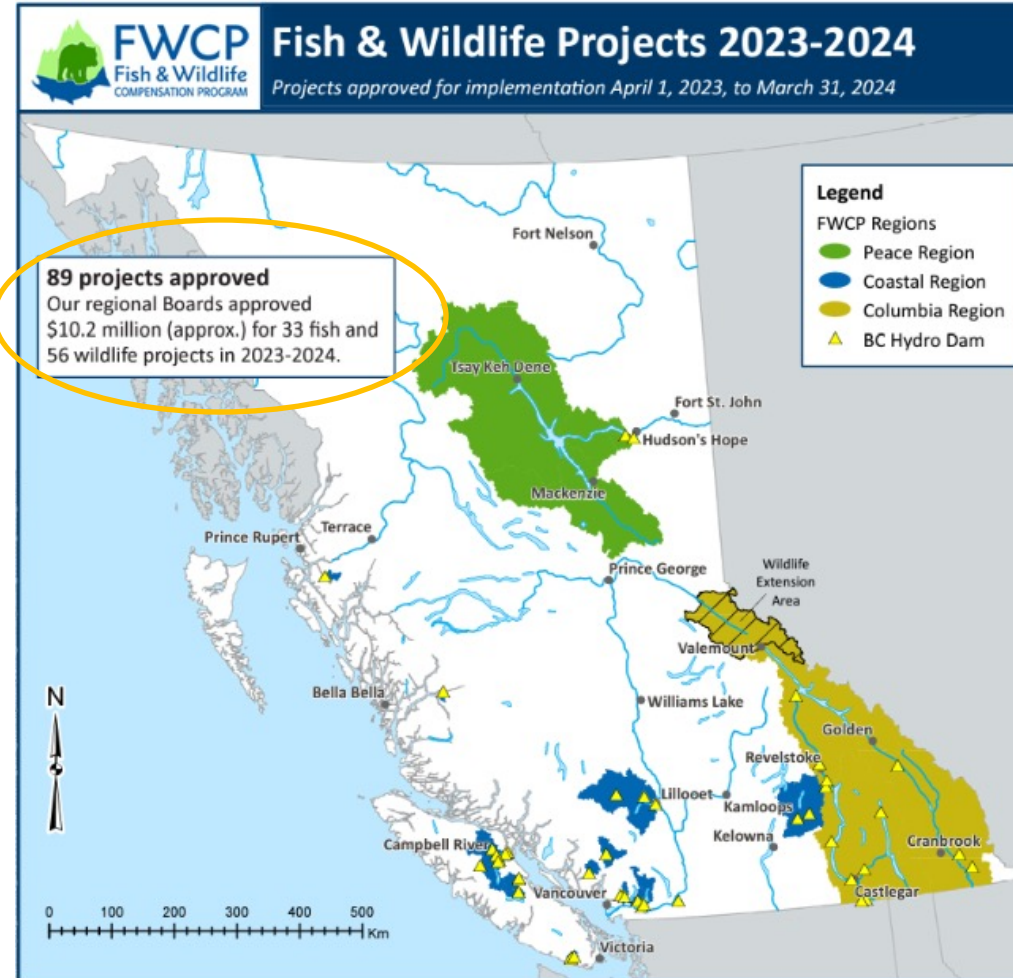
FWCP Mission

The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program compensates for fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

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FWCP's regions



Coastal Region projects

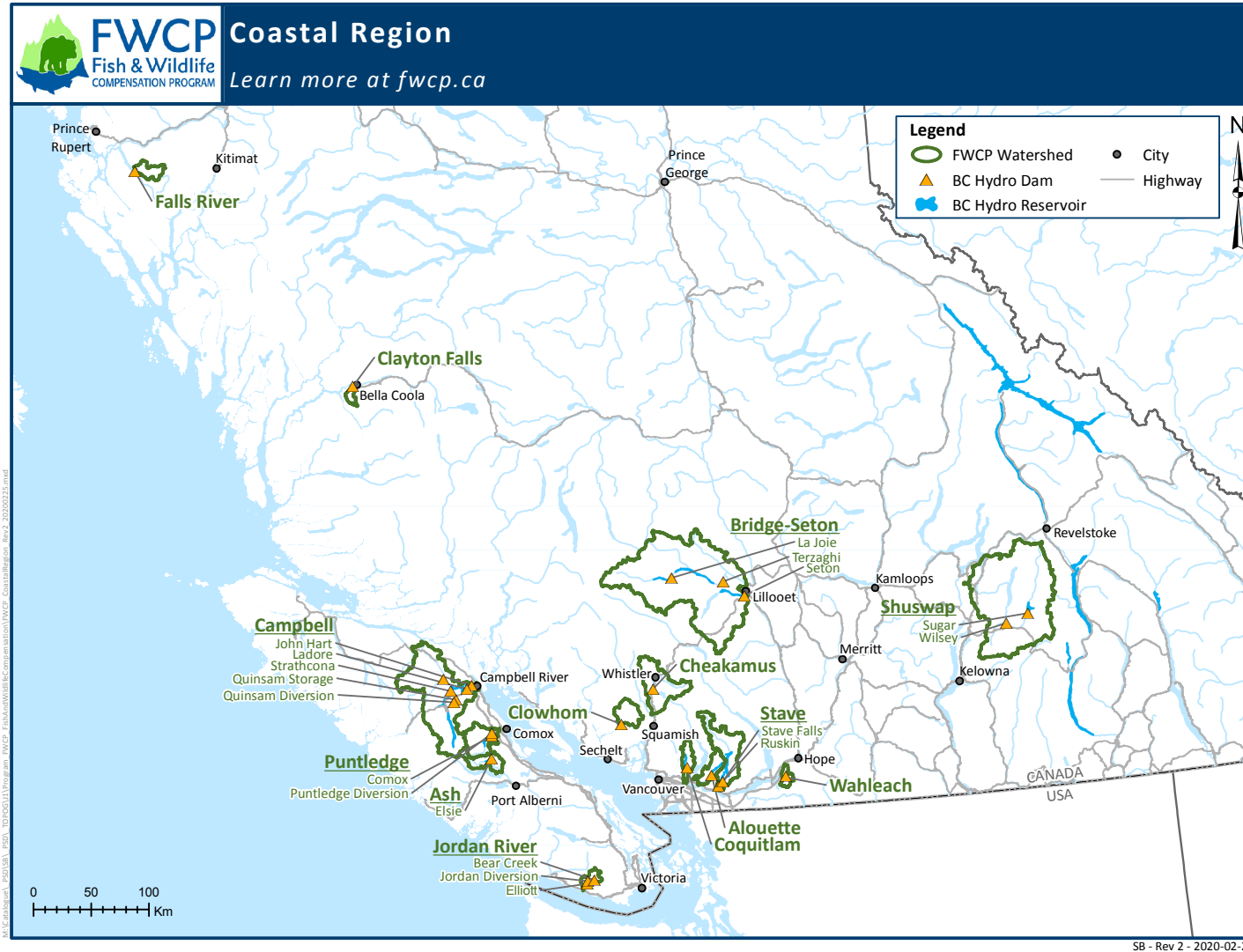
28 Projects:
17 fish and 11 wildlife
\$2.4 million (approx.)

Columbia Region projects

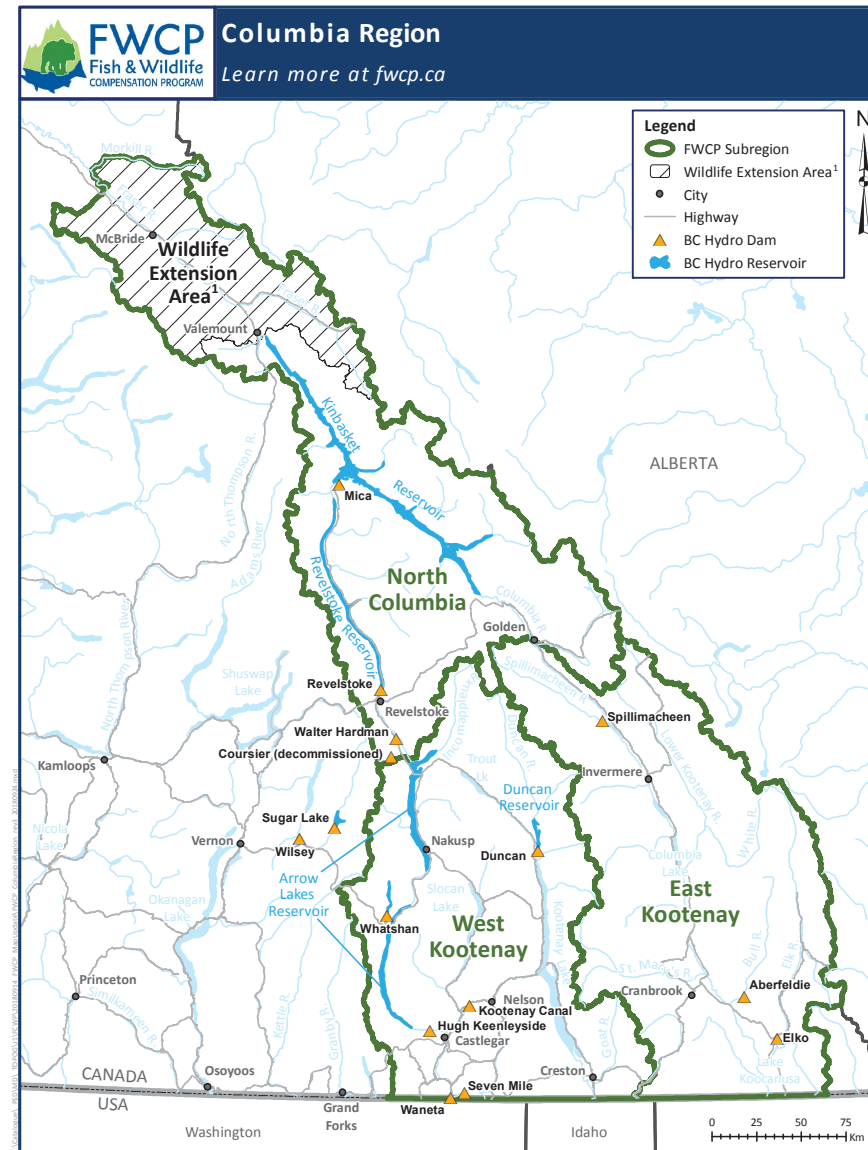
33 Projects:
9 fish and 24 wildlife
\$6.2 million (approx.)

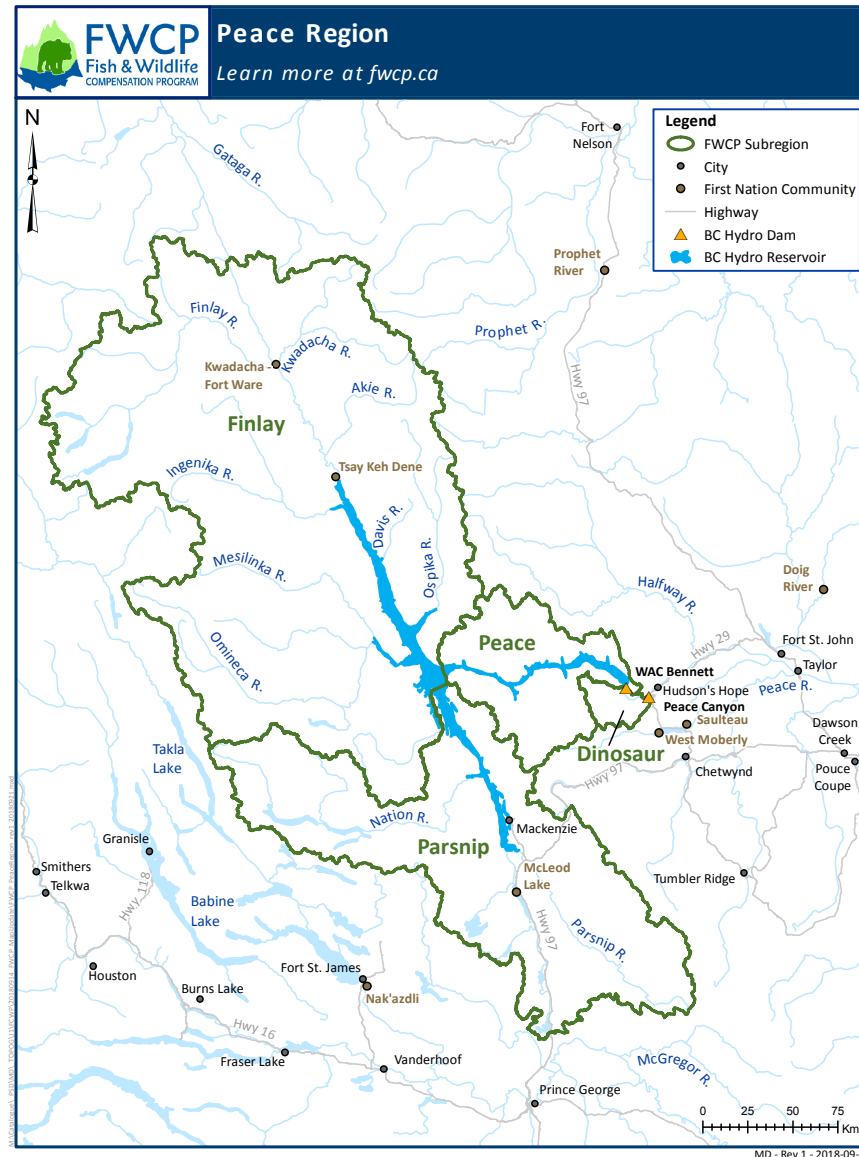
Peace Region projects

28 Projects:
7 fish and 21 wildlife
\$1.6 million (approx.)

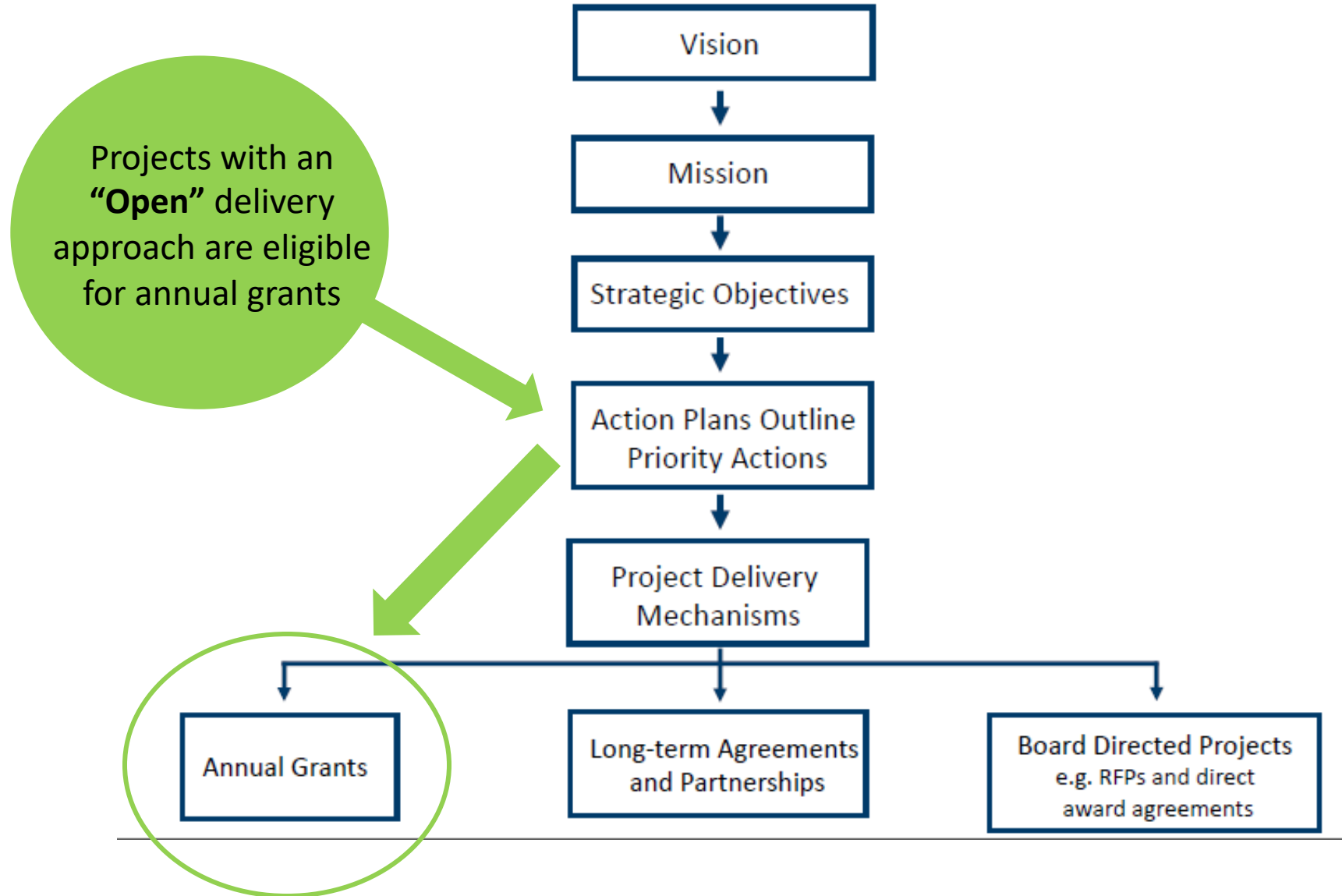


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How we work



FWCP action tables

ALOUETTE RIVER WATERSHED ACTION TABLE								Version: 21July2020		
Action #	Ecosystem Chapter	Action Type	Priority Action Short Description	Priority	Target Species	Priority Action	Intended Outcome	Delivery Approach	Location	
14	Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs	Habitat-based Actions	ALU.RLR.HB.14.0 1 Improve rearing habitat capacity for Chinook & Coho Salmon & Steelhead in the Lower Alouette River-P1	1	Chinook and Coho Salmon, and Steelhead	Improve rearing habitat capacity for Chinook and Coho Salmon and Steelhead in the Lower Alouette River. Examples include development of off-channel habitat and increasing pool, wood and boulder habitat.	Sustain and restore habitat capacity and population viability Chinook and Coho Salmon and Steelhead.	Open	Lower Alouette	
15	Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs	Habitat-based Actions	ALU.RLR.HB.15.0 1 Develop new spawning areas for Pink Salmon-P2	2	Pink Salmon	Develop new spawning areas for Pink Salmon that are in areas not favoured by Chum Salmon, such as in the North Alouette River, where natural fluctuations do not favour Chum Salmon.	Sustain and restore habitat capacity and population viability of Pink Salmon.	Open	North Alouette River	
16	Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs	Habitat-based Actions	ALU.RLR.HB.16.0 1 Implement habitat enhancements in Upper Alouette-P2	2	Anadromous & Resident Salmonids	Implement habitat enhancements in Upper Alouette, including Alouette Reservoir and tributaries. If a restoration plan has been completed under Action 3, please reference that plan for more information.	Sustain and restore habitat capacity and population viability of anadromous and resident salmonids.	Open	Upper Alouette	
17	Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs	Habitat-based Actions	ALU.RLR.HB.17.0 1 Implement habitat enhancements in North Alouette River-P3	3	Anadromous & Resident Salmonids	Implement habitat enhancements in North Alouette River. If a restoration plan has been completed under Action 3, please reference that plan for more information.	Sustain and restore habitat capacity and population viability of anadromous and resident salmonids.	Open	North Alouette River	

Grant intake deadlines: fall 2023

Monday, September 11: Mandatory Notice of Intent due in our Columbia and Peace regions only

Monday, October 30: Submit your completed grant application by 4 p.m. PDT / 5.p.m. MDT



Reminders

Evaluation criteria

1. A clear, well-defined approach aligning with priority actions and intended outcomes
2. Technical design and feasibility with direct benefits to fish and wildlife
3. Urgency: what are the implications if the project is approved vs. not approved?
4. Engagement of First Nations
5. Community engagement
6. Partnerships for support and to leverage our funding
7. Team experience, credentials, and capacity
8. Are the charges and fees appropriate? Value for money?
9. Overall quality of the application

Regional guidance for grant applicants:
fwcp.ca/grantguidance



Seed Grant

Use our Seed Grant to grow your idea into a future Large Grant application. ***Up to a maximum of \$5,000*** is available from the FWCP.

Large Grant

Our Large Grant is available for projects that align with our action plans ***regardless of total project cost.***

Your Large Grant application must include a **written project proposal** (maximum six pages) that includes:

- background and context for the proposed project;
- supplementary information and relevant references;
- the risks of proceeding with this proposed project;
- literature cited and links; and
- optional photos of the project site and/or a site map.



It's easy to apply

1. Review **action plans**
2. Review our **regional guidance** for grant applicants
3. Login to our **online grant management system** and start your application: **fwcp.ca/funding**
4. Submit your completed grant application by **4 p.m. PDT / 5.p.m. MDT on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023**

Tips for a strong application

1. Clearly **addresses an FWCP priority**
2. Effective **First Nations engagement**
3. Methods/approach are **clear and technically sound**
4. Cost **effectiveness** and **partnerships**
5. Application **quality**
6. Use our **FWCP resources and guidance**
7. Is written **clearly and easily understood** by reviewers



Columbia Region guidance

- **NEW mandatory Notice of Intent (NOI) process (Sept. 11)**
- Follow our 2023 guidance for **early engagement with First Nations (after Sept. 11)**
- **Priorities for our fall 2023 grant intake**
 - On-the-ground fish & stream restoration projects (Large Grant) and feasibility studies (Seed Grant)
 - Projects in the North Columbia sub-region
- **Reminders for our fall 2023 grant intake**
 - Projects from First Nations and stewardship groups are encouraged
 - Projects to evaluate past wetland conservation are **not accepted** this year
 - Follow our guidance for land securement grant applications
 - Projects with primary alignment to a #3 priority action **not accepted** this year

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Peace Region guidance

1. Mandatory **Notice of Intent** was due Monday, Sept. 11, 2023
2. Strong **linkage to conservation actions for research and information acquisition** projects
3. **Not currently accepting** grant applications for **moose habitat enhancement**
4. **Gov't of B.C. grant applicants** must demonstrate how project activities are not funded by their operating budgets and not solely intended to **inform regulatory/legislative requirement**
5. **Reminder**, we encourage you to use the **Williston Wetland Explorer Tool** if you are planning a riparian or wetland habitat project
6. Review relevant **project reports** and outcomes

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Coastal Region guidance

1. **Support letters!** Applications for large grants must include three support letters from a First Nation, agency, organization
2. **Move the dial!** Research and information projects must **inform conservation actions**
3. **Community engagement:** Engage, inform, involve & share. Engagement is a significant contributor to project success. Plan and budget for it!
4. **Leverage** from other sources, volunteers, in-kind support and equipment
5. Follow our guidance for **land securement** grant applications
6. **Follow up: Review** relevant **project reports** and outcomes
7. Contact us if you're proposing a project near BC Hydro reservoirs or in Vancouver Island watersheds

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Grant resources

Apply for a grant


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Apply now

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PEACE REGION GUIDANCE FOR GRANT APPLICANTS 2023

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Complete your grant application [online](#).

Learn more about our grants! Join us for these online information sessions.

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 10-11 a.m. PT 11 a.m.-12 p.m. MT	INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE REGION'S NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) Register now . Learn more about this mandatory first step for all grant applicants in our Peace Region. Find out how the NOI supports First Nations engagement in your project and allows us to provide you with additional guidance ahead of submitting your grant application. Your notice of intent is due September 11, 2023 through our online grant management system.
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Questions? Contact our Peace Region Manager.
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Welcome to the FWCP grant management system

Registered users can login now with your email address and password. If you are new to our online grant management system, start your registration now:

[Register](#)

If you are already registered and you need to apply for grants on behalf of another organization or have questions related to completing FWCP grant applications, please contact us fwcp@bchydro.com (Our response time is generally within 24-48 hours Monday-Friday)

If you are having technical problems please call **604 528-8136** between **8am to 4pm PST**, Monday to Friday.

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Evaluating grant applications

Three-stage evaluation:

Stage 1: review by regional manager and business coordinator

Stage 2: review by technical committees and Peace/Columbia Regions' First Nations Working Groups

Stage 3: review by board members at regional AGMs in early 2024

Notification letters late February 2024

Address conditions March 2024

Contribution agreements may begin April 2024



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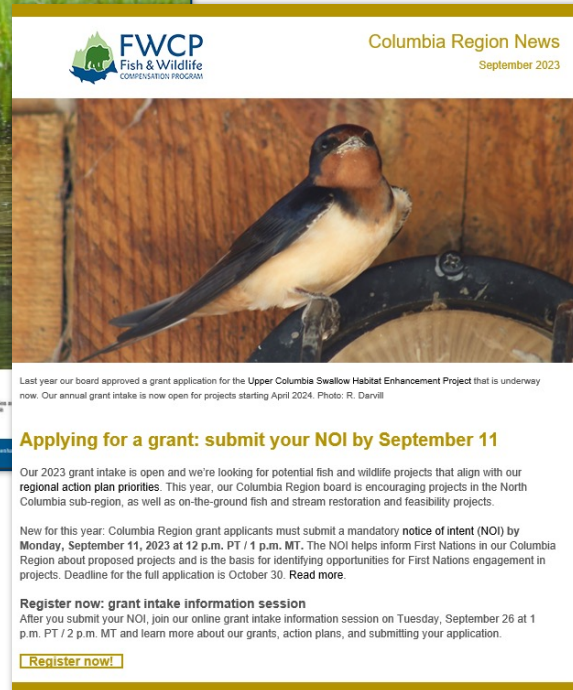


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Coffee talk!

