

## 2026 – 2027 COASTAL REGION FUNDING FOR FISH & WILDLIFE PROJECTS

### \$2.8 million approved for fish & wildlife compensation projects

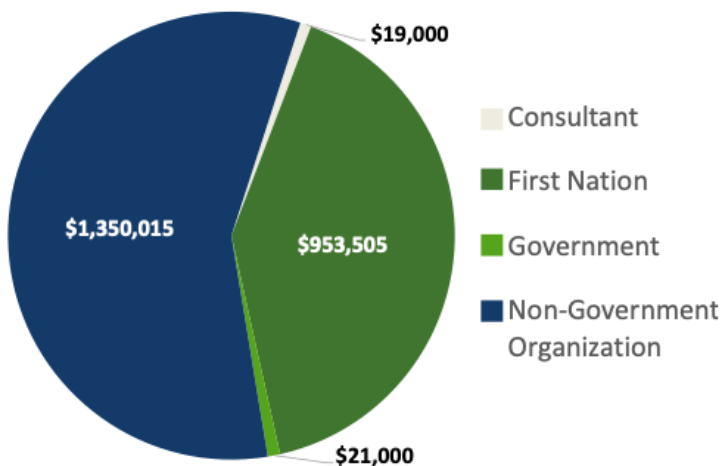
Our Coastal Region board approved approximately \$2.8 million for fish and wildlife projects in 2026 – 2027. Of that, \$2.3 million is allocated to 15 fish and 12 wildlife projects. The remaining board-approved funds are set aside for the region’s Community Engagement, Seed, and Land Securement grants, and will be allocated throughout the coming year.

The projects approved for funding this year align with our priority actions and reflect our primary obligation to compensate for dam impacts to fish, wildlife, and their habitats in the watersheds where we operate.

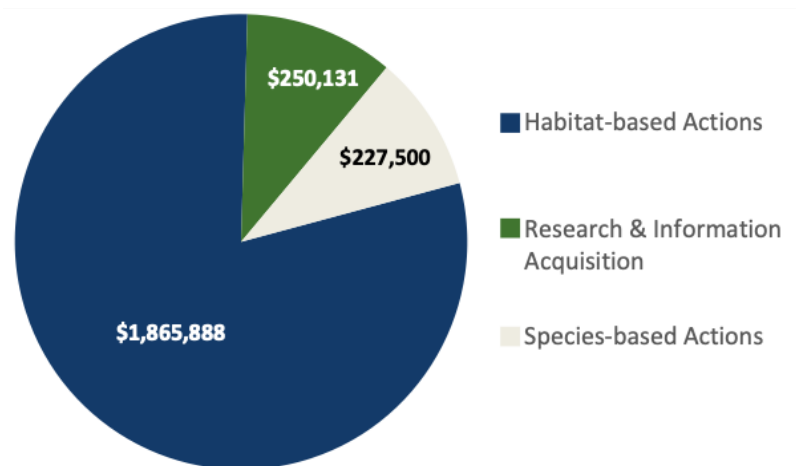
### Coastal Region 2026 – 2027 funding

Approved Projects	
Fish projects (15)	\$1,483,162
Wildlife projects (12)	\$860,358
Subtotal	\$2,343,520
Funding Approved for Projects (to be allocated during the year)	
Community Engagement Grants	\$15,000
Land Securement Grants	\$399,950
Seed Grants	\$15,000
Subtotal	\$429,950
<b>TOTAL APPROVED FUNDING 2026 – 2027</b>	<b>\$2,773,470</b>

PROJECTS BY PROPONENT



PROJECT TYPES



### \$12 million approved for fish and wildlife compensation projects in our three regions

The FWCP’s regional boards approved approximately \$9.7 million for 77 fish and wildlife projects to be delivered in 2026 – 2027 in our Coastal, Columbia, and Peace regions. Another \$2.3 million was approved for First Nations Directed Projects (Columbia and Peace regions), Community Engagement Grants, Land Securement Grants, and Seed Grants. These board-approved funds will be allocated throughout the year, bringing the total approved funding for fish and wildlife compensation projects to \$12 million in 2026 – 2027.



## FWCP Coastal Region 2026–2027 Project List

#	Submission ID	2026-2027 Grant-based Fish Projects	Project lead	FWCP Funding	Project Type	Watershed
1	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4393</a>	<p><b>Restoring salmon habitat in the Coquitlam-Buntzen Watershed</b></p> <p><i>Reeve Slough Salmon Habitat Reconnection Project 2026 Year 3 of 5:</i> Reeve Slough is the largest parcel of unrestored off-channel habitat remaining in the Coquitlam-Buntzen Watershed.</p> <p>The Kwikwetlem First Nation is working to reconnect 31,800 square metres of salmon habitat to the Coquitlam River.</p> <p>When detailed design and permits are approved, the Kwikwetlem First Nation will undertake the upstream connection by joining the Reeve Slough with the adjacent Poco Slough that feeds into the Coquitlam River. The downstream connection will occur at the historic outlet, which will be excavated to restore the natural hydrological connectivity to the Coquitlam River.</p> <p>This multi-year project will establish critical off-channel habitat for salmon and trout species, including 600 square metres of spawning habitat and 600 square metres of new rearing habitat.</p>	Kwikwetlem First Nation	\$285,000	Habitat-based Actions	Coquitlam-Buntzen River Watershed
2	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4482</a>	<p><b>Improving Coho spawning &amp; rearing habitat</b></p> <p><i>Up-welling Spawning Bed &amp; Wetland Improvements in Comox Lake:</i> This project will supply water to a 20 m x 10 m spawning platform: a pond near the Comox Dam that will provide naturally-spawned Puntledge River Coho with cooler water.</p> <p>Surplus water from the Comox Valley Regional District will be used to maintain a 1 metre depth at the spawning platform and raise water levels in an adjacent wetland by 0.5 metre to create salmon rearing habitat.</p>	Courtenay & District Fish & Game Protective Association	\$36,407	Habitat-based Actions	Puntledge River Watershed

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3	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4483</a>	<p><b>Educating students to conserve Chinook salmon</b></p> <p><i>Conservation of Shuswap River Chinook Through Education Year 10 of 10:</i> This multi-year project is educating school children about the integral role Chinook salmon play in the Shuswap River Watershed.</p> <p>Place-based, experiential education will help students and visitors become stewards by increasing their understanding of why salmon are a keystone species and essential to the health of the ecosystem.</p>	Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society	\$16,500	Species-based Actions	Shuswap River Watershed
4	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4494</a>	<p><b>Supporting recovery of Endangered Chinook population</b></p> <p><i>Portage Chinook Salmon Recovery &amp; Restoration Program Year 1 of 5:</i> This project aims to provide an estimate of spawner abundance for the Portage Chinook salmon population in the Bridge-Seton Watershed. The estimates will quantify the success of the enhancement and habitat restoration.</p> <p>Information on salmon migration timing, habitat suitability, and proportionate natural influence will also be collected to inform the management and preservation of the Endangered Portage Chinook population.</p>	St'at'imc Government Services	\$230,039	Habitat-based Actions	Bridge-Seton Watershed
5	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4496</a>	<p><b>Restoring tidal connectivity for juvenile salmon</b></p> <p><i>Squamish Estuary Phase 3 Little Bear Slough Restoration Year 1 of 4:</i> The focus of this project is on improving tidal connectivity in the Little Bear Slough to benefit Chinook.</p> <p>A clogged culvert will be replaced with a fish-friendly structure that will allow fish passage, improve water quality, and restore rearing habitat for Chinook and other salmonids.</p> <p>This project has been developed with input and direction from the Squamish Nation, in partnership with Fisheries and Oceans Canada.</p>	Squamish River Watershed Society	\$185,000	Habitat-based Actions	Cheakamus River Watershed

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6	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4499</a>	<p><b>Monitoring for drought conditions in a salmon-bearing creek</b></p> <p><i>Bessette Creek Streamflow Monitoring:</i> Bessette Creek in the Shuswap River Watershed is a critical concern for salmon conservation. Low streamflows are a significant threat to salmon, especially during spawning.</p> <p>Hydrometric stations have been installed at key spawning areas to provide real-time drought alerts.</p> <p>This multi-year project provides for ongoing maintenance of these critical monitoring stations, which play a pivotal role in guiding water-conservation actions and drought-response decision-making in the watershed.</p>	Okanagan Nation Alliance	\$55,931	Research & Information Acquisition	Shuswap River Watershed
7	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4500</a>	<p><b>Restoring spawning channels for salmonids</b></p> <p><i>Grant's Tomb Pond Spawning Channel Refurbishment:</i> Spawning channels built near the Coquitlam Dam in the 1990s require restoration to continue providing spawning and rearing habitat for salmon.</p> <p>This project will increase spawning ground capacity by replenishing gravel and widening the existing channel.</p>	Kwikwetlem First Nation	\$23,060	Habitat-based Actions	Coquitlam-Buntzen River Watershed
8	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4502</a>	<p><b>Restoring riparian zone in the Squamish River Estuary</b></p> <p><i>Riparian Restoration of Little Bear Slough Year 2 of 2:</i> A railway spur line built more than 50 years ago on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Squamish Nation isolated Little Bear Slough from the Squamish River and estuary.</p> <p>This restoration project is part of a multi-year effort to reconnect Little Bear Slough with the Squamish River and will focus this year on installing a culvert under the rail line.</p> <p>In addition to installing the culvert, restoration and monitoring work at the site will continue with an emphasis on removing invasive species, planting native species, and monitoring the restoration impacts on salmon.</p>	The Nature Trust of British Columbia	\$40,735	Habitat-based Actions	Cheakamus River Watershed

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9	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4503</a>	<p><b>Restoring riparian corridor for fish and wildlife</b></p> <p><i>Seton Corridor Riparian Restoration, Cottonwoods &amp; Shade Year 1 of 3:</i> This project will focus on a riparian area connected to spawning channels that support five species of salmon (Chinook, pink, sockeye, chum, coho), Western Screech owls, and other species.</p> <p>Shade and habitat complexing will occur at a key section of this riparian corridor, and a power line will be moved to eliminate height restrictions for vegetation. High-value, mature cottonwoods will be protected from beavers, and monitoring will confirm the overall health of the Seton River riparian floodplain and confirm which species are using it.</p>	Splitrock Environmental Sekw'el'was LP	\$130,838	Habitat-based Actions	Bridge-Seton River Watershed
10	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4509</a>	<p><b>Maintaining off-channel salmon habitat</b></p> <p><i>Cheakamus Centre Off-Channel Maintenance &amp; Enhancement Year 2 of 5:</i> This multi-year project will maintain off-channel habitat for coho, Chinook, pink, chum, and steelhead.</p> <p>This year, funding will help with annual and critical maintenance at four water intakes. Work will focus on making repairs and clearing sediment and debris around the intakes. Trail work and bridge repairs will provide safe access.</p> <p>Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Cheakamus Centre staff will continue to assess the entire off-channel complex to identify priority areas for the next five years.</p>	Cheakamus Foundation for Environmental Learning	\$191,268	Habitat-based Actions	Cheakamus River Watershed

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11	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4512</a>	<p><b>Restoring an industrial site for fish and wildlife habitat</b></p> <p><i>Kus-kus-sum: Unpaving Paradise Year 6 of 10:</i> This multi-year project is restoring Kus-kus-sum, a decommissioned sawmill site, back to a natural state, through a partnership between the K'ómoks First Nation and the City of Courtenay.</p> <p>The Kus-Kus-Sum site was a tidal-influenced, forested riparian area that provided habitat for fish and wildlife. The site is located in a salmon migration corridor connecting the K'ómoks Estuary to spawning habitats in the Puntledge and Tsolum river watersheds. It is now being restored back to a natural state, through a partnership between the K'ómoks First Nation and the City of Courtenay.</p> <p>In the project's sixth year, work will focus on completing restoration, and ongoing maintenance, monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>The site name honours the traditional village that was once located across the river from the site.</p>	Comox Valley Project Watershed Society	\$145,000	Habitat-based Actions	Puntledge River Watershed
12	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4519</a>	<p><b>Enhancing salmon habitat in the Alouette River Watershed</b></p> <p><i>Renewing Salmon Habitat on the South Alouette River:</i> Sediment and invasive reed canary grass will be removed to enhance approximately 856 square metres of the upper Coniagas Channel. This work will reopen valuable salmon spawning habitat.</p> <p>Large woody debris will be placed in the lower part of the channel to improve the quantity and quality of fish habitat, and more than 1,400 native shrubs, marsh plants, and trees will be planted in the area.</p>	Alouette River Management Society	\$55,251	Habitat-based Actions	Alouette River Watershed
<b>Grant-based Fish Project Total:</b>				<b>\$ 1,395,029</b>		

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13	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4542-DCA</a>	<p><b>Supporting Chinook in the Puntledge River Watershed</b></p> <p><i>F27 Annual Puntledge Hatchery:</i> This multi-year project provides annual funding to the Puntledge River Hatchery to support summer Chinook production.</p>	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	\$21,000	Species-Based Actions	Puntledge River Watershed
14	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4543-DCA</a>	<p><b>Improving fish passage in the Alouette River Watershed</b></p> <p><i>Annual Fish Passage for Alouette Watershed Year 9 of 10:</i> The FWCP Coastal Region board has made a 10-year commitment to support the assessment of improved fish passage feasibility at the Coquitlam and Alouette dams based on the <a href="#">Fish Passage Decision Framework</a>.</p>	Alouette River Management Society	\$35,700	Species-based Actions	Alouette River Watershed
15	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4544-DCA</a>	<p><b>Improving fish passage in the Coquitlam-Buntzen Watershed</b></p> <p><i>Annual Fish Passage for Coquitlam Watershed Year 9 of 10:</i> The FWCP Coastal Region board has made a 10-year commitment to support the assessment of improved fish passage feasibility at the Coquitlam and Alouette dams based on the <a href="#">Fish Passage Decision Framework</a>.</p>	Kwikwetlem First Nation	\$14,300	Species-based Actions	Coquitlam-Buntzen River Watershed
16	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4541-DCA</a>	<p><b>Assessing urgent salmon habitat restoration in the Campbell River Watershed</b></p> <p><i>Annual Campbell River Gravel Strategy (Post-Storm Assessment):</i> Our Coastal Region board approved funds to conduct spawning habitat assessments in the event winter flows exceed 225 cubic metres per second in the lower Campbell River. This aligns with the <a href="#">Campbell River Salmon Spawning Habitat Restoration Strategy</a>.</p> <p>The study will use a methodology developed in 2019 through ongoing FWCP funding. The project will provide a high-level assessment of habitat and determine if work needs to be carried out urgently this summer to provide sufficient Chinook spawning habitat for the fall.</p>	A-Tlegay Fisheries Society	\$15,000	Habitat-based Actions	Campbell River Watershed



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17	<a href="#">COA-F27-F-4501</a>	<p><b>Using chum carcasses to add nutrients to the Puntledge River Watershed</b></p> <p><i>Upper Puntledge River Watershed Chum Carcass Distribution Year 1 of 5:</i> This multi-year project will support the distribution of carcasses from a hatchery into the upper Puntledge River Watershed.</p> <p>The slow decomposition of carcasses will contribute essential marine-derived nutrients and energy that will benefit the entire food web and sustain the production of fish and other salmon-dependent species within the watershed.</p>	Courtenay & District Fish & Game Protective Association	\$2,133	Species-based Actions	Puntledge River Watershed
<b>Fish Directed Project Total:</b>				<b>\$ 88,133</b>		

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#	Submission ID	2026-2027 Grant-based Wildlife Projects	Project lead	FWCP Funding	Project Type	Watershed
18	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4481</a>	<p><b>Recovering endangered owls</b></p> <p><i>Northern Spotted Owl Conservation Breeding Program Year 10 of 10:</i> The northern spotted owl is one of Canada’s most endangered birds: fewer than five remain in the wild in Canada.</p> <p>This project’s goal is to prevent the species from becoming extirpated from Canada by breeding and raising captive-raised owls for eventual release into protected habitats.</p>	British Columbia Conservation Foundation	\$185,031	Habitat-based Actions	Multiple Watersheds
19	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4485</a>	<p><b>Planning now to sustain future Northern Goshawk population</b></p> <p><i>Northern Goshawk Management Plan—Falls River Watershed:</i> This project will develop a Northern Goshawk management plan for the Falls River watershed by combining spatial habitat modelling, field validation, and Indigenous and scientific knowledge. The study will estimate historic and current goshawk populations, predict territory locations, and assess occupancy relative to disturbance.</p> <p>The management plan will recommend disturbance thresholds, zones of industrial avoidance, and site-specific restoration prescriptions that can be implemented over the next three years to help sustain goshawk populations and associated old-forest biodiversity within the Falls River Watershed. The Northern Goshawk is a species of conservation concern in British Columbia.</p>	Wai Wah Environmental G.P. Ltd.	\$69,336	Habitat-based Actions	Falls River Watershed

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20	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4486</a>	<p><b>Recovering Endangered Vancouver Island marmots</b></p> <p><i>Supporting Vancouver Island Marmots-Buttle Region Year 10 of 10:</i> The Vancouver Island marmot is an Endangered species that was extirpated from Strathcona Provincial Park in the 1990s.</p> <p>This year, the project will translocate between six and 14 marmots into the Campbell and Puntledge river watersheds to help grow existing colonies and contribute to this species’ recovery in the provincial park.</p> <p>Translocating marmots with experience in the wild has resulted in more marmots successfully establishing themselves in the park. Reintroduction efforts have successfully established 17 marmot colonies in the park, which have been growing in the past five years.</p>	Marmot Recovery Foundation	\$24,415	Habitat-based Actions	Multiple Watersheds
21	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4492</a>	<p><b>Enhancing habitat for at-risk species in the Campbell River Estuary</b></p> <p><i>Restoring Ecological Function in the Campbell River Estuary Year 10 of 10:</i> This project aims to restore ecological integrity and function in the Campbell River Estuary by managing invasive species such as yellow flag iris, purple loosestrife, and Japanese knotweed.</p> <p>The estuary is home to blue-listed purple martins that use the nest boxes that have been installed, the red-listed Henderson’s checkermallow-tufted hairgrass ecological community, and Vancouver Island beggarticks, a Species of Special Concern.</p>	Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust	\$36,840	Habitat-based Actions	Campbell River Watershed

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22	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4493</a>	<p><b>Recovering threatened western painted turtles</b></p> <p><i>Western Painted Turtle Recovery in Coastal Watersheds Year 3 of 5:</i> The Pacific Coast population of western painted turtles is federally threatened and provincially red-listed. There are only 20 known and occupied sites for these turtles in the lower Fraser River Valley.</p> <p>This multi-year project will help recover western painted turtle populations in the Coquitlam-Buntzen, Alouette River, and Stave River watersheds by increasing recruitment through the release of head-started turtles, monitoring the populations’ recovery, and providing and monitoring the effectiveness of essential habitat such as basking and nesting features.</p>	Athene Ecological	\$140,000	Species-based Actions	Multiple Watersheds
23	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4497</a>	<p><b>Preparing bat colonies for White-nose Syndrome</b></p> <p><i>Mitigating WNS-Probiotics and Long-term Bat Monitoring Year 2 of 2:</i> This multi-year project will prepare for the arrival of White-nose Syndrome (WNS) in bat colonies in south-west B.C. by using the passive application of probiotics as a disease-control tool.</p> <p>The goal of this project is to test the application of probiotics to reduce bat mortality and work with others on disease control plans that build off the results of this project.</p> <p>In this project year, a probiotic “cocktail” will continue to be applied at six sites and assessed to determine if the fungus that causes WNS is inhibited.</p> <p>Acoustic monitoring for bat migration patterns and winter activity is planned at key sites in the Coquitlam, Cheakamus and Stave river watersheds.</p>	Wildlife Conservation Society Canada	\$90,505	Habitat-based Actions	Multiple Watersheds

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24	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4515</a>	<p><b>Maintaining healthy bat populations and roosts</b></p> <p><i>Conserving Bat Roosting Habitat in Clowhom Watershed Year 3 of 3:</i> This project will help maintain healthy and resilient bat populations despite the threat of White-nose Syndrome (WNS).</p> <p>The project team will monitor bats and their habitat in the Clowhom River Watershed by undertaking WNS surveillance; monitoring four key bat roosts in human structures; working with community and interest holders to protect habitat; and installing additional bat houses to supplement available roosting options.</p>	Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project	\$19,000	Habitat-based Actions	Clowhom River Watershed
25	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4516</a>	<p><b>Supporting strategies for grizzly bear connectivity</b></p> <p><i>Monitoring Stein-Nahatlatch Grizzly Bears 2026 Update Year 1 of 3:</i> This project will conduct comprehensive DNA monitoring across the Stein–Nahatlatch (SN) Grizzly Bear Population Unit to provide urgently needed updated information on genetic and demographic connectivity.</p> <p>This new information is essential to determine whether natural recolonization is occurring and to ethically guide decisions about recovery actions.</p> <p>This collaborative effort among St’át’imc communities (Sekw’el’was, N’Quatqua, Lil’wat, and T’ít’q’et), Splitrock Environmental, and the Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative (C2C) will inform science-based recovery and connectivity strategies for grizzly bears in southwestern British Columbia.</p>	Splitrock Environmental Sekw’el’was LP	\$145,000	Research & Information Acquisition	Bridge-Seton Watershed

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26	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4518</a>	<p><b>Applying Indigenous knowledge to mitigate White-nose Syndrome in bats</b></p> <p><i>Supporting First Nations' Leadership in Bat Monitoring Year 3 of 4:</i> The goal of this project is to establish baseline data and fill critical knowledge gaps before major threats (e.g., White-nose Syndrome) reduce populations.</p> <p>This multi-year project supports Indigenous-led conservation of bats in the Bridge-Seton Watershed. It will build on local First Nations' knowledge of bats, and train land guardians and technicians in specialized bat capture and acoustic techniques.</p>	Wildlife Conservation Society Canada	\$101,030	Habitat-based Actions	Bridge-Seton Watershed
27	<a href="#">COA-F27-W-4520</a>	<p><b>Applying Indigenous knowledge to black swift conservation</b></p> <p><i>Engagement of First Nations in Black Swift Conservation Year 3 of 3:</i> Endangered black swifts are rapidly declining in Canada.</p> <p>This multi-year project will learn from First Nation communities in our Coastal Region and build the capacity of First Nations to steward black swifts in the Cheakamus, Stave Falls, and Bridge-Seton watersheds</p>	Birds Canada	\$49,200	Research & Information Acquisition	Multiple Watersheds
<b>Grant-based Wildlife Project Total:</b>				<b>\$ 860,357</b>		
<b>2026-2027 APPROVED PROJECTS TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$ 2,343,520</b>		