



The Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) in the Columbia region is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., First Nations and the public, to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife impacted by the construction of BC Hydro dams. For more information visit [fwcp.ca](http://fwcp.ca)

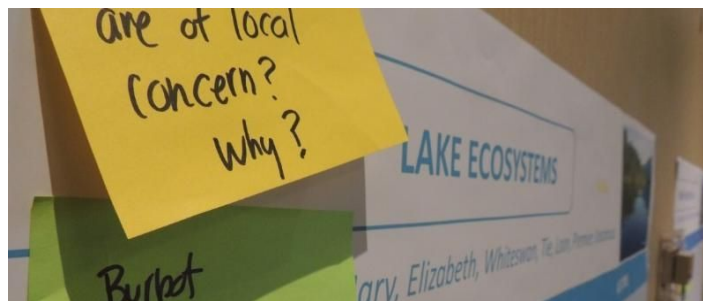


### **FWCP-Columbia Announces Projects to be Funded for 2014**

Following a thorough review process of 58 project applications received from stakeholders, First Nations, biologists, and stewardship groups, FWCP-Columbia has selected 34 fish and wildlife projects to support for 2014. [Read more](#)

### **Turtle Day Emerges from its Shell in Cranbrook this Wednesday!**

International Turtle Day is just around the corner so it is good timing for the FWCP, in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Naturalists, to be organizing the first ever Turtle Day at the Visitors Centre at Elizabeth Lake on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. The public is invited to take part in this free event between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. It is a great opportunity to see displays, talk to the biologists and field technicians, and - hopefully - get up-close and personal with a western painted turtle hatchling or two. [Read more](#)



### **Update: East Kootenay-Koocanusa Fish and Wildlife Program**

A draft Watershed Action Plan for the upper Kootenay River and Koocanusa Reservoir will soon be ready for public review in May. Stay informed and provide your input at [www.cbt.org/ekkwfp](http://www.cbt.org/ekkwfp).

### **More Than a Thousand Release Juvenile White Sturgeon in Early May**

The FWCP in the Columbia region recently organized a variety of juvenile white sturgeon viewing or release events. The school event at Hugh Keenleyside Dam near Castlegar was the largest with nearly 900 students attending, but events were also held in Trail, Castlegar, Beaver Creek Provincial Park (near Trail), Shelter Bay Provincial Park (near Revelstoke), and near Creston. A huge thank you to all

the supporting partners and volunteers that made them, and some very memorable moments, possible.



## New FLNRO Biologist to Coordinate Nutrient Restoration Program

There are a number of ongoing fish and wildlife projects that are delivered with FWCP funding through a long-term agreement with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO). One such project is the Nutrient Restoration Program in Kootenay Lake and Arrow Lakes Reservoir, and it has a new fisheries restoration biologist at the helm: Marley Bassett. ([Read more](#))



This photo was submitted by a keen-eyed Kootenay Lake resident, and seems to show a sculptured wave-like rock formation. But is it really ancient rock, eroded over thousands of years, or perhaps something more ephemeral?

[Find out more.](#)



## Wetland Workshops in Rossland and Meadow Creek

The BC Wildlife Federation's Wetland Education Program will be hosting two FREE, 2.5 day [workshops in Rossland \(May 23-25\) and Meadow Creek \(May 30-June 1\)](#)



## Have a question for the FWCP-Columbia Board?

Then please email us.

Pictured (L-R): Rick Morley, Joe Nicholas, David Tesch, Grant Trower, Paul Rasmussen, Doug Johnson, Dave White, and Patrice Rother. (Missing: James Pepper)

