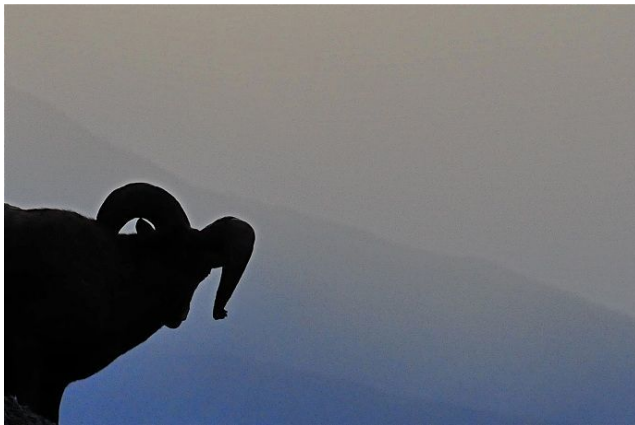




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Bighorn sheep. Photo by Larry Halverson

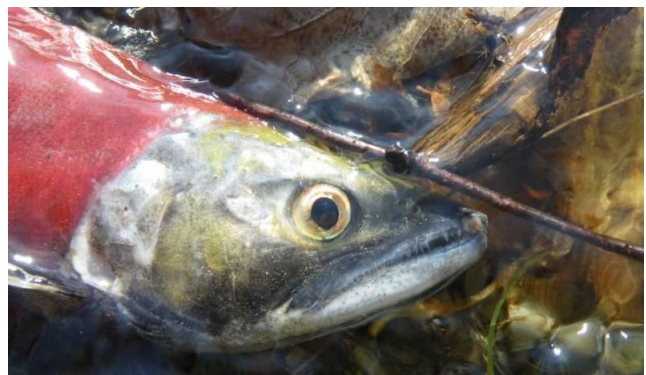
### **Application Deadline Looming: New Seed Funding and Suggested Themes Available**

The deadline for funding applications to FWCP-Columbia is just around the corner - November 15, 2013 - and all potential applicants are encouraged to review the various backgrounds on the [fwcp.ca](http://fwcp.ca) website and submit an applications form if they have projects that may help fish and wildlife populations impacted by the construction of BC Hydro dams in the region.

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### **Spawning Channels: Hill Creek Hits Egg Target, Meadow Creek Numbers Down and IHN Virus Detected**

The number of kokanee returning to Hill Creek (north of Nakusp) in 2013, while still relatively low, was approximately double the returns in 2012. Estimated egg deposition in the gravel is slightly over the two million mark, which is good news. This should allow the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) to meet the channel's fry production targets for Arrow Lakes Reservoir next spring. [Read More](#)



Spawned-out kokanee. Photo by Giles Shearing

### **FWCP Public Representative Gerry Thompson Remembered**

Gerry Thompson was the epitome of a volunteer public representative for the FWCP in the Columbia region: strong commitment to the environment, well connected to stakeholder groups and the community, knowledgeable



Working in his wood shop in 2010, Gerry pictured through a newly-drilled opening for an owl nest box.

about ecosystem functions, and one to never shy-away from voicing his opinion. Sadly his time with wife, Suzan, family and friends, and extensive network of contacts, was cut short when he passed away in 2011. [Read More](#)

## No Shortage of Enthusiasm to Help Toads at Summit Lake

It might be fair to say that the toad family (*Bufo* in the taxonomic classification system), may not be the most glamorous of all the families in the Animal Kingdom, but try saying that to many of 400-plus people who attended Toadfest during late summer of this year. The large turn-out, and the enthusiasm displayed by young and old alike, seems to indicate that indeed toads are 'cool' and that people really want to help them.

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Making sure that every last toadlet is safely released from the buckets!



Have a wildlife image you would like to share in WildBytes? If so, please [send it to us](#).

This picture, taken near Creston by Sharon Laughlin, shows 13 hummingbirds at one feeder! [Enlarge the image](#) to see if you can count them all!



Let's see, bread, milk...oh yes, sardines and hand-sanitizer of course!

So what species might be the focus for this particular field exercise like this?

[Click here to find out.](#)



Have a question for a Board member, the program manager, or a biologist?

[Then please email us.](#)

Pictured is the FWCP-Columbia Board unveiling a bench in memory of Gerry Thompson (see above).

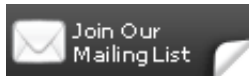
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