

# **Columbia Region Update**

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#### **Report Heron Breeding Sites**

Have you recently seen any heron nest sites, active breeding colonies, or large groups of herons repeatedly gathering and feeding in the Columbia Basin? If so, we want to hear from you! Observations will help a breeding inventory and habitat assessment of Great Blue Herons and may alert biologists to new breeding or overwintering sites that may potentially benefit from habitat protection and/or enhancement.

<u>Read more</u> about this project and how to report sightings.

## Turtle Day: Monday, April 25!

Together with Rocky Mountain Naturalists, we are hosting Turtle Day at Elizabeth Lake in Cranbrook. You are invited to join us and learn more about Western Painted Turtles between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. <u>More</u>





#### Upcoming Sturgeon Releases

**Creston**, April 27, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. **Shelter Bay**, May 3, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There is no dedicated sturgeon release event for the public in the lower Columbia River (Castlegar and Trail) in 2016. Some juvenile sturgeon will be on display and released at **Critter Day** on May 7. <u>More details</u>.

### Critter Day: Saturday, May 7

A free event that focuses on the special ecosystems and species found in the Trail and Pend d'Oreille Valley region. Learn about snakes, amphibians, butterflies, aquatic bugs, insects, native plants and more! See the juvenile sturgeon destined for the Columbia



River. <u>Read more</u>. We are still looking for volunteer helpers, so if you can spare a few hours, please <u>email us</u>.



### Got a Question for the Board?

Our FWCP Columbia Region Board consists of 10 members: three First Nations representatives, three Public Stakeholder representatives, and two representatives each from BC Hydro and the Province of B.C. If you have a question for any of them, <u>please</u> <u>let us know</u>.

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