



News From Our Coastal Region January 2017

Vancouver Island Workshops: Tell Us Your Priorities

Join us at watershed workshops in <u>Port Alberni</u>, <u>Courtenay</u> and <u>Campbell River</u> on Jan. 10th, 11th and 12th. Help us update our Coastal Region Action Plans that guide our funding decisions. Review our ideas and share yours. <u>Read more</u>



Grant Applicant Survey Results

The grant application intake during fall 2016 was the second year we used our new online application system. While we are finding the online system valuable, we really wanted to hear your thoughts. And it seems like it is working well for most of you: 95% rated their experience good or better. Read the results here, and thanks to all those who took part!





Groups Get Community Engagement Grants

This is only the second year that we've offered the Community Engagement Grant in our Coastal Region. These small grants, up to \$1,000, help local groups take action to benefit fish and wildlife. Eight groups have received funds in 2016-17 for projects such as developing a bat action plan in response to white-nose syndrome, and restoring riparian areas. These grants have now been fully allocated in our Coastal Region for this fiscal, and we will welcome new applications after April 1.

Application Review - Now in Stage 3

The 63 applications received in our Coastal Region have already been through the program office, and technical committee reviews. They are now in the final stage of review by our board members. Track the <u>review process here</u>. Applications are evaluated on how they align with our Action Plans, technical merit, deliverables,

outcomes, and the qualifications and past experience of the applicants. We plan to notify applicants by late February.





Read Our Reports

We post and share all <u>final project reports</u> so the results and lessons learned are available to everyone. Our reports are online and you can click around our map to learn more about projects underway now. We're updating our library often as new reports are finalized. <u>Contact us</u> if you can't find what you're looking for.

The <u>FWCP</u> 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 impacted by BC Hydro dams.

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