

News From Our Coastal Region

October 2017

Fish and wildlife grant deadline ahead: Friday, October 27

Apply now for an FWCP fish or wildlife grant. The deadline for our fall grant application intake is Friday, October 27, 2017, 5 p.m. PDT. Projects must align with the priority actions outlined in our Action Plans (see below). [Learn more](#) about our application process, including project eligibility and regional priorities, and read our [grant information kit](#). We're here to help; contact our Coastal Region Manager, [Julie Fournier](#), if you have questions or wish to discuss your project idea.



See our Action Tables for project ideas

We have updated our [Action Plans](#) for the 14 watersheds that make up our [Coastal Region](#). They replace our 2011 plans and spell out our new priorities to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife impacted by BC Hydro dams. Review new Action Tables in each Action Plan eligible for a grant.

ACTION TABLE

This Action Table identifies the FWCP's Priority Actions to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife impacted by BC Hydro dams in this watershed. Actions identified as OPEN (see Delivery Approach column) are eligible for a grant. When completing your online grant application, you will be required to identify a Priority Action(s) that best aligns with your project idea. A high-quality grant application will clearly demonstrate alignment with Priority Action(s) in an Action Table.

CHEAKAMUS RIVER WATERSHED ACTION TABLE							Version: 9Aug17		
Action #	Ecosystem Chapter	Action Type	Priority Action Short Description	Priority	Target Species	Priority Action	Intended Outcome	Delivery Approach	Location
						Develop a current habitat assessment map for priority fish & wildlife species in the Cheakamus watershed. Habitats to be assessed & mapped include:			

Fish habitat restored in Simms Park, Courtenay

Trout, Coho and Pink Salmon are already using recently restored off-channel habitat at Simms Millennium Park near downtown Courtenay. The work was completed at the end of August 2017, and was led by Project Watershed with funding from FWCP and others. [Read more](#)



Volunteers wanted for planting

While all the construction is complete at Simms Park, Project Watershed is looking for volunteers to plant more than 900 native shrubs, plants and trees at the site. All the planting will take place between October 24 and 28. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact [Project Watershed](#).

Salmon River Diversion Dam removed

This summer, BC Hydro removed the Salmon River Diversion Dam near Campbell River. The riverbed restoration was completed by mid-September, just in time for the Coho migration. The river edge restoration work was completed in October. There is now unhindered upstream and downstream fish passage for Coho, Chinook and Steelhead. As part of the groundwork for the project, the FWCP Coastal Board endorsed the Salmon River Diversion Fish Passage Committee's recommendations for improved fish passage at the site in 2011. The FWCP uses a [Fish Passage Decision Framework](#) to evaluate the restoration of historic passage for anadromous fish at BC Hydro dams.



We Wai Kai Nation Chief, and Chair of our FWCP Coastal Region, Brian Assu (middle), joined K'omoks First Nation Councillor Melissa Quocksister and BC Hydro's Indigenous Relations senior relationship manager Allister McLean at the site to view the work.



Manager's message

Applying for a grant? Then I am here to help. I can help you get started, answer any technical questions, or acquaint you with our online grant application. If you haven't started your grant application yet, don't leave it too late. Be sure to leave enough time to gather all the information you need. If you want to talk about any aspect of your grant application please contact me, Julie Fournier, FWCP Coastal Region Manager, at julie.fournier@bchydro.com or by calling 604-528-7998.

Read our reports

Our list of [reports is online](#), and please [contact us](#) if you can't find what you're looking for.

The [FWCP](#) 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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