

News from our Coastal Region

September 2019

Apply now: grants available for fish and wildlife projects

Remember that our deadline for grant applications to deliver fish and wildlife projects in our [14 Coastal watersheds](#) is just over a month away. First Nations, stewardship groups, consultants, and agencies are encouraged to apply for project funding. Learn more about the FWCP's Action Plans, grants, and how to apply at fwcp.ca/apply-for-funding. Read the Action Plans at fwcp.ca/action-plans-coastal-region.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, October 25, 2019.



The FWCP recently funded a planning workshop, involving stakeholders from BC and Alberta, to determine priorities for bat conservation. Photo: Little Brown Bat, C. Lausen

Register for our Oct. 2, online information session

We're hosting a free online information session for all three of FWCP regions to share information about the grant application process and our Action Plans. Register now at fwcp@bchydro.com. The information session will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 10 a.m. PDT.



Photo: Chinook, iStock, C. Boswell

Western Painted Turtles released near Abbotsford

In early September, our FWCP Coastal Region Manager, Julie Fournier, was present to see the BC Conservation Foundation and Wildlife Preservation Canada release 19 Western Painted Turtles in Silvermere. The one-to-two-year-old turtles are not captive-bred turtles, but instead "head-started," meaning the eggs were collected from the wild and the hatchlings

raised in captivity, to increase survival rates. A total of 81 turtles have been released this year in various Lower Mainland locations. [Read more](#) about the goals of the project to help the Pacific Coast Population of Western Painted Turtles that is Red-listed in B.C.



A newly release Western Painted Turtle - part of an [FWCP-funded project](#) to help restore turtle populations in the Lower Mainland. Photo: Wildlife Preservation Canada.

Name the Northern Spotted Owl chick!

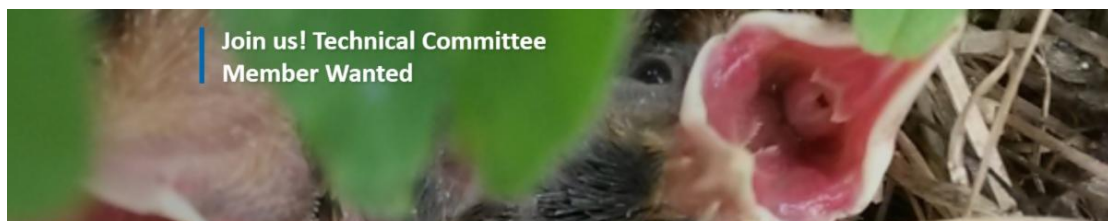
It's a boy! Chick "F" was one of the first chicks to hatch this past breeding season and helped the [Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program](#) (NSOBP) get into gear for the busiest breeding season yet. He was the star of our [nest webcam](#) and was raised by foster parents Skalula and Oregon. Now he needs a name of his own. Suggestions need to start with the letter "F" and can be submitted on the NSOBP Facebook page: facebook.com/nsobreedingprogram.



Chick "F", taken in June of this year. Looking for a name! Photo: NSOBP

Public representative wanted for Fish Technical Committee

We're looking for a new public representative to join our Vancouver Island Fish Technical Committee. If you're familiar with fish and environmental issues, have excellent communication skills, and available to start in November 2019, let us know. Apply by October 31, 2019. Our Technical Committees review projects, give advice on the effective implementation of our Action Plans, and help guide the FWCP's work in our three regions. [Read more](#).



Join us! Technical Committee
Member Wanted

New Vancouver Island Technical Committee Member Wanted

FWCP is looking for a public representative to join our Coastal Region Vancouver Island Fish Technical Committee. You should bring a familiarity with fish and environmental issues, excellent communication skills, and be able to start your role with the committee this fall.

Please submit your nomination or application by October 31, 2019

Sign unveiling and tour of restoration work, Pitt Meadows

On September 12, Katzie Development Limited Partnership unveiled new signage and provided a tour of its work, funded by the FWCP, to [restore species of concern and cultural value in the lower Alouette Watershed](#). The event, that was supported by a [Community Engagement Grant](#) also raised awareness of the importance of the wetlands and local species using them, such as Western Toads, Great Blue Herons, and Barn Owls.



Those attending the sign unveiling organized by the Katzie Development Limited Partnership, also got a chance to see the progress of the wetland restoration work. Photo: Roma Leon.

Community Engagement Grants available

Don't forget that we have funds available through our [Community Engagement Grants](#). If you have an idea, or a project in the works, that will benefit fish and wildlife, especially if it involves volunteers, then [contact us](#). You could be eligible for up to \$1,000.



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 in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

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