

News from our Columbia Region September, 2019

Updated Action Plans available now

Our updated [2019 Columbia Region Action Plans](#) are now available. These updated ecosystem-based Action Plans define Priority Actions eligible for projects, and are based on input from agencies, First Nations, fish and wildlife stakeholders, and local citizens.

We had more than 60 group and 1:1 discussions, and hosted 18 public engagement events to talk about priorities, emerging issues and our Action Plans. Thanks to everyone who shared their time, knowledge and expertise with us online, in-person, or on the phone. Learn more about our [engagement process](#).

Each updated plan includes actions to conserve and enhance the ecosystem and species of interest, and reflects our FWCP [vision and mission](#).

- o [Small Lakes](#) Action Plan
- o [Reservoirs & Large Lakes](#) Action Plan
- o [Rivers & Riparian Areas](#) Action Plan
- o [Upland & Dryland](#) Action Plan
- o [Wetlands & Riparian Areas](#) Action Plan

We fund projects that align with [our updated, 2019 Action Plans](#). Please review these updated plans before you start your grant applications. Our 2012 Action Plans no longer provide guidance to grant seekers or reflect our current Priority Actions.



COLUMBIA REGION:
RIVERS & RIPARIAN AREAS
ACTION PLAN



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RESERVOIRS & LARGE LAKES
ACTION PLAN



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WETLANDS & RIPARIAN AREAS
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Apply now: grants available for fish and wildlife projects

We're now accepting grant applications for fish and wildlife projects in our [Columbia Region](#). We fund research, monitoring, stewardship, land securement and on-the-ground habitat- and species-based projects that align with Priority Actions in our updated, 2019 Action Plans.

Learn more about the projects we [fund](#), how we evaluate grant applications, and

how to apply. [Read our information kit](#) for grant applicants. Read our [regional grant requirements and priorities](#). Start your [grant application now](#). All grant applications are due by 5 p.m. (PDT) on Friday, October 25, 2019.



Learn more about our grants: register now

Join our free online grant information session, Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 10 a.m. PDT. Learn more about our grants, Action Plans, and how to align your project idea with our priorities. Meet our three Regional Managers and the rest of the FWCP team. RSVP to fwcp@bchydro.com.

It's easy to apply for an FWCP grant

1. Review our updated, [2019 Columbia Region Action Plans](#);
2. Develop a project idea to fulfill an action in any Action Plan(s);
3. Login to our grant management system at fwcp.ca/apply-for-funding; and
4. Start your application, and submit by Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 by 5 p.m. PDT.

Who can apply?

Any group, government agency, First Nation, business, or individual that can meet our mandatory requirements (e.g. WorkSafeBC and commercial general liability insurance) is eligible to receive an FWCP grant. In the past, First Nations, municipal, provincial, or federal agencies, stewardship groups, consultants, and educational institutions have been approved for FWCP grants. Contact us by [email](#) or at 250-352-1300 if you have any questions about applying for a grant.

Do you have a project idea for the North Columbia?

Projects in the [North Columbia sub-region](#) are a priority for our Columbia Region Board. Proposed projects will be awarded bonus points during our three-step grant application evaluation process if they occur in the North Columbia. [Read more](#).



FWCP projects underway now

The FWCP's Columbia Region Board approved \$5.8 million for 38 projects in 2019-2020. Across the province, the FWCP approved approximately \$9.2 million for fish and wildlife projects in alignment with FWCP Action Plans. [Learn more](#) about these FWCP-funded projects.



We're funding inventory and stewardship of Salmo Watershed Harlequin Ducks. [Read more](#). Photo: iStock

Meadow Creek Spawning Channel open house September 7

The FWCP and the Province of B.C. are hosting the annual open house at Meadow Creek Spawning Channel at the north end of Kootenay Lake. The event is on Saturday, September 7, 2019, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. [Read more](#).



Plenty of toadlets for Toadfest #10: see the photos

Approximately 500 attended Toadfest this year, learning about Western Toads and taking in the displays from local stewardship groups. It was a bumper year for toadlet migration through Summit Lake Provincial Park, and approximately 21,300 toadlets were carried across the road - the highest in the 10-year history of Toadfest. Thank you to all who helped out. See some of the [pictures here](#).



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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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