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## PEACE REGION NEWS

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### Review and comment on our final draft action plans

Final [draft action plans](#) for our Peace Region are available for public comment until July 6, 2020. Please review our draft action plans and use our online form to [share your feedback](#). The 2020 action plans define the priority actions eligible for FWCP funding and will guide funding decisions in our Peace Region for the next five years.

The ecosystem-based action plans have been updated to reflect emerging issues and ecological priorities, and to define priority actions eligible for funding to help conserve and enhance priority species, upland areas, wetland and riparian areas, as well as rivers, lakes, and reservoirs.

A new cross-ecosystem action plan includes several broad actions that apply to more than one ecosystem. A new overview document provides important context for our work in the region and serves as a guide to our action plans.



Updated [draft action plans](#) include a revised list of priority species. Photo: iStock, S. Greenman

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### How were the action plans developed?

Input from Indigenous Nations was a key consideration in our updated action plans, which place more emphasis on culturally important species, engaging with Indigenous Nations at the project development stage, and the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge and values.

The updated draft action plans are based on the outcomes of a strategic project review, early engagement in late 2019 and early 2020 with our partners and subject matter experts across the region, and input received during broad public and stakeholder engagement conducted from March 23 to May 1, 2020.

## What's next?

Our [Peace Region board](#) will consider input received during the public comment period from June 15 to July 6, 2020, and the final updated action plans will be posted on fwcp.ca in August 2020 before our annual grant intake opens. Anyone applying for a grant should review our 2020 Peace Region action plans once they are finalized. Our 2014 action plans have been [archived](#) for reference only. They no longer provide current guidance on our priorities or projects eligible for FWCP funding.



Our Peace Region board (pictured in November 2019) will approve the final action plans.



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 existing BC Hydro dams.

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