

COASTAL REGION NEWS

December 2020

Meet our new program manager: Monique!

Monique Stevenson joined us on Monday, December 7, as our new FWCP program manager. She takes on the role of providing oversight and leadership into the management and operations of the FWCP, which delivers approximately \$10 million in annual fish and wildlife project funding across its Coastal, Columbia, and Peace regions. [Read more.](#)

Trevor Oussoren, who managed the program for the last six years, has taken on a new role with BC Hydro's Indigenous Relations department. The FWCP team welcomes Monique and thanks Trevor for effectively leading the FWCP and collaboratively advancing our objectives with our program partners.



Update: 34 grant applications for fish and wildlife projects

Our Coastal Region received 34 grant applications for fish and wildlife projects in 2021-2022. The applications are going through a three-stage review and our regional board will finalize funding decisions in early 2021.

Grant applications were received from First Nations, non-governmental organizations, consultants, and agencies. The total ask for FWCP funds is just over \$2.1 million. In 2020-2021, our Coastal Region board approved 28 projects for approximately \$1.7 million. Read our [F21 project list](#).



Projects we're funding now support Chinook, coho and other salmonids. [Read](#) the full project list. Photo: iStock

Restoration of sawmill site will benefit Chinook salmon

The restoration of a sawmill site along the Puntledge River got closer to becoming a reality with the recent announcement of provincial funding that will secure the purchase of the Kus-kus-sum conservation lands. The FWCP helped fund the purchase and develop the restoration plan, which includes the removal of 3.36 ha of concrete and metal cladding along the shoreline. Replanting, recontouring, and removing the cladding will improve habitat and increase survival rates for Chinook salmon at this site of cultural and environmental significance to the K'omoks First Nation. [Learn more](#).



Watch [a video](#) of how the site could be transformed back to a functioning eco-system. Photo: Project Watershed

Apply now! Community Engagement Grants still available

We can help support your fish or wildlife project. All you have to do is apply for our [Community Engagement Grant](#), you can get up to \$1,000, while funds are still available. The application form is short, and we'll make a decision quickly. What are you waiting for? [Apply now](#). We know COVID-19 may impact project delivery, and we appreciate the innovative approaches community groups are adopting to comply with public health guidance. [Contact us](#) to discuss your ideas.



Our Community Engagement Grant helped fund the distribution of 4,000 chum carcasses into the Puntledge River Watershed to improve nutrient dispersal. Photo: Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association

Read our 2019-2020 Coastal Region annual report now!

Our [2019-2020 annual report is now available](#). Read the summary of the finances and budget, the projects we funded during the last fiscal year and the results they achieved.



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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