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## COLUMBIA REGION NEWS

### December 2020

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#### **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.



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#### **Update: 58 grant applications for fish and wildlife projects**

Our Columbia Region received 58 grant applications for fish and wildlife projects in 2021-2022. The applications are going through a [three-stage review](#) and our 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 Columbia Region funds is approximately \$3.7 million. By comparison, last year we received 51 applications asking for nearly \$2.4 million. Read our [F21 project list](#) for all the projects we are funding this year.



We are funding several wetland conservation and restoration projects this year. [Read](#) the full project list.

## Giles Shearing joins our Columbia Region board

Giles Shearing has been selected as the newest public representative on our Columbia Region board. He lives in Revelstoke and his work and personal interests have taken him throughout our Columbia Region. [Read more](#).

The public representative recruitment process followed the standard process as outlined in our [Governance Manual](#). A number of strong applications were received and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to apply.



## 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 an invasive weed event hosted by the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS).

## Read our 2019-2020 Columbia 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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