

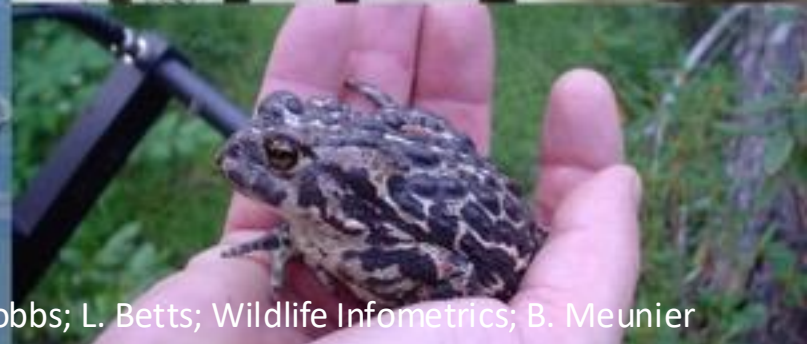


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Thank you for joining this online information session about our annual grants.

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**Grants for Fish & Wildlife Projects
Information Session**
Thursday, October 2, 2025, 1 – 2 p.m. PT

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Introductions



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Today's discussion

Welcome

Introduction to FWCP

Overview:

- FWCP grants

- Regional action plans

How to apply for an FWCP grant:

- Regional guidance for grant applicants, FAQs

- Online grant management system

Discussion & questions

Adjourn



Introduction to FWCP

The FWCP is a **partnership** between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, and public interest holders to **conserve and enhance fish and wildlife** in **watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams**.

BC Hydro fulfills **water licence and voluntary commitments** through the FWCP. The FWCP is **funded annually by BC Hydro**.



FWCP's vision & mission

Vision: Thriving fish and wildlife populations in watersheds that are functioning and sustainable

Mission: The FWCP compensates for fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams

Strategic Objectives



Conservation

Maintain or improve the status, functionality, and resiliency of ecosystems within FWCP's three regions

Maintain or improve the status of species of interest and their habitats within FWCP's three regions

Maintain or improve opportunities for harvesting, non-consumptive and other uses, now and into the future, in recognition that many species of interest have high social and cultural value.

Indigenous Engagement

Strengthen and foster relationships with Indigenous Peoples and communities. This will be addressed in part by strengthening Indigenous engagement in decision-making, project planning and delivery that supports the FWCP's conservation objectives.

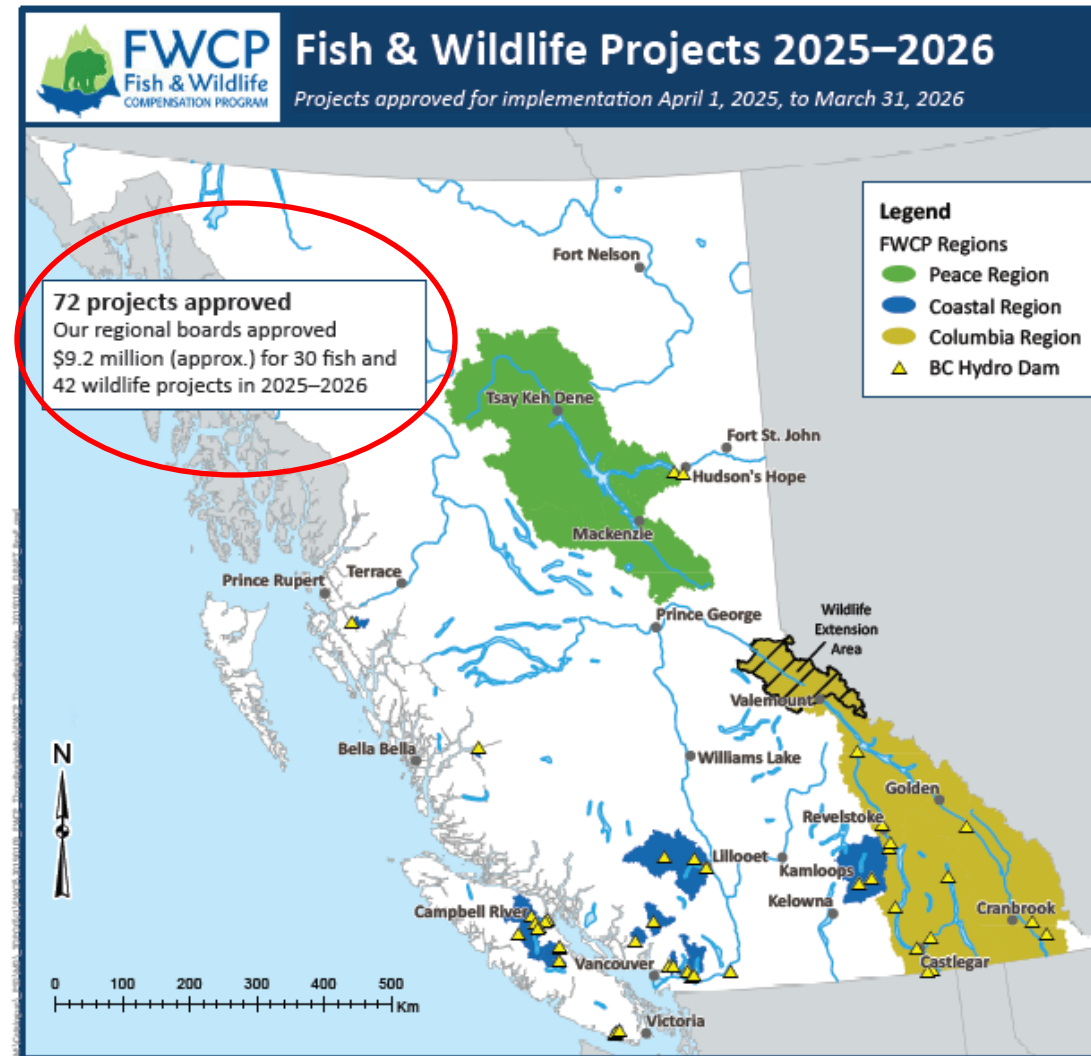
Community Engagement

Strengthen and foster partnerships and/or relationships with stakeholders, citizens and agencies that support the FWCP's conservation objectives

Regional Action Plans: Identify priorities aligned with FWCP's vision, mission and strategic objectives

Projects: Aim to address priorities identified in regional action plans

FWCP's regions



Coastal Region

22 projects
15 fish and 7 wildlife
\$1.8 million (approx.)

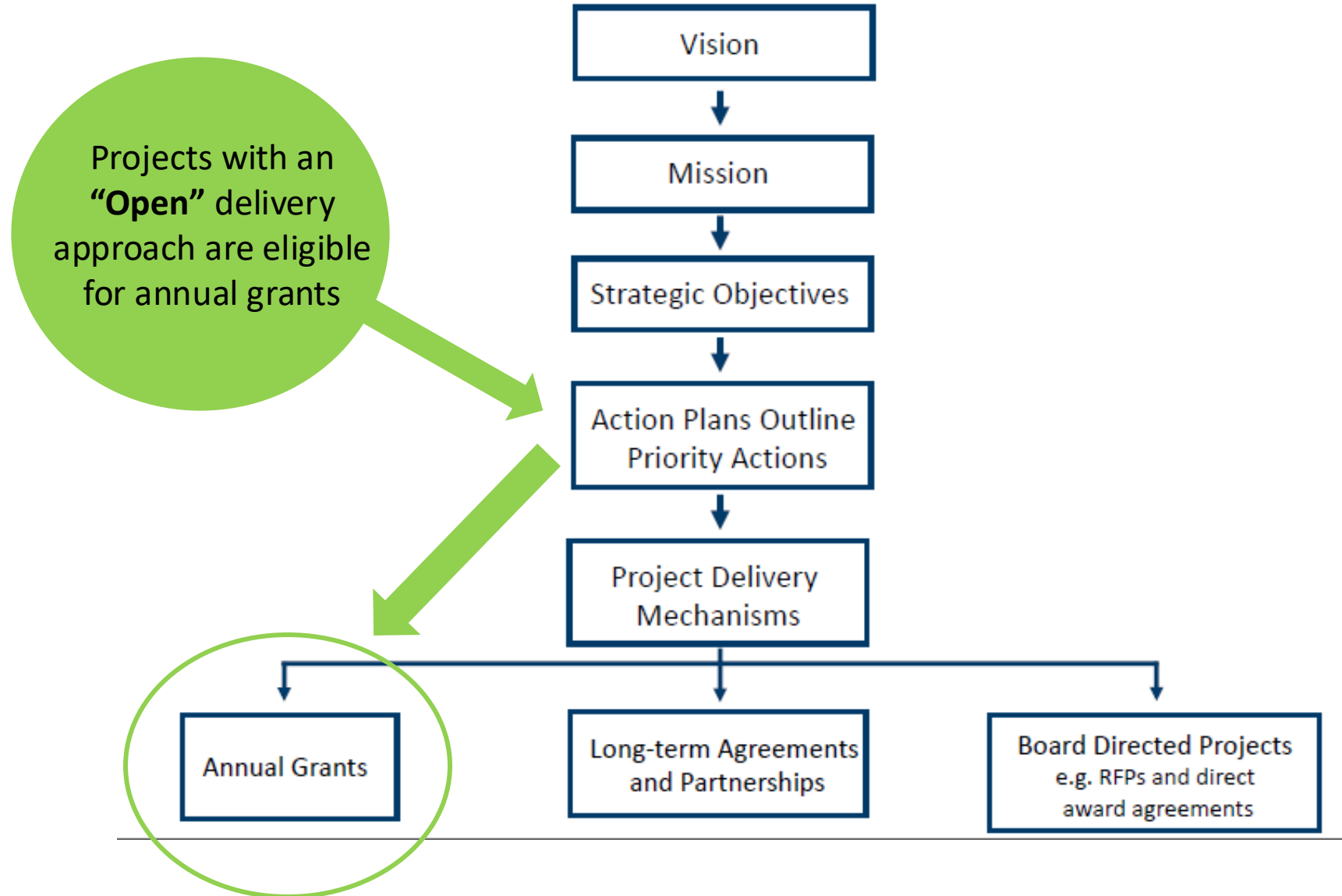
Columbia Region

25 projects
7 fish and 18 wildlife
\$5.3 million (approx.)

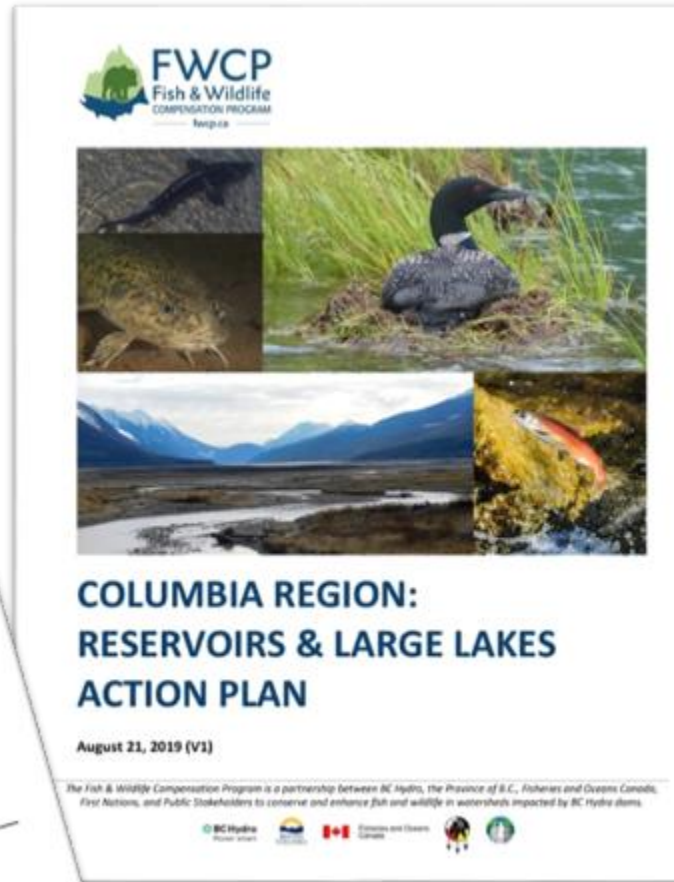
Peace Region

25 projects
8 fish and 17 wildlife
\$2.1 million (approx.)

How we work



Our regional action plans



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FWCP action tables

ALOUETTE RIVER WATERSHED ACTION TABLE									Version: 21July2020	
Action #	Ecosystem Chapter	Action Type	Priority Action Short Description	Priority	Target Species	Priority Action	Intended Outcome	Delivery Approach	Location	
14	Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs	Habitat-based Actions	ALU.RLR.HB.14.0 1 Improve rearing habitat capacity for Chinook & Coho Salmon & Steelhead in the Lower Alouette River-P1	1	Chinook and Coho Salmon, and Steelhead	Improve rearing habitat capacity for Chinook and Coho Salmon and Steelhead in the Lower Alouette River. Examples include development of off-channel habitat and increasing pool, wood and boulder habitat.	Sustain and restore habitat capacity and population viability Chinook and Coho Salmon and Steelhead.	Open	Lower Alouette	
15	Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs	Habitat-based Actions	ALU.RLR.HB.15.0 1 Develop new spawning areas for Pink Salmon-P2	2	Pink Salmon	Develop new spawning areas for Pink Salmon that are in areas not favoured by Chum Salmon, such as in the North Alouette River, where natural fluctuations do not favour Chum Salmon.	Sustain and restore habitat capacity and population viability of Pink Salmon.	Open	North Alouette River	
16	Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs	Habitat-based Actions	ALU.RLR.HB.16.0 1 Implement habitat enhancements in Upper Alouette-P2	2	Anadromous & Resident Salmonids	Implement habitat enhancements in Upper Alouette, including Alouette Reservoir and tributaries. If a restoration plan has been completed under Action 3, please reference that plan for more information.	Sustain and restore habitat capacity and population viability of anadromous and resident salmonids.	Open	Upper Alouette	
17	Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs	Habitat-based Actions	ALU.RLR.HB.17.0 1 Implement habitat enhancements in North Alouette River-P3	3	Anadromous & Resident Salmonids	Implement habitat enhancements in North Alouette River. If a restoration plan has been completed under Action 3, please reference that plan for more information.	Sustain and restore habitat capacity and population viability of anadromous and resident salmonids.	Open	North Alouette River	

FWCP grants

Annual grants –

- Mandatory notice of intent was due in our Columbia and Peace regions only on **Tuesday, September 9**
- **Completed grant applications are due by Monday, Nov. 3, 2025 for all regions**

Year-round grants – apply any time of year

1. Seed Grant
2. Land Securement Grant
3. Community Engagement Grant



Annual grants

Annual grants: available for projects that align with our action plans

Your grant application must include a **written project proposal** (maximum six pages) that includes:

- background and context for the proposed project;
- supplementary information and relevant references;
- the risks of proceeding with this proposed project;
- literature cited and links; and
- optional photos of the project site and/or a site map.



Tips for a strong application

1. Clearly **addresses an FWCP priority**
2. Effective **First Nations engagement: guidance varies by region**
3. Methods/approach are **clear and technically sound**
4. Cost **effectiveness** and **partnerships**, strongly encourage budgets with other funding sources
5. Application **quality**
6. Use our [FWCP resources and guidance](#)
7. Is written **clearly and easily understood** by reviewers



Unsure if a permit may be required for your project?

- FWCP does not manage or oversee any permitting activities related to the projects we fund – this **responsibility lies with anyone applying for a grant.**
- If you receive an FWCP grant, you must confirm that you will perform project work in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, etc., including applying for and obtaining all necessary permits or authorizations to conduct the project work.
- If you are unsure if your proposed project activities require a permit or authorization, visit **Front CounterBC, Natural Resource Online Services** for a list of activities and permit applications.

<https://portalext.nrs.gov.bc.ca/index.html>



Columbia Region guidance

- All F27 grant applications **must align with a priority #1 action**
- Follow our [notice of intent guidance](#) for early engagement with First Nations (Sept.-Oct.)
- Refer to our [Columbia Region grant guidance](#) when filling out your grant application.



Peace Region guidance

1. Follow our [notice of intent guidance](#) for early engagement with First Nations (Sept.-Oct.)
2. **Not accepting** applications for **new Arctic grayling projects**
3. Strong **linkage to conservation actions for research and information acquisition** projects
4. **Gov't of B.C. grant applicants** must demonstrate how project activities are not typically funded by their operating budgets and **not solely intended to inform regulatory/legislative requirement**
5. **Reminder**, we encourage you to use the **Williston Wetland Explorer Tool** if you are planning a riparian or wetland habitat project
6. Review relevant **project reports** and outcomes

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Coastal Region guidance: First Nations early engagement

- Coastal Region is strengthening engagement of First Nations
- Nations have cultural, and archaeological interests in proposed projects, as well as ongoing work that could duplicate or complement your project
- All grant applicants are strongly encouraged to engage with relevant First Nations based on the location of your proposed project:
 - identify referral and early engagement options
 - seek input on your proposed project

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Coastal Region guidance: First Nations early engagement

Guidance for early engagement in three watersheds only:

- Cheakamus River Watershed: https://www.squamishconnect.com/users/sign_in
- Coquitlam River Watershed: Referrals@kwikwetlem.com
- Puntledge River Watershed: <https://komoks.ca/komoks-first-nation-cultural-heritage-investigation-permits-chip/>

For grant applications in **all other watersheds**, refer to the [Provincial Consultative Areas Database](#)

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Coastal Region guidance

1. **One support letter from a First Nation, government agency, or interest holder / community group**
2. **Strengthen the link** between research and information gathering projects and the FWCP's objectives
3. **Proposing a project near a BC Hydro reservoir** or in the Ash, Campbell, Jordan, or Puntledge River watersheds? Call me!
4. **Engage** with First Nations, agencies, stakeholders, and communities
5. **Follow our Campbell River Gravel Restoration Strategy**
6. **Review relevant project reports** and outcomes

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Discussion?



How to apply for a grant



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Start your grant application

Start by reviewing our [regional guidance documents](#).

Read our [action plans](#) for priority actions eligible for a grant. See maps of our [Coastal Region](#), [Columbia Region](#), and [Peace Region](#).

[Apply online](#) by Monday, November 3 at 4 p.m. PT / 5 p.m. MT. In our Columbia and Peace regions, submit a mandatory [notice of intent](#) by Tuesday, September 9.

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Welcome to the FWCP grant management system

Registered users can login now with your email address and password. If you are new to our online grant management system, start your registration now:

[Register](#)

If you are already registered and you need to apply for grants on behalf of another organization or have questions related to completing FWCP grant applications, please contact us fwcp@bchydro.com (Our response time is generally within 24-48 hours Monday-Friday)

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Evaluating grant applications

Three-stage evaluation:

Stage 1: review by regional manager and environmental project coordinator

Stage 2: review by technical committees and Peace/Columbia Regions' First Nations Working Groups

Stage 3: review by board members at regional AGMs in early 2025

- Notification letters late February 2026
- Address conditions March 2026
- Contribution agreements may begin April 2026



Evaluation Criteria

1. A clear, well-defined approach aligning with priority actions and intended outcomes
2. Technical design and feasibility with direct benefits to fish and wildlife
3. Urgency: what are the implications if the project is approved vs. not approved?
4. Engagement of First Nations
5. Community engagement
6. Partnerships for support and to leverage our funding
7. Team experience, credentials, and capacity
8. Are the charges and fees appropriate? Value for money?
9. Overall quality of the application

Regional guidance for grant applicants:

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