

News From Our Columbia Region

April 2018

118 new projects in our three regions starting now!

Our three-step review and evaluation process is complete, and our local Boards have approved 118 fish and wildlife projects valued at about \$10 million. Each of the approved projects support our mission to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams. Many projects are hands-on, and will have an immediate benefit for species, while other projects will help improve knowledge and understanding about species, filling important information gaps leading to future conservation actions. [More](#)



Why we fund projects across the province

The FWCP is funded annually by BC Hydro and funds projects in our Coastal, Columbia and Peace Regions, thereby fulfilling BC Hydro's water license obligations and voluntary commitments to compensate for fish and wildlife impacts. The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and Public Stakeholders. [Read our FAQ](#)

55 Columbia Region projects approved for 2018-2019

Caribou, Bull Trout, wetlands, Kokanee, White-tailed Deer, reptiles, grasslands, bats, Grizzlies, spawning habitat, and White Sturgeon. These are just some of the species and habitat types that projects approved for the Columbia Region will focus on. [Read our full project list](#)



Turtle Day on Tuesday in Cranbrook

Come and see Western Painted Turtle hatchlings, just hours out of the nest, at Elizabeth Lake in Cranbrook on April 24, between 3 and 5 pm MDT. Funding for wetland conservation, restoration, and enhancement has been a priority for our Board over the past several years, making Turtle Day a great time to connect closely with this iconic wetland species! [Read more](#)



Slither down to Critter Day on May 12

If you haven't yet experienced Critter Day near Trail, then this is the year to do so. In addition to gathering the usual collection of smaller creatures like snakes, lizards, skinks, toads, and frogs, we will also have a falcon, owl, and juvenile White Sturgeon you can meet. [Read more about this FREE event](#)



WINGS takes off May 7

With funding from our [Community Engagement Grant](#), the Wings Over the Rockies Festival takes off May 7, in Invermere. Choose from a variety of hikes, paddles, presentations, and field trips hosted by a large cross-section of educators, wildlife experts, conservationists, ecologists, historians, and biologists. [Read more](#)

Wetland workshop in Salmo, May 10

BC Wildlife Federation's Wetlands Education Program, with funding from the FWCP, is hosting a "Map our Marshes" workshop on May 10 in Salmo. It's a great opportunity to learn about different types of wetlands and how to map them using GPS receivers, Google Earth, and BC's Community Mapping Network. [Read more](#)



Read our project reports

We post and share all final project reports so that the results and lessons learned are available to everyone. We've just updated our [report lists](#). Please [contact us](#) if you can't find what you're looking for.

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