

News From Our Peace Region May 2018

\$10 million approved for 118 projects in our three regions

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 for 2018-19. 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. <u>More</u>



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 applicable water licence 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. <u>Read our FAQ</u>

\$2.1 million for 30 projects in our Peace Region

Arctic Grayling, Bull Trout, Lake Trout, Kokanee, Woodland Caribou, Fisher, Moose, wildlife trees, wetlands, migratory birds, and bats. These are just some of the species and habitat types that will benefit from the projects approved by our Peace Region Board for 2018-19. <u>Read the full project list</u>.



Arctic Grayling. Photo: John Hagen

Update on the caribou maternity pen results

A maternity pen for two endangered caribou herds in our Peace Region has improved calf survival. Together, with other recovery efforts, it has helped the combined Klinse-Za and Scott East herd size increase from 36 to 67 animals in the last four years. For 2018, a new, larger maternity pen with 24-hour shepherds has been set up, and 12 cows and two calves were penned. Caribou are a priority in our <u>Species of Interest Action Plan</u>. Learn more about other <u>caribou projects</u> we are funding.



Provincial veterinarian, Helen Schwantje with a pregnant cow in 2018. Photo: Wildlife Informetrics

Golden Eagle presentation: Dawson Creek and Tumbler

Join Peter Sherrington (below) for an evening of learning about the largest Golden Eagle migration corridor in the world that passes through the Peace Region. The FWCP is helping fund both presentations.

Dawson Creek: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, Room 116, Health Sciences Building, Northern Lights College

Tumbler Ridge: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Museum and Dinosaur Discovery Gallery



Watch Canada's most endandgered owl now!

Go to <u>fwcp.ca/owlwebcam/</u> to watch a Northern Spotted Owl chick. The FWCP is funding the Northern Spotted Owl captive breeding program, as well as habitat restoration to benefit the owls.



Photo: Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program

Register now for free wetland workshops in July

The FWCP is funding for two wetland workshops hosted by the BC Wildlife Federation's Wetland Education Program. These workshops are open to the public and are great for anybody who is interested in learning more about wetland conservation. Topics include wetland plant ID, soil sampling, and wetland classification. <u>Mackenzie: July 20-22, 2018</u> and <u>Moberly Lake: July 17-18,</u> 2018



Photo: BCWF

Community Engagement Grants

Remember that we have our <u>Community</u> <u>Engagement Grants (CEG)</u> available in our Peace Region. <u>Contact us</u> if you have a project idea in the works that will benefit fish and wildlife, especially if it involves volunteers. You could be eligible for up to \$1,000. They are easy to apply for, with a quick turn-around.



Read our reports

Our list of <u>reports is online</u>, and please <u>contact us</u> if you can't find what you're looking for.

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