



## News from our Columbia Region August 2018

### 2018 grant application intake open: apply now!

We're now accepting grant applications for fish and wildlife projects that align with our Columbia Region [Action Plans](#). [Read our info kit for grant applicants](#), and submit your online application by Friday, October 26, 2018 by 5 p.m. [Read more](#).



### Columbia Region priorities

The FWCP's Columbia Region Board is encouraging grant applications for proposed projects that result in "on-the-ground" or "in-stream" restoration and enhancement. Priorities for 2019-2020 projects include: stream habitat restoration and enhancement activities; riparian and wetland restoration and conservation activities; and work being implemented in the North Columbia.

### Toadfest this week: check our website for updates

Toadfest, at Summit Lake Provincial Park south of Nakusp, is a free, fun, family event, organized by the [FWCP](#), to raise awareness about the Western Toad and other species that call the area home. Drop in anytime on Wednesday, August 22, between 4 and 7 p.m., or Thursday, August 23, between 9 a.m. and noon.

Free transportation is available from Nakusp.

Toadfest is still on as scheduled, but we are monitoring the wildfire situation in the West Kootenay. Should the fire situation worsen in the Slocan Lake area, the event may be cancelled. Updates are available [here](#).



## New Public Representative joins Columbia Board

We're pleased to welcome Moss Giasson (below) as the newest Public Representative on our 10-member Columbia Region Board. Moss will be a great asset to the FWCP, having worked as an environmental specialist and professional agrologist for over 15 years, with a focus on ecosystem restoration and environmental planning. Welcome Moss! [Read more.](#)



We'd would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to Dave White, who stepped down as a Public Representative earlier this year. Dave has been a tremendous strength to the FWCP, since he joined our Board in 2012.

## Newgate gets "new housing"

A new maternity roost for Townsend's Big-eared Bats has been constructed on the Earl Conservation property near Newgate, on Koocanusa Reservoir's west side. The project, led by the Province of B.C., provides an alternative roost site to an old barn nearby that may soon no longer provide suitable habitat for the bats. The new roost is built, but how does one go about attracting the bats to use it? [Read more.](#)



**Meadow Creek spawning channel open house September 8**

Visit the [Kokanee spawning channel](#) at the north end of Kootenay Lake on Saturday, September 8, to learn more about Kokanee, the Nutrient Restoration Program, co-existing with Grizzly Bears, and more. Follow the signs from Meadow Creek to this free event that goes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [Email us](#) or phone 250-352-1300 for more information. And don't forget, we provide [10-year historical data](#) regarding the spawning channels and the Nutrient Restoration Program, for both Kootenay Lake and Arrow Lakes Reservoir.



## Read our annual report and newsletter

Our [Columbia Region Annual Report](#) is available, and includes a financial summary and project outcomes for projects funded in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. For more information on projects across all three of our regions, Peace, Coastal, and Columbia, read our [annual newsletter](#).



**Annual Report**  
FWCP Columbia Region  
2017–2018

## 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.



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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