News from our Peace Region
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Grant applicants: act now and submit your mandatory NOI

Anyone submitting a grant application to our FWCP Peace Region must submit a mandatory Notice of Intent (NOI) **by Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5 p.m. PDT**. A full grant application will not be accepted without an NOI. Register or login online at fwcp.ca/apply-for-funding and then start your grant application, which begins with the mandatory NOI. For more about applying for funding, read our information kit and our Peace grant requirements and guidance document.

Guidance for riparian and wetland projects: Draft predictive riparian and wetland habitat mapping is now available to support grant applications for proposed projects to create, restore or enhance riparian and wetland habitats.

Bull Trout synthesis and monitoring framework now available

If you're applying for funding to help Bull Trout in the Williston and Dinosaur Reservoir watersheds then our 2019 information synthesis and monitoring framework report is a must-read. It identifies Bull Trout biology and limiting factors, potential enhancement opportunities, conservation status and risks and critical habitats across our FWCP Peace Region. The monitoring framework provides a recommended sequence of monitoring actions (i.e. priorities) to guide FWCP proponents in developing studies focussed on key monitoring data requirements to enable effective conservation actions.

Photo: S. Rooke

Join our free online information session October 2

Join a online information session and learn more about our grants and regional Action Plans, and get tips for developing your grant application. The free session is on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 10 a.m. PDT. Register at fwcp@bchydro.com. The presentation slides from our August online information session can be reviewed here.

Photo: Diversified Environmental

Thirteen calves released from caribou maternity pen

On July 29, Woodland Caribou of the Klinse-Za herd were released from their Mt. Rochfort maternity pen. They included 13 calves - seven males and six females - born in May and June, the highest number in the project's history. The pen was home to a total of 30 cows and calves for up to four months. The goal of the project, led by the Nikanese Wah tzee Stewardship Society, is to enhance the survival rate of caribou within the Klinse-Za herd. Read more about how the FWCP is providing funding to this important project, and to see photos in the August 2019 update.

Photo: Wildlife Infometrics

A cow and calf in the maternity pen in June 2019. Photo: Wildlife Infometrics.

20+ years of supporting the Mugaha Marsh banding station

Many thousands of volunteer-hours are logged at the Mugaha Marsh bird banding station each year to help collect important information on breeding bird

population trends, distribution, and health. The FWCP has been providing funding to Mackenzie Nature Observatory banding operations for more than two decades. The banding is done during the summer/fall migration for about two months, and will wrap-up on September 23. Contact the Mackenzie Nature Observatory if you're interested in volunteering at the station in the future.

A Swainson's Thrush (left) and a Wilson's Warbler. Up until August 24, 2019, the Swainson's Thrush was the most common bird banded this season. Photo: Mackenzie Nature Observatory.

Community Engagement Grants available

Don't forget we have our Community Engagement Grant that you can apply for at any time of the year. They are easy to apply for, with a short turnaround time for application review. Contact us if you have a project idea that will benefit fish and wildlife, especially if it involves volunteers. You could be eligible for up to $1,000.

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 existing BC Hydro dams.

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