

# News from our Peace Region

March 2020

## Our Plans may change due to COVID-19

We've been planning public engagement for April 2020 to discuss draft updates to our Peace Region action plans. Due to COVID-19, we've replaced in-person discussions with more online options to talk and receive your feedback, if you have the time and space. We recognize COVID-19 and public health concerns are escalating and we may revise our plans again. Please <u>subscribe</u> to stay informed. Learn more at <u>fwcp.ca</u>.

## Peace Region action plans: join the discussion

We've prepared draft priority actions and a draft list of priority species for our updated 2020 Peace Region action plans and want your feedback by May 1, 2020. The <u>draft priority actions</u> will determine what projects are eligible for FWCP funding and what work we will do together in the next few years to help conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams. Your input is important to us and will be considered as we finalize updated action plans by August 2020.

- Read our <u>draft action tables</u>.
- Join an introductory online information session on April 8, 22 or 29. <u>Get</u> <u>times and RSVP.</u>
- Join an online technical workshop on April 14, 15, or 16. <u>Get times, topics</u> <u>and RSVP.</u>
- Submit an <u>online feedback form</u> by May 1, 2020.



Engaging to talk about draft priority actions for our Peace Region means online discussions and working in home offices in alignment with guidance from the Province of B.C.

#### Action plans guide our projects

Our current Peace Region action plans were finalized in 2014, and have been used since then to guide more than \$7.1 million in project funding toward more than 114 projects. Our <u>archived 2014 actions plans</u> are online for reference but as of 2020 will no longer provide important strategic guidance or define the projects eligible for funding.



Our current Peace Region action plans were drafted in 2014 and have been archived on our website.

## Join our board: public representative wanted

Our <u>Peace Region</u> board is looking for a new public representative. The ideal candidate will have knowledge of fish, wildlife and environmental issues within our Peace Region, and be ready to start in August 2020 for a three-year term. Learn more about <u>being a public representative</u>. Apply by June 15, 2020. Contact our <u>Peace Region Manager Chelsea Coady</u> to request your application package.



Our Peace Region board and committee list is available on our<u>website</u>.

### New 2020-2021 projects

We will be announcing our Peace Region's 2020-2021 projects in the next few weeks. Across our three regions approximately \$8.7 million was approved for 99 fish and wildlife projects.



Arctic Grayling is one of many species being supported by FWCP funding in 2020-2021. Photo: John Hagen

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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