

COLUMBIA REGION NEWS

September 2020

Fish and wildlife grants available: apply now!

We're now accepting grant applications for fish and wildlife projects that align with our Columbia Region [action plans](#). We're encouraging First Nations, stewardship groups, consultants, agencies, and others to apply. [Learn more](#). Grant applications are due by 5 p.m. PDT on Friday, October 30, 2020.

North Columbia projects are a priority

Our Columbia Region board is encouraging grant applications for proposed projects within the northern portion of our region (i.e. North Columbia sub-region), which is bordered by Revelstoke and Golden in the south, and Valemount in the north. See a [map](#) of our Columbia Region.

Learn more about our grants and how to apply

Join our online grant info session: Thursday, October 1, 1 p.m.-2.30 p.m. PDT. RSVP to fwcp@bchydro.com to register.

Read our [info kit](#), funding [FAQs](#), and [regional guidance](#) for grant applicants. We're here to help. [Contact](#) our Columbia Region manager, Crystal Klym, at anytime.



We're funding 43 projects for approximately \$5.5 million this year in the Columbia Region, including a bighorn sheep project near Golden. [COL-F21-W-3347](#). Photo: FWCP

Join our board: public representative wanted

We're looking for a new public representative to join our Columbia Region board, someone who can bring a regional perspective to the table, represent a broad range of public interests, and make a three-year commitment. Apply by Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. PDT. [Read more](#).



We'd like to sincerely thank outgoing public representative Rob Neil for his work with the FWCP, and for his invaluable contributions to our board since 2017.

Toadfest 2020 hopped online: watch our videos

Thanks to our presenters and to everyone who joined Toadfest Online 2020. Watch our videos on western toad migrations, toad life cycles, and the research and mitigation work at Summit Lake.

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Want a laugh? What do toads drink in winter? Get the answer to these and othertoaddly cool jokes at fwcp.ca/toadfest/.

Read our reports

See our updated [Columbia Region searchable spreadsheet](#) with links to the latest reports on the Province of B.C.'s databases.



One of the latest reports to be added to our list is the Murphy Creek Spawning Channel Management Plan. [COL-F20-F-3098](#). Photo: iStock, ML Haring

FWCP remembers Murray Pearson

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Murray Pearson, long-term fisheries technician with the Province of B.C., at Meadow Creek Spawning Channel. Murray died August 19 while fly-fishing at one of his favourite spots on Fry Creek near Kootenay Lake. He had worked for more than 30 years at the channel, monitoring kokanee fry emigration in the spring, recording kokanee spawners in the fall, and looking after operations during other months of the year. We will miss him dearly and the FWCP would like to extend our condolences to Murray's family and friends. [Read more](#) about Murray. His celebration of life will be held at Murray Pearson Ball Park in Kaslo, renamed in his memory.



Murray, pictured here at the September 2019 Meadow Creek Spawning Channel open house, was wonderful at sharing information about his work.



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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