



### 31 new projects announced for 2021-2022

Our Coastal Region board approved \$2.4 million for 31 projects for 2021-2022. The projects—18 fish and 13 wildlife—will be delivered by Indigenous groups, agencies, stewardship groups, consultants, and others. Together, the projects will research and monitor fish and wildlife populations, improve habitat, help secure conservation lands, and support species of conservation concern, including Chinook salmon, Vancouver Island marmots, northern spotted owls, and more. Read our 2021-2022 [Coastal Region project list](#) and visit our interactive [project map](#).

Chinook salmon. Photo: iStock, J. Fader



Supporting the purchase of lands with high conservation values is a priority for the FWCP. Photo: M. Wigle

### \$9.4 million approved for 100 projects in our three regions

Our three regional boards approved funding for 100 projects this year to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams. “We are so happy to be able to celebrate Earth Day by supporting fish and wildlife species across the province,” says Monique Stevenson, FWCP program manager. “The work being done through these projects supports our vision of thriving fish and wildlife populations in watersheds that are functioning and sustainable.” See all the projects we’re funding this year in our [Coastal](#), [Columbia](#), and [Peace region](#) project lists.



A captive-raised marmot about to be released in Strathcona Provincial Park last year. Photo: R. Tidman

## Supporting the recovery of endangered marmots

Eighteen Vancouver Island marmots—12 captive-bred and six wild-born marmots—were released into colonies in Strathcona Provincial Park last year as part of an ongoing effort to recover the Red-listed species.

The Marmot Recovery Foundation, [with funding from the FWCP](#), also installed 21 feeders at eight colonies to improve reproductive potential, rescued four marmots from unsuitable habitat, and retained two marmots for a captive winter hibernation. After a marmot was found with injuries consistent with being hit by a mountain bike, the foundation is also working with nearby Mt. Washington Alpine Resort to help educate guests about marmot safety. The injured marmot recovered and was released.

Since 2003, the captive-breeding program has released 529 marmots into the wild. Currently there are 99 marmots in captivity, including 26 potential breeding pairs.



## Join the Great Virtual Salmon Run!

Register now and record the distances that you walk, run, cycle, swim, and paddle. Upload them to the race platform to track your progress along the Fraser River on the virtual map. See if you can clock the 640 km salmon travel on their journey back to the spawning grounds in the Lower Shuswap River.

Along the way, you'll learn about salmon, history, ecology, and First Nations, and you'll unlock discounts at local businesses and be eligible for prizes. The virtual event, organized by the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre with funding from the FWCP, is a great way to keep fit and help salmon!

[Register and purchase your ticket.](#)

## Northern spotted owl webcam: coming soon!

The northern spotted owl webcam, with funding from our





FWCP Coastal Region, will be up and running in May! Tune in to see the rarest owl in Canada at the Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program in Langley, BC. Be sure to check the webcam out in the evenings and early morning when the chicks are most active.

The northern spotted owl is one of Canada's most endangered species, with only about 10 individuals left in the wild in British Columbia. [Check out some of the photos](#) from previous years.

Photo: Nicole Wajmer



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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