

## **PEACE REGION NEWS**

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## Learn about local fish and wildlife: free online info sessions

With funding from the FWCP, the University of Northern British Columbia is hosting four information sessions and you're invited.

The free presentations are hosted by the Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute. Join one or more.

#### Wednesday, January 20, 12 p.m. PST (1 p.m. MST) Bull trout in the Williston Reservoir

Learn about bull trout status and critical habitats in the Williston Reservoir Watershed with John Hagen. Hagen, an independent fisheries consultant, will talk about why this priority species is of conservation concern, and the best approaches to conservation.



Join the free online information session about bull trout on January 20. Photo: iStock

#### Wednesday, February 10, 12 p.m. PST (1 p.m. MST) Fishers in the Peace Region

Find out more about fishers, one of the rarest mammals in our Peace Region, with Rich Weir. Weir, a carnivore conservation specialist, will talk about this fascinating species, the key role they play in low-elevation forests in our Peace Region, and what is being done to conserve their habitat.

#### Wednesday, March 3, 12 p.m. PST (1 p.m. MST) Restoring connectivity in rivers and streams

Join senior conservation biologist, Dan Kraus, with the Nature Conservancy of Canada and explore some of the approaches to mapping and prioritizing barrier removal, and the challenges and opportunities of reconnecting aquatic habitats.

# Wednesday, March 24, 12 p.m. PST (1 p.m. MST)

#### Genomic analysis of Salvelinus

Dr. Eric Taylor's presentation "Genomic Analysis within *Salvelinus*: Understanding Speciation and Informing Management" relates to how genetic analyses of char fish species are informing how they evolved and their management. More details to come.

Get the link to attend and please share these events.

## Telling our story with help from the Alaska Highway News

Here at the FWCP, sharing results about the projects we fund alongside information about our project planning and delivery is a priority. In our <u>Peace Region</u>, we've published a <u>series of articles</u> in the Alaska Highway News that help tell our story.

Explore our archive and learn more about an innovative <u>new tool</u> for mapping wetlands and riparian areas, our strategic approach to supporting <u>Arctic grayling</u>, and the importance of being <u>ready for anything</u> when it comes to conserving caribou, among many other topics.

<u>Learn more</u> about our work to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams in our Peace Region.



The <u>latest article</u> published in the Alaska Highway News is about a new wetland and riparian mapping tool. Photo: Chu Cho Environmental

## Apply now! Community Engagement Grants still available

We want to spend our <u>Community Engagement Grant</u> budget by the end of March. Please apply for a grant, up to \$1,000, to help your group support fish or wildlife in our Peace Region. The <u>grant application</u> is short and it's easy to apply.







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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