

Peace Region News April 2021



26 new projects announced for 2021-2022

Our Peace Region board approved \$1.3 million in funding for 26 projects in 2021-2022. The projects nine fish and 17 wildlife—will be delivered by Indigenous groups, agencies, stewardship groups, consultants, and non-government agencies. Together, the projects will research and monitor fish and wildlife populations, improve habitat, and help species of conservation concern, including Arctic grayling, caribou, and more. Read our 2021-2022 <u>Peace Region project list</u> and visit our interactive <u>project map</u>.

The McLeod Lake Indian Band was approved for a seed grant this year to support scoping a <u>moose habitat enhancement project</u> in the Parsnip sub-region. Photo: C. Gale.



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

Our three regional boards approved 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 <u>Coastal, Columbia</u>, and <u>Peace region</u> project lists.

Snorkel surveys <u>monitoring Arctic grayling abundance</u> will continue in the Anzac and Table rivers. Photo: Chu Cho Environmental



Cows are sedated and get a vet inspection before being moved to the secure maternity pen near Chetwynd . Photo: Wildlife Infometrics Inc.

Caribou recovery: 13 cows in maternity pen

Thirteen adult caribou from the Klinse-Za herd were recently transported to a protective maternity pen located in natural calving range. Almost all the captured cows are returning residents and have previously experienced the pen. Most of the cows are in fair body condition, and one was the heaviest captured to-date, weighing 153 kg.

All of the cows were captured, transported, and sampled without incident and have been tested to confirm pregnancy. Pregnant cows will be fed and monitored in the pen until their calves are born and are large enough to be less susceptible to predation by bears and wolves. The caribou are expected to be in the pen for about 144 days.

This is the <u>eighth year of a multi-year project</u> led by the Nîkanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society, with FWCP funding, that aims to enhance the survival rate of caribou cows and calves in the Klinse-Za and Scott East herds.



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. <u>Check out some of the photos</u> 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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