

Peace Region News July 2021



Chris Addison joins our board as a new public representative

Chris Addison is the newest public representative on our Peace Region board. With extensive experience as a wildlife biologist and working with local stakeholders, the provincial government, and First Nations, he will undoubtedly be a great asset to the team! <u>Read more</u>. Our 16-member <u>Peace Region</u> <u>board</u> is made up of three public representatives, four agency representatives, and nine First Nations representatives. We would like to give our sincere thanks to outgoing public representative Wayne Sawchuk for his passion and dedication to the FWCP for the last six years.

A dozen calves in the caribou maternity pen

Twelve caribou calves in a maternity pen near Chetwynd will be released in mid-August. The goal of the <u>maternity pen project</u>—led by the Nîkanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society, with FWCP funding—is to increase survival of caribou in the Klinse-Za and Scott East herd areas. This year, 12 of the 13 cows captured were pregnant—the second highest pregnancy rate in the eight-year history of the maternity pen. All cows and calves are feeding well and are expected to be released when the calves are at least eight-weeks-old.



In an effort to gain a better understanding of calf survival in the wild, the team also captured and collared three wild calves that were born outside the pen this year. This calf has just been collared and released. Photo: Wildlife Infometrics Inc.



Communications survey: please give us your feedback

Our communications team, Angus and Lynne, are updating our three-year communications and engagement strategy. They'd really like your anonymous feedback on how we're doing, what you want to know more about, and the best ways to share FWCP project updates, grant information and other news with you. <u>Please take our short survey</u>. It's open until Monday July 19, 2021. Thanks in advance!



One objective of the project was to compare two types of recording devices to help guide future acoustic inventory efforts. Photo: Brian Paterson

60 bird species detected in work to create Wildlife Habitat Areas

Sixty bird species were recorded at 24 sites in the Dinosaur Reservoir Watershed last summer, including five Species at Risk. The project, led by Zonal Ecosystem and Wildlife Consultants Ltd., used passive acoustic surveys during the breeding season to identify songbirds.

The findings will provide the basis for a proposal of multiple Wildlife Habitat Areas to protect important breeding habitat for black-throated green warblers and vital habitat for secondary species, such as the Canada warbler, fisher, and northern myotis. <u>Read the full report</u>.



Grant intake opening soon

Interested in applying for funding from the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program in our Peace Region? Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- Application intake opens: Thursday, August 12
- Notice of Intent online information session: Wednesday, September 1, 9 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
- Deadline for mandatory Notice of Intent: Monday, September 13

We will be sharing more information about the application process in August. In the meantime, if you would like to register for the Notice of Intent information session, <u>email</u> <u>us</u>.



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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