



Board members visiting a restoration project ([COA-F23-W-3744](#)) in the Campbell River estuary last month. From left: Scott Barrett, Todd Manning, Ryan Stewart, Laurie Kremsater, Larry Casper, Dale Desrochers. Absent: Brian Assu, Mark Peters, Jack Minard

## Join us: board members wanted

We're looking for two new public representatives to join our nine-member Coastal Region board—one to start this December and the second in March 2023. We're looking for people who can bring a regional perspective, represent a broad range of public interests, and make a three-year commitment. Our board members review proposed fish and wildlife projects, and guide our work in the Coastal Region. Deadline for applications is October 28, 2022. For more information [contact](#) Julie Fournier, our FWCP Coastal Region manager.

## Giving Threatened turtles a head-start in life



One hundred and thirty-six at-risk western painted turtles were released into Lower Mainland watersheds last year to help the province's only remaining native freshwater turtle. All were released into three locations: Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, and Mission. [Read more](#) [COA-F22-W-3547](#).

Follow-up telemetry and mark-recapture trapping studies of head-started turtles show survivorship is high—75% to 100%—in the first 90 days following release.

Photo: P. Sardari



The FWCP has been a long-time funder of large-scale bulk spawning gravel additions in the upper Campbell River. Photo: S. Watson

## Gravel added to Elk Falls Canyon: watch the video

In the equivalent to roughly 20 dump trucks, 183 m<sup>3</sup> of gravel were deposited into Campbell River earlier this month, 100 m downstream of Elk Falls. The delivery is part of an ongoing effort to improve spawning habitat for Chinook salmon. [Read more and see the video](#) COA-F21-F-3266.

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## Thousands of chum carcasses moved by volunteers



A team of volunteers from the Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association collected and redistributed 4,700 chum salmon carcasses in the Puntledge River Watershed last fall. Although it's hard work to offload thousands of large salmon carcasses, it's a cost-effective, short-term restoration technique for transferring large amounts of nutrients to the upper watershed ecosystems. [Read more](#) COA-F22-F-3526.

A tote full of salmon carcasses equals many nutrients for the food web. Photo: CDFGPA

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## Community builds nest boxes to help western screech-owls



The Campbell River Fish and Wildlife Association teamed up with Madrone Environmental Services to host a nest box-building workshop, and share information about western screech-owl conservation and habitat enhancement. Twenty attendees built eight nest boxes and volunteers will build more later this year. The June workshop was made possible with funding from an FWCP [Community Engagement Grant](#). Find out more about this grant for up to \$1,000 and how you can apply.

This nest box was taken up by a northern saw-whet owl. Photo: Madrone Environmental

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