

Peace Region News July 2022



This year we are funding <u>25 projects</u> for approximately \$1.4 million in our Peace Region. Photo: Wild North Photos

Get ready: Grant intake opens August 11

Our annual grant intake opens August 11 and our message is simple: we want more grant applications this year for projects that align with our <u>Peace Region</u> Action Plans. Learn more at <u>fwcp.ca/apply-for-funding</u>. Share this information with others who want to help conserve and enhance fish and wildlife. **Important dates:**

August 24: Notice of Intent Info session for Peace Region grant applicants. <u>Register here</u>.
September 9: All Peace Region grant applicants must submit a mandatory <u>Notice of Intent</u>.
October 28: Grant applications due.

We're here to help: <u>Contact</u> our acting Peace Region manager, Jen Walker-Larsen.

First local Motus stations installed to track birds and bats



Data collection about birds and bats in the Peace Region is about to get a boost from seven new receiver stations installed in 2021 to detect birds and bats affixed with digitally-encoded radio transmitters.

Better understanding of migration and habitat use could help inform future conservation actions planning for birds. And better understanding of bat movement and bat ecology is critical with the threat of the fatal white-nose syndrome. <u>Read more PEA-F22-W-3435</u>.

All but one of the new Motus stations are solar-powered to receive and transmit data. Photo: Birds Canada



The new artificial structures help compensate for nesting habitat lost due to the creation of the reservoirs. Photo: Blackbird Environmental

New design of floating islands performing well

With FWCP funding, Blackbird Environmental Ltd., recently inspected 12 floating islands for waterfowl throughout wetlands in Williston Reservoir. The artificial nesting platforms are in good shape after winter conditions and all had signs of use by waterfowl within the first year. <u>Read more PEA-F22-W-3435</u>.



FWCP Peace Region board meet in Chetwynd

A few of our board members were able to join the latest board meeting in person and tour a caribou habitat restoration and maternity pen project. From left, Gord Haines (Doig River First Nation), Heather Middleton (BC Hydro) and Chris Addison (public representative). See the <u>full list</u> of FWCP Peace Region board and committee members.

Community Engagement Grants available!

Looking for money for a small project to help fish and wildlife? Apply for our <u>Community Engagement Grants</u>. <u>Contact</u> our Peace Region manager. You could be eligible for up to \$1,000.

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stakeholders to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by BC Hydro dams.

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