



## Hop on over to Toadfest at Summit Lake Provincial Park!

Wednesday, August 17, 4-7 p.m. and Thursday, August 18, 9 a.m.-12 noon. [Read more.](#)

## Apply now: grants available for fish and wildlife projects

Our annual grant intake is open, and we're looking for projects that will help conserve and enhance fish and wildlife, benefit the region's ecosystems, at-risk species, and its vital habitats.

**What kind of grants?** We offer large grants for hands-on or research projects that are ready to roll, as well as seed grants if you want to explore the feasibility of an idea.

**What's eligible?** We fund on-the-ground projects that have immediate and longer-term benefits for species and their habitats. We also fund research and monitoring projects that fill important data gaps and define what conservation actions should be taken next. Review our [Columbia Region's action plans](#) for all eligible projects. Talk to our [regional manager](#).

**Who should apply?** Eligible grant applicants include Indigenous Nations, communities and businesses, consultants, agencies, non-government organizations, individuals, and academic institutions.

### New this year: Optional Notice of Intent

Strengthening engagement of First Nations is a priority for our board. We are encouraging all grant applicants to submit an optional [Notice of Intent](#) - a short description of your proposed project as a first step toward submitting your grant application.

## Columbia Region priorities

Our Columbia Region board has identified priorities this year and is encouraging grant applications that:

1. Support and incorporate ecosystem and climate resilience
2. Identify, maintain, and restore old-growth stands or ecosystems

3. Include on-the-ground fish and stream restoration projects and feasibility studies
4. Focus on the North Columbia sub-region, bordered by Revelstoke, Golden, and Valemount

See our [guidance](#) for Columbia Region grant applicants.

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## Resources for grant applicants

1. Start your grant application [here](#)
2. [Guidance](#) for grant applicants
3. Optional [Notice of Intent](#)
4. Columbia Region [action plans](#)
5. Columbia Region 2022-2023 [project list](#) [Link](#)



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## Learn more about our grants! Join an information session

### Introduction to the Columbia Region's notice of intent

**Wednesday, August 24**

1-2 p.m. PT /

2-3 p.m. MT.

[Register now](#)

Learn more about this optional first step for all grant applicants in our Columbia Region. Find out how the notice of intent supports First Nations involvement in your project and allows us to provide you with additional guidance ahead of submitting your grant application. This short project description is due Friday, September 9, and is part of our online grant application.

### Overview of grants for fish and wildlife projects

**Tuesday, October 4**

1-2 p.m. PT /

2-3 p.m. MT.

[Register now](#)

Find out what grants we offer and how to align your project idea with our regional action plans. Get answers to your questions and tips on developing your grant application.

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## Important dates for Columbia Region grant applicants

**Wednesday, August 24:**

Online session: introduction to the Columbia Region's mandatory notice of intent.

[Register now](#)

**Friday, September 9:**

Optional [notice of intent](#) due.

**Tuesday, October 4:**

Online session: overview of FWCP grants and action plans.

[Register now](#)

**Friday, October 28, 4 p.m. PT / 5 p.m. MT:**

Grant applications due: online intake closes.



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**We're here to help!**



"The projects we fund through our annual grant intake are integral to conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife in our Columbia Region," says Crystal Klym, the FWCP's Columbia Region manager. "We hope grant applicants will develop projects that align with our action plans and the priorities set by our board this year. I'm here to answer any questions." [Contact](#) Crystal.



## You're invited: Meadow Creek Spawning Channel Open House

View the spawning kokanee, talk to biologists, learn about the Nutrient Restoration Program in Kootenay Lake, and co-existing with grizzly bears.

When: **Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Where: **Meadow Creek, North end of Kootenay Lake**

Follow highway 31 to Meadow Creek and follow the signs. Hosted by the FWCP and the Ministry of Forests. See [FWCP events](#).

## Follow us on social media

Get updates on project results, early notice about grant opportunities and deadlines, and invitations to information sessions about the projects we fund and the species and ecosystems that benefit. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)!



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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