



FWCP Columbia Region Priorities for Nov. 2015 Grant Applications

Note: For Seed, Small or Large Grants

The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) identified conservation priorities for fish and wildlife in its Columbia Region. The priority issues and recommended actions are reflected in the Columbia Basin Plan and a series of Action Plans:

1. large lakes;
2. small lakes;
3. streams;
4. species of interest;
5. upland / dryland areas;
6. wetland and riparian areas; and
7. Upper Kootenay Ecosystem Enhancement Plan¹

Ensure your project is in alignment with our conservation priorities (see Columbia Basin Plan) and applicable Action Plan(s). In each Action Plan, every action has been assigned a priority ranking of '1' (highest), '2' or '3'. During the evaluation of grant applications, a proposed project that aligns with a priority '1' action will be awarded more points, and a proposed project for a priority '2' or '3' action will receive fewer points.

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In addition to the priorities in the Action Plans, the FWCP's Columbia Regional Board is encouraging fall 2015 grant applicants to submit grant applications that result in on-the-ground or in-stream restoration and enhancement work, specifically:

- 1. Implementation of stream habitat restoration and enhancement projects.** Refer to our Streams Action Plan. Restoration and enhancement projects with adequate technical background are preferred over inventory, research and planning. Applicants are encouraged to make use of any existing stream restoration plans (e.g., Forest/Fisheries Renewal BC; see <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/ecocat/>).
- 2. Implementation of riparian and wetland restoration and conservation projects** as identified in our Wetland and Riparian Action Plan at www.fwcp.ca.
- 3. Undertake fish and wildlife projects to be delivered within the North Columbia sub region (see map)** which is bordered by Revelstoke and Golden in the south, and Valemount in the north.

Additional points will be awarded during the evaluation process to grant applications that address one or more of the three Columbia regional priorities above. If you have any questions about the FWCP's Columbia regional priorities, please contact Columbia Regional Manager, Crystal Klym at 250-365-4591 or crystal.klym@bchydro.com

2015 Grant Deadline: All Columbia Region grant applications are due **November, 13, 2015**.

Apply Online: We are launching a new online grant application Oct. 1, 2015. Use this new web-based application to apply for an FWCP fish or wildlife grant starting fall 2015.

¹ In this plan priorities are identified as "directed" or "open". Directed projects are those that are undertaken through a request for proposals, limited bid or as determined by the Board. Open projects are those projects that can be applied for by proponents through the FWCP's annual grant intake process.