

Happy Holidays

From Rivershed



With yesterday being the winter solstice, we are right in the middle of the longest nights of the year. To help brighten this short winter day, we would like to shine a light on some of our accomplishments from 2022.

- Using a decolonized approach to habitat restoration, **we expanded the Foodlands corridor along the s̓c̓e:łxʷəy̓əm (Salmon River) to encompass four new land parcels, increasing the total of natural areas restored through our [Foodlands Corridor Restoration Program](#) so far to 10,752.5 sq.m.** This work was done in collaboration with səy̓er̓m Qwantlen (the business subsidiary of Kwantlen First Nation), Langley Environmental Partners Society, Kerr Wood Leidal, Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance, and multiple agricultural landholders along the river.
- **The number of people using the [Virtual Watershed CPR Education Program](#) increased by an astonishing 530%** compared to the same time last year! This interactive program is a fun way for people of all ages to learn about the Fraser Watershed.
- **Our second Race the River event was a huge success.** Through this free event, we challenged folks to get outside and enjoy the watershed in which they live. After a wildly successful inaugural Race the River event in 2021, we ambitiously doubled the goal for 2022. Our amazing community reached the goal and travelled a collective

total of 10,456 kilometres!

- **We published a compendium of alternatives to open-net pen (ONP) aquaculture on our website.** The [compendium](#) addresses the issues with ONP and the feasibility of alternative methods.
- **We continued working to defend the Heart of the Fraser** (the stretch of the Fraser River between Mission and Hope). In January, we co-hosted the [Heart of the Fraser Strategy Session](#) to explore the values, threats, and opportunities for a conservation plan in the area. Over one hundred people participated, including First Nations, federal, provincial, municipal, academic, and non-governmental groups. We also developed a series of videos for the [Defend the Heart of the Fraser](#) campaign.

We are busy planning in-person and on-the-water programs for next year because connecting people with each other, the land, and the water is a core part of Watershed CPR work. **Please donate today to support these programs and stay tuned for more information about 2023 plans!**

[Donate Now](#)

Your support helps us continue our work to create a more resilient Fraser Watershed.

We have a goal of raising \$15,000 by the end of December. [InstaFund](#) has pledged to help us reach this goal by generously matching donations dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$5,000. **As of today, we have \$9,694 left to achieve our goal.** Please give what you can and help us bring people together on the water to build a watershed movement and create a resilient Fraser Watershed. To those who have already donated – we are incredibly grateful for your support, thank you so much.



In honour of the Fraser River being one of the world's largest sockeye salmon-producing rivers, **we are giving a beautiful Sockeye Salmon Pin to everyone who donates \$50 or more before December 31st.** PLUS, for every \$50 you [donate](#), you will also receive an entry into a draw for a chance to WIN a Rivershed prize pack featuring a set of four 8" x 10" scenic prints from the watershed, a package of custom note cards, a copy of the books *Fin's Swim* by Helen O'Brian and *Urban Salmon* by Fernando Lessa, a Foodlands water bottle, a Rivershed shirt and hat, and more!



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