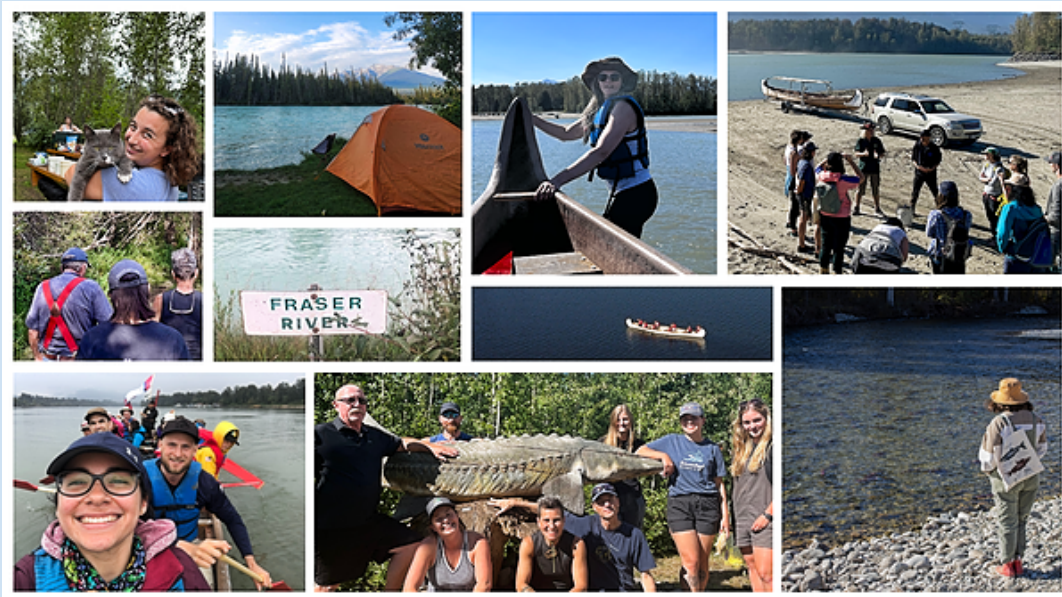


December is here, and Rivershed brought in the cheer last week at our annual winter social! Staff and Board Members gathered virtually for an evening of celebration, games and holiday spirit where we shared our favourite moments and photos from the year.



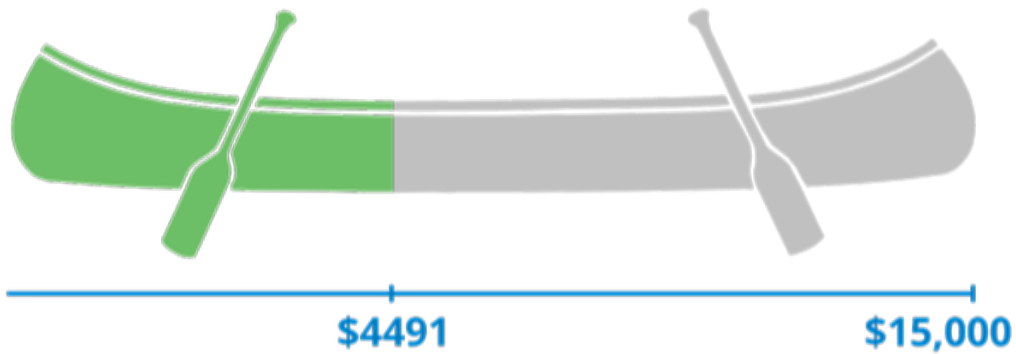
Photos shared by board members and staff during the Winter Social.

Do you have a favourite photo from the Fraser Watershed this year? We would love to see it! Please share it in an [email](#) or on social media and tag us @rivershedbc!

## Support Resilient Watersheds

We are working to raise \$15,000 by December 31st to connect people to each other and the watershed through our on-the-water programs. We have raised \$4,491 so far!

Help us reach our \$15,000 goal and support a healthier, more resilient Fraser Watershed by [donating today!](#)



Thank you to [InstaFund](#) for matching our donations up to \$5,000 and helping us get closer to our goal!

**A message from InstaFund:**

For 40 years, InstaFund Financial has watched the Lower Mainland grow and expand within the Fraser Watershed. Our backyard is your backyard, and we choose to support the Fraser Watershed so that our community can continue to grow and develop alongside our natural habitat into a resilient ecosystem.

As an equity lender we are here to help you achieve your goals, and together with the Rivershed Society of BC, we want to ensure a beautiful backyard for our community for years to come.

Please join us in supporting the Rivershed Society of BC in restoring, protecting and connecting the Fraser Watershed.

**[Donate to Rivershed Today.](#)**

## News from the Watershed

### **[Independent Audit Finds Legal Gaps Drive Species in BC Towards Extinction](#)**

A report commissioned by the Wilderness Committee and Sierra Club BC found the Species at Risk Act has been insufficient in protecting at-risk species in BC. Read the report [here.](#)



Images by: Killer whale (Andrew Wright), sharp-tailed grouse (Jared Hobbs), mormon metalmark (Jared Hobbs), southern mountain caribou (Jared Hobbs), western skink (Jakob Dulisse), spotted owl (Jared Hobbs).

## The Federal Government is less likely to protect an at-risk fish if people like to eat it

When a fish is listed under the species at risk registry, federal protection measures kick in, but data shows the vast majority of at-risk fish that are commercially valuable never get that designation. Learn more about the issue [here](#).

## Rain Brings the Return of Coho to Langley Creeks

Coho like to spawn in these small tributaries, with plenty of trees providing shade to keep the water cool, as well as cover from predators. [Read more](#).

## Events

### Winter Discovery Days (New Westminister)

**December 17 - January 2.** [Visit the Fraser River Discovery Centre](#) for family fun that explores some of the wondrous changes the winter season brings to the Fraser River.

### Adventure Club Snowshoe Trips (Prince George)

**December 20 & 27.** [Join the Adventure Club](#) on the Shane Lake Loop or in the Opsika Backcountry this month!

## Opportunities

**Water Quality Grants:** Applications for the **Shuswap Watershed Council's [Water Quality Grant Program](#)** are due January 31, 2023.

**Georgia Strait Alliance** has an opportunity for a [Data and Donor Services Assistant](#).

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada** is hiring two [Aquatic Biologists](#).

**Nature Kids BC** is looking for a [Provincial Network Coordinator](#).

Our Rivershed Stories newsletter is full of content provided by **YOU**, and we can't thank you enough for sharing! Please continue sending us any news, events, or opportunities that you would like to promote throughout the watershed as we continue to build the Watershed Movement. If you want content included in the next issue of Rivershed Stories, please [email us the details](#) before *January 1st!*



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