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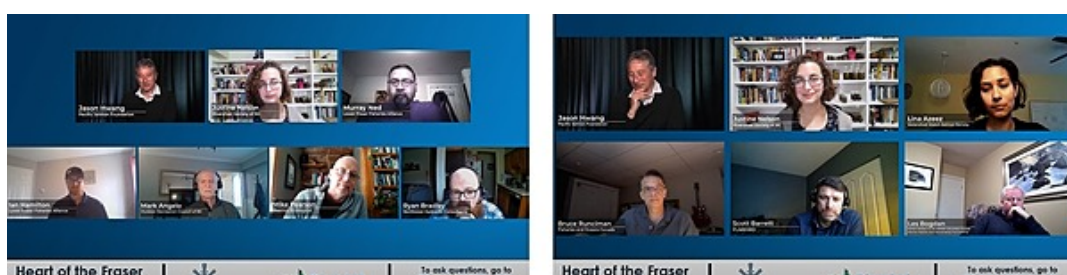
With one month of 2022 under our belts and about half of the winter behind us, many of us turn our thoughts to the warmer days of spring - even if the groundhogs don't agree. ☐ While you're making plans for your garden this year, don't forget to incorporate ways to increase biodiversity! The Nature Trust of BC has [four ideas to help you make a positive impact in your own backyard](#).

A healthy garden starts with good seed. Buying seeds that are local, organic and ecological is good for the planet, your local economy, and regional food security and sovereignty! [Learn more about what makes a good seed](#).

To help folks find local seed suppliers, Farm Folk City Folk has compiled [this list of BC seed suppliers](#). The list includes the BC Eco Seed Co-op, a cooperative of over 20 BC farmers.☐

Rivershed News

Heart of the Fraser Strategy Session Update



On January 25th, we co-hosted a [Heart of the Fraser Strategy Session](#) with the Pacific Salmon Foundation to explore the values, threats and opportunities for a conservation plan in the Heart of the Fraser area. The event was well attended and featured speakers from the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance, local experts, DFO and the provincial government. Stay tuned, we will provide further updates and information in our next newsletter.

Our Foodlands corridor along the s̓c̓e:łx̓w̓əy̓əm (Salmon River) is growing!



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We are working with three additional landholders along the river for on-site planting this spring. While we wait for coastal winter weather to pass, we are busy making plans for the restoration work with our project collaborators. We will keep you updated as things progress. Make sure to follow us on social media for the latest news!

This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada through the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change.
Ce projet a été réalisé avec l'appui financier du gouvernement du Canada agissant par l'entremise du ministère fédéral de l'Environnement et du Changement climatique.



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News from the Watershed

Freshwater Security Fund

The Province of BC has released a [public discussion paper](#) on the **BC Watershed Security Strategy and Fund**.

What is Watershed Security?

Watershed Security is access to clean drinking water (a basic human right), healthy and sustainable fish populations, and thriving local economies with good jobs that allow people to stay in their local communities. It is also government to government partnerships that enable better watershed decision-making, healthy and resilient communities that result from these decisions, and watersheds that support economic, social, and cultural practices.

[This press release](#) from the Healthy Watershed's Initiative highlights work being done to build more resilient watersheds and wetlands across BC.

We encourage everyone to provide feedback on the Watershed Security Strategy Discussion Paper, if you can. Here are some great resources to help guide your response:

- [Making a Collective Splash: Context and Guidance for Watershed Security Strategy Submissions to Government](#)

[Funding Matters: Resource Document for Submissions to the BC Government on the Watershed Security Fund.](#)

There are two ways to make a submission on the provincial engagement website. You can fill in an [online survey](#) or [make a written submission](#), or you can do both.

The government is accepting feedback on the [Watershed Security Strategy Discussion Paper](#) until **March 18, 2022**. A Draft Strategy will be released by the government for further engagement in Fall 2022.

Give this a listen 🎧

Coree Tull, Co-Chair of the BC Watershed Security Coalition, talks with CBC's Gloria Macarenko about Watershed Security, what it means, and why the provincial government's plan to create BC's first Watershed Security Strategy and Fund is so important:

[CBC Radio: On The Coast with Gloria Macarenko: Protecting BC's watersheds.](#)

Freshwater Stream Podcast

Have you heard about this?

The Freshwater Stream is a new podcast about BC's watersheds and the people who care about them. 🎧 Now in its second season, the podcast is developed in collaboration by the Canadian Freshwater Alliance and Watershed Watch Salmon Society (WWSS).

In the first episode of season 2, host Danielle Paydli talks to Lina Azeez from WWSS about the recent extreme flooding in BC, and how we can best prepare ourselves to handle more of the same.

□ Listen now on [Spreaker](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#) or directly from the [Canadian Freshwater Alliance website](#).

Events

Webinar: Improving Forest Practices to Protect Water

Join the BC Wildlife Federation on **Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022, 7:00pm** for the next edition of their Conservation Webinar Series. Tracy Andrews and Kevin Kriese from the Forest Practices Board will present on the topic: Improving Forest Practices to Protect Water. [More info / register here.](#)

Opportunities

Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance is looking for a [Salmon Programs Coordinator](#) to help plan, organize and implement projects that reflect the Central Coast Nations' objectives and long-term stewardship goals for salmon within their territories.

Pacific Wild is hiring a [Project Director](#) with a collaborative and empowering leadership style to spearhead, track and participate in developing marine and terrestrial-related campaigns.

Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable is hiring a [Roundtable Coordinator](#).

Sea Smart School is hiring for two positions, a [Development Officer](#) and a [Digital Marketing and Communications Coordinator](#).

Water First is hiring two [Indigenous Schools Engagement Coordinators](#) (remote) to develop, implement and grow school water science programs across Canada.

Sierra Club BC is looking for a [Digital Engagement Assistant](#) to engage their online community and promote programs and campaigns on social media.

Youth 4 Nature is hiring a part-time [Regional Director for North America](#).

Thank you for reading and subscribing to Rivershed's newsletter! If you have Fraser Watershed news or events you would like to share with our network, please [send me](#)

an email. I would love to help you get the word out.



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