

Welcome to the first edition of Rivershed Stories for 2023! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. As we kick off the new year, we are excited to get back to sharing updates about Rivershed's work, as well as news, events and opportunities from the watershed with you.

Interested in joining the Rivershed team? Check out the opportunities section below for current openings.

2022 Year-End Fundraising Results

From #GivingTuesday through Dec. 31, we raised \$9,326.42 in donations! We'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated, your generous contributions support our efforts to connect people to each other and the watershed through in-person and on-the-water programs.

The year-end fundraising campaign included a draw to win a Rivershed prize pack featuring a set of scenic prints from the watershed, custom note cards, a Rivershed shirt and hat, a Foodlands water bottle, a copy of *Fin's Swim* by Helen O'Brian and *Urban Salmon* by Fernando Lessa, and more. **Congratulations to Danny Kupkowski, our year-end prize pack winner!** We hope you love your new prints and swag!



Thanks again to everyone who donated this year; we couldn't do this work without you! Stay tuned for updates on 2023 program plans and Watershed CPR (Connect.Protect.Restore) efforts.

Did you miss the chance to donate in 2022? It's never too late to give.

[Donate Today](#)

News from the Watershed

'Heart of the Fraser' riverfront property near Agassiz to be restored to natural state

The B.C. Parks Foundation purchased 35 hectares of land to conserve critical habitat. "This is one of the most productive stretches of river on the planet," stated BCPF CEO Andy Day. Read more [here](#).



Our Water, Our Future

Major outcomes report on job creation, economic benefits, watershed restoration, UNDRIP implementation, and climate action

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Healthy Watershed Initiative – Major Outcomes Report

Major outcomes report on job creation, economic benefits, watershed restoration, UNDRIP implementation, and climate action. Full report and summary [here](#).

Documents raise concerns feds backing off commitment to phase out fish farms in B.C. by 2025

Critics say they fear an ongoing public consultation about open-net pen fish farms has a 'foregone conclusion' to leave fish farms in the water, to the detriment of wild salmon. Read more [here](#).

2022 Salmon Fisheries Season Recap

Reflections on the [2022 salmon season](#) with the Watershed Watch Salmon Society's fisheries expert, Greg Taylor.

Events

Indigenous Fisheries Resurgence in a Changing World

January 12. Join the Georgia Strait Alliance as they welcome Dr. Andrea Reid for a virtual conversation about the role of fisheries in supporting food systems, livelihoods and economies; health and well-being, as well as culture and identity. Register [here](#).



River Basin Days – The Five Senses (New Westminster)

January 21. Join the Fraser River Discovery Centre in this workshop to explore how you can use your sense of sight, hearing, touch, smell, and even taste, to learn more about nature! Register [here](#).

Super Saturday – It's a Breeze (New Westminster)

January 28. Taking place on the last Saturday of each month, Super Saturdays is a series of public programs geared toward families. This month, join the Fraser River Discovery Centre to learn about the windiest place along the Fraser River, the Fraser Canyon. Find out more [here!](#)

Invasive Species Courses

Designed by the Invasive Species Council of BC, these free online courses are for recreators and field professionals alike. These courses aim to increase awareness of priority invasive species, their impacts, how they spread, and ways you can make a difference.

[Priority Marine Invasive Species](#) (20 mins)

[Priority Freshwater Invasive Species](#) (20 mins)

Opportunities

We Are Hiring Graphic Artist



Rivershed Society of BC is hiring a [Graphic Artist](#).

We are looking for someone with digital illustration skills who can conceptualize and create high-quality visual renderings of restoration projects and protected areas. Apply by January 15th.

Adapting for Ecological Resilience (AFER) Network is looking to hire a [Network Coordinator](#) to lead the day-to-day administration, coordinate steering committee and network meetings, and ensure the growth of the network. Applications are due January 15th.

BC Wildlife Federation is looking to employ three [Youth Program Educators](#).

MakeWay is seeking a [Program Manager](#) for Dasiqox Nexwagwez?an (Dasiqox Tribal Park Initiative).

Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership is hiring for multiple [Summer Positions](#).

Georgia Strait Alliance is looking for a [Data and Donor Services Assistant](#).

Our Rivershed Stories newsletter is full of content provided by **YOU**, and we can't thank you enough for sharing! Please continue [sending us new, events, or opportunities](#) that you would like to promote throughout the watershed as we continue to build the Watershed Movement.



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