

Happy Saint Patrick's Day! ☺

It's a special day for me because, as an environmentalist, I absolutely **LOVE** green. ☺ Plus, it is also my mom's birthday, so the day carries extra significance for me.

Continuing with the "green theme", Spring officially starts this Sunday, and I can't wait for all the bright green leaves to start unfurling from the apricot tree that is outside of my kitchen window, not to mention the many other shoots, sprouts and seedlings that will be in my near future. Bring on gardening season! ☺

Rivershed News

Today's newsletter is the last one I will be writing for a while, as our new Social Media Content Creator, Adriana Bravo, is going to be covering the newsletter, taking care of our social media accounts and other communications duties. I'm still here, but now that we have Adriana, I can go back to working more in the background in my role with this amazing Rivershed team. ☺

Please join me in welcoming Adriana to our team, we are lucky to have her!



Adriana Bravo, Social Media Content Creator

Adriana holds a BA in History from Kent State University and a background in digital communications, advocacy, and community development. Adriana is excited to be joining the Rivershed team and contributing to collaborative efforts that make the Fraser Watershed more equitable and sustainable for communities and ecosystems alike. When not creating content, you can typically find Adriana ☑ hiking, ☑ running, and taking ☑ photos while on adventures.

[Learn more about Adriana and the rest of the Rivershed team here.](#)



Save the Date - Race the River is Back!

Last year, we challenged our audience to get outside, connect with their watershed and help us collectively travel the 1,400 km length of the Fraser River faster than our founder, Fin Donnelly, swam it in 1995. Not only was our amazing Rivershed community victorious in reaching our goal, they completely blew out of the water! The distance traveled during the 2021 event nearly QUADRUPLED the target distance and totaled an astonishing 5,527 kms! ☑ We are *still* amazed and in awe of our collective efforts - thank you again to everyone who participated in 2021.

This year, we thought we would *really* challenge ourselves—and YOU—by attempting to collectively travel 10,000 kms. That is almost SEVEN full laps of the Fraser River! Every kilometre travelled—whether on foot, on wheels or on water—counts, the only rule is that it has to be human-powered and take place outdoors.

[Are you up for it? Register today.](#)

Foodlands Update

This week, we started effectiveness monitoring at our Foodlands pilot sites along the s̄c̄e:ḗx̄w̄əȳəm (Salmon River) with Janice from the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance and Heather from Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd.



Janice from the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance examines a Coho found in the fish trap.
Photo by Emily Pearson.



A juvenile Redside Shiner pulled from the fish trap.
Photo by Emily Pearson.



Chris from Athene Ecological setting up the audio recording equipment.
Photo by Lara Volgyesi.

Fish traps were set in the off-channel habitat and marsh to see if any fish are using the area as overwintering habitat. We are thrilled to share that we found coho salmon as well as other native species including stickleback, redbside shiner and multiple minnows!

Chris from Athene Ecological was on-site recently as well, to install bat and screech owl audio recording units as part of our species-at-risk monitoring plan.

We are grateful to share this good news - these fish wouldn't be here without this restoration work made possible through collaboration with our many partners, supporters and funders. Here's to community and resiliency!

Traditional place and species names provided by knowledge keepers and speakers from the Kwantlen and Katzie Nations.

This restoration work is supported by the Healthy Watersheds Initiative, a program which is funded by the Government of British Columbia and delivered by The Real Estate Foundation of BC in partnership with Watersheds BC.

News from the Watershed

Preparations Underway For Continued Work At The Big Bar Landslide

Gwill Roberts, Director of the Big Bar Response with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, noted water levels were favorable and the efforts the team put in working at the site have been working well, but they still have a problem in the river.

[Read the article.](#)

Deadline for comments on the BC Watershed Security Strategy and Fund is tomorrow!

Submitting a comment is a great way to take meaningful action to support clean drinking water, fish populations and thriving local economies in BC.

CodeBlue BC has made the commenting process easy for all of us, [check it out and take action by March 18th here!](#)

Events



For the first time ever, the entire Greater Vancouver Area is joining the City Nature Challenge, an annual, global biodiversity challenge where cities “compete” against each other to see how much biodiversity they can record over a spring weekend.

If you’ve got a camera and a few minutes to spare, you can contribute to citizen science by joining the City Nature Challenge from April 29th – May 2nd. Spot some wildlife, snap a pic and share; it’s that easy!

[You can find out more information here.](#)

Opportunities

The **Invasive Species Council of BC** is currently hiring teams around the province for hands-on [invasive species management](#). They are also looking for an [Insect Ambassador](#).

The **Canadian Council on Invasive Species** is hiring a [part-time bookkeeper](#). Application deadline is March 24.

The **Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society** is hiring an [Outreach Coordinator](#). Deadline to apply is April 8th.

The **Wuikinuxv Nation Stewardship Department** is hiring a [Hatchery Manager](#) for Percy Walkus Hatchery.

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](#). Adriana and I would love to help you get the word out.



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