



Hi again, ☺

We hope you had an opportunity to get out and reconnect with our Blue Marble through the multiple events happening in the region this past Earth Day. ☺

Big shout out to those who have emailed us your events, news and opportunities! It is an honour to continue building upon Rivershed's relationships while meeting individuals and organizations passionate about our mission to Connect, Protect and Restore the Fraser Watershed.

Thank you! ☺☺

## ☺ Rivershed News

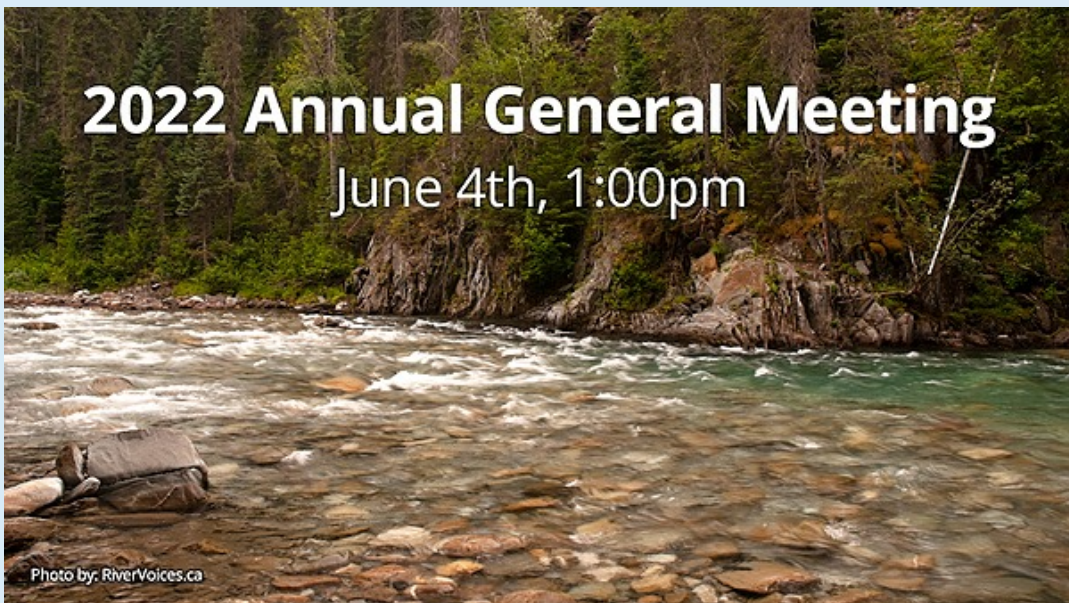
### **Our Team Continues to Grow! Meet Kendra Nelson, Our New Social Media Coordinator**

Please join us in welcoming Kendra to [the Rivershed Team!](#) Kendra grew up in Arizona and dreamed of being a marine biologist her whole life. After high school, she went on to graduate from Brigham Young University–Hawai'i with a BSc in biology. She worked as a lab and teaching assistant while in university, spending her free time conducting beach cleanups or diving with sharks. ☺



In 2018, Kendra began to use social media to share educational posts about conservation issues and marine science. Kendra realized she loved being able to use her science background to create effective and educational content for social media and hasn't stopped since. She moved to BC in 2021, in her free time you can find her tide pooling, reading, or freediving. ☐

Welcome, Kendra!



## Join Us for Our Annual General Meeting

2021 was a pivotal year for Rivershed, and we want to share our successes with you. Our Annual General Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to put some faces to the

names at Rivershed, meet our Board of Directors, learn more about what we've been up to over the past year, and find out what's coming next!

[Please register now to participate.](#) ☐

## Foodlands Corridor Restoration Program Update

Foodlands is collaborating with [Birds Canada](#) for multi-year amphibian and bird surveys in the s̓c̓e:łxʷəy̓əm/Salmon River corridor through their [Marsh Monitoring Program \(MMP\)](#), which will help us track the success of our habitat restoration efforts. At the beginning of April, we headed out for the first survey of the year, arriving after sunset to listen for amphibian calls in the river and nearby marshes. We were delighted to hear calls from the Pacific Tree frog, which is a native species commonly found in the Lower Mainland and other southern parts of BC. During the springtime, Pacific Tree frogs gather in shallow wetlands to mate, preferring areas with lots of overhead plant cover. ☐

Volunteers will return to our survey stations within the next couple of weeks to do another survey, with the hopes of having a diversity of other amphibian species as the weather gets warmer. Special thanks to Blake from Birds Canada for their support in organizing surveys and training volunteers. We also extend our gratitude to Isabella, Adam, and local landholders Kevin and Tavish for volunteering. If you are interested in participating in the MMP, you can learn more and register to volunteer on the [Birds Canada website](#). ☐

Learn more about about our [Foodlands Corridor Restoration Program here](#).

## ☐ News from the Watershed



Photo: Fernando Lessa, [Twitter @fgclessa](#)

## Restoration Progress on Vancouver's False Creek

Learn more about the impact of some restoration projects that are being observed and documented by filmmaker and photographer [Fernando Lessa](#), who reports finding herring and spotting whales close to False Creek. [Watch the report here.](#) □

## The Adipose – New Podcast Episode: The Fight to Save Interior Fraser Steelhead

Only 70 steelhead managed to return to the Thompson River this year. For decades, the runs of Interior Fraser River steelhead in Southern BC have been allowed to completely collapse despite calls to protect the Thompson and the rest of interior Fraser River Steelhead under Canada's Species at Risk Act. □

Listen to Aaron Hill from the Watershed Watch Salmon Society and Jesse Zeman of the BC Wildlife Federation to get a better understanding of the tragic situation, and how to help ensure these incredible fish thrive long into the future. [Listen to the story](#) and [sign the petition.](#) □

## New Proposal for Restoring Sumas Lake

Members of The Lower Fraser River Working Group, a collaborative research group that represents the voices of Indigenous community leaders and fishers, scientists, and lawyers, have proposed a “managed retreat” and restoration of Semá:th Xo:tsa (Sumas Lake) as an alternative flood recovery investment decision. [Learn more about this innovative proposal here.](#) □

## Trans Mountain Pipeline Insurers Dropping Like Flies – 17th Insurer Cuts Ties

Trans Mountain insurer and Lloyd's of London syndicate, Aspen Insurance, have pledged to cut ties with the existing Trans Mountain tar sands pipeline when its current insurance policy expires this summer. You can read more about this decision in these [Stand.earth](#) and [Toronto Star](#) articles. ☐

## Help Address environmental racism in Canada: Support Bill C-226

The federal government is considering new legislation that would take important first steps to put Canada on the path to environmental justice. You can help by telling your MP to support Bill C-226! [Read more and take action today.](#) ♻️



## Join the Campaign to Protect the Heart of the Fraser

A precious stretch of the river between Mission and Hope, the Heart of the Fraser provides prime spawning habitat for salmon and white sturgeon and serves as a nursery for millions of juvenile salmon every year. ☐

The Heart of the Fraser is under threat from agricultural and urban development and is subject to heavy use by recreational vehicles that destroys fish habitat. [Join the campaign to protect the Heart of the Fraser here.](#) ☐

☐ **Events**

## Race the River– Don't forget to register!

Be part of our second annual [Race the River event](#) from June 11th to July 3rd. Race the river challenges you to explore their region of the Fraser Watershed and add your kilometres to our collective total as we attempt to travel seven laps of the river in just three weeks. ☞

Race the River is more than a race. It is about building community, connecting people to our incredible watershed and coming together for Watershed CPR (Connect. Protect. Restore). Each kilometre travelled, whether 5 or 50, helps build a community more invested in the resiliency of the Fraser. Event details are being sent to registered participants soon. [Register today!](#) ☞

## Bioblitz - Citizen Science Collection Event (Surrey)

**May 1st.** Join Nature Kids BC in using the iNaturalist app to upload observations of plants and animals and learn about nearby Nature. [Register here.](#) ☞

iNaturalist is an app that enables and encourages anyone to contribute to citizen science by recording observations of local plant and animal life. Learn more about the app by watching [the recent webinar: Community Science & iNaturalist](#) recorded by our friends at the [Fraser River Discovery Center](#) with Dr. John Reynolds, Professor of Aquatic Ecology & Conservation at SFU and Tom Buell, BC Leadership Chair in Aquatic Conservation, and Chair of [Endangered Wildlife in Canada \(COSEWIC\)](#). ☞

## Public Comment Period for Massey Tunnel (Delta, Richmond & Online)

**May 10, 11, 17 & 19.** The public engagement and comment period for the Initial Project Description of the Fraser River Tunnel Project is open until June 9. Participate by attending a public open house or virtual information session. [Find details to voice your comments and participate here.](#) ☞

## ☞ Opportunities

The Adam River Salmon Society is hiring a new [Executive Director](#).

The Fraser Valley Conservancy is hiring for their [Summer Conservation Crew](#).

FarmFolk CityFolk is hiring a new [Executive Director](#).

Growing Chefs is hiring a new [Executive Director](#).

This 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 a network of Watershed Defenders. If you want any content included in our next Newsletter, [please email us the details](#) before May 3rd! 😊



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