

Hello and welcome to the November issue of *Rivershed Stories*. We are currently in the process of hiring [two new positions](#) to amplify efforts making a positive impact in the Fraser. If you know someone who is passionate about the protection and restoration of the Fraser Watershed and is either a [skilled relationship-builder](#) who thrives on collaboration and outreach, or someone experienced with [social media and graphic design](#), please forward this email to them!

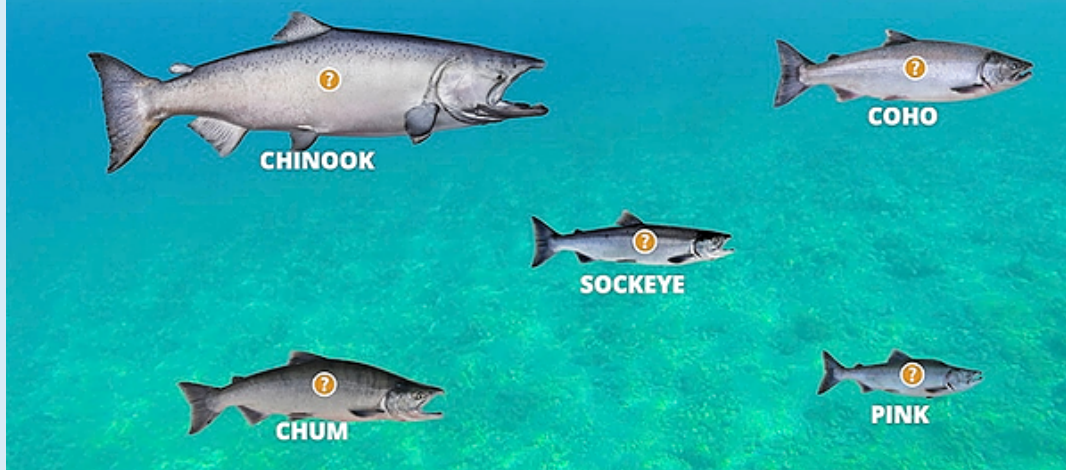


Photo by Miki Eslake.

The Foodlands team has been busy since launching the first restoration pilot site along the s̓c̓e:ḥxʷəy̓əm (Salmon River) in 2021. Two years later, seven parcels of land have now undergone restoration and the results are evident. Catch up on what Foodlands has been up to lately with our new blog post: [Foodlands Fall Updates and Successes](#).

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Click each salmon to learn what makes it unique!



It is salmon spawning season! Do you know how to spot the difference between the five species of Pacific salmon? Or how to connect the ecological dots between salmon and other species living in the Fraser Watershed? Test your salmon knowledge with our online [Watershed CPR Education Program](#).



Photo by [RiverVoices.ca](#)

Giving Tuesday is next week. Please keep Rivershed in mind as you plan your donations. Every donation, no matter the amount, contributes to our goal of connecting a movement to protect 30% and restore 2.4% of the Fraser Watershed. Our target is to raise \$5,000 in donations by the end of December. However, you don't need to wait until Tuesday to support a resilient Fraser, you can [give now](#).

News from the Watershed

Forest Carbon Toolkit to be online resource for First Nations led projects in BC

The online resource is designed to provide clear, accessible information about First Nations-led forest carbon projects in British Columbia, with a specific emphasis on protecting intact forests and restoring forests degraded by logging. [More info.](#)

Fish out of Water: North American drought bakes salmon

An unprecedented drought across much of British Columbia, Canada, and Washington and Oregon, U.S., during the summer and fall months of June through October could have dire impacts on Pacific salmon populations, biologists warn. [Read more.](#)

Raincoast Conservation Foundation is beginning construction on their second breach in the North Arm jetty

This is part of a five-year restoration project that they began in 2019, which saw them construct three breaches in the Steveston Jetty and another in the North Arm jetty. [More about the project.](#)

Living in Merritt is like living on an active volcano, says city manager, as concerns loom over flood risk

Residents, municipal officials worry not enough is being done to prevent future flooding. [Details here.](#)

B.C.'s draft Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework

As an overarching priority, the Framework formalizes a new and strategic direction for a more holistic approach to stewarding our land and water resources and making sure they are healthy and resilient for future generations. [Read more.](#)

Incremental action is no longer enough': Coalition pushes B.C. to move faster on climate-change mitigation

2nd report by B.C. Climate Emergency Campaign shows province failing or making minor progress on 10 targets. [Read more.](#)

How Sumas Prairie is more protected than two years ago

Two years after a devastating flood, considerable work has been done to repair the damage and plug short-term holes. [Get the story.](#)

B.C. old-growth forests to be protected, says government

A new Conservation Financing Mechanism has received \$300-million from the B.C. government. [Read more here.](#)

Province acquires land to expand five provincial parks

An old-growth forest on Haida Gwaii, a popular swimming hole in southern British Columbia and a lush hillside along a world-renowned canoe circuit are among the parcels of land the Province has acquired to expand B.C.'s parks and protected areas. [Details.](#)

B.C., Ottawa, First Nations announce conservation agreement worth \$1B

The federal government says it's signed its first major nature agreement with a province and First Nations to mutually support protecting 30 per cent of lands and waters by 2030. [Learn more.](#)

Quesnel Lake scrutiny continues years after B.C.'s Mount Polley mine breach

Nearly a decade later, scientists monitor effects of 18 million cubic metres of copper mine sediment. [Read on.](#)

Pandemic heli-ski shutdown doubled range of some B.C. caribou, study says

When COVID-19 travel restrictions nearly grounded heli-skiing, researchers found endangered caribou populations expanded their range between 80 and 120 percent. [Learn more.](#)

B.C. hatchery describes effects of urbanization on salmon

The Port Moody Ecological Society explains how Noons Creek has been affected by subdivisions, storm drains and drought. [Watch.](#)

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Events

Fog Fest (Hope, Fraser Canyon)

November all month. Fog Fest is the first festival of its kind in Hope, Cascades & Canyons. It's a celebration of all the enchanting beauty and wonder this foggy season brings; a chance to see familiar surroundings in a different light. Bring your camera, explore and capture Insta-worthy scenes! [Details.](#)

Waterdocs Film Festival (online)

Until December 17. The FREE virtual festival is available now and includes the short film [Hell and Highwater](#) which tells the heartbreaking story of the Nlaka'pamux Nation communities of Lytton and Shackan as they experience the traumatic loss of their

homes through fire and flooding. [See all the films here.](#)

Remove invasive blackberry and plant shrubs at Everett Crowley Park (Vancouver, Lower Fraser)

November 25. Join the Lower Mainland Green Team and Everett Crowley Park Committee in removing invasive Himalayan blackberry to make space to plant almost 100 native shrubs. [More info.](#)

Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival (Harrison, Fraser Canyon)

November 25-26. Free eagle viewing all day, eagle experts on site with telescopes and fascinating information. Additionally, attend a free lecture, "Why the Harrison Eagles Invasion" by David Hancock. [Details here.](#)

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Fraser Estuary Key Biodiversity Area Count 2023 (Vancouver, Lower Fraser)

November 26. The annual count of major bird species in the Fraser Estuary Key Biodiversity Area will take place from dawn to dusk. More eyes are always better, so you don't need to be an expert birder to participate. [More info.](#)

A River Walk in a Salmon Forest (Surrey, Lower Fraser)

November 30. Join this walk at Cougar Creek Canyon with salmon expert Allison Dennert, a salmon ecologist for Raincoast Conservation Foundation. [Details here.](#)

Migratory Bird Sanctuary Visit (Delta, Lower Fraser)

November 30. It is the season for bird migration, let's see what kinds of birds are here with us now! The George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary consists of wetlands, natural marshes and low dykes in the heart of the Fraser River Estuary. [Details.](#)

A Vision for Co-Development: The BC First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda (online)

December 1. Input from this virtual session will further inform the BC First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda engagement plan and question development throughout the broad regional engagement sessions in the Spring of 2024 and the recommendations in the final FNCL Agenda for BC. [More info.](#)

Dipper Quest 2023 (Maple Ridge, Lower Fraser)

December 3. Nature Vancouver's annual quest to find American Dippers Will take place Sunday December 3rd, 2023. [Details here.](#)

Learn to Draw: River Otter (online)

December 6. Join Sierra Club BC and scientific illustrator Dr. Julius Csotonyi in an online art lesson and learn all about the important roles river otters play in connecting the land and water ecosystems. [Register.](#)

Conversations on Climate (Lillooet, Fraser Canyon)

December 7. B.C. Libraries have teamed together to bring amazing speakers to communities across the province. In this first season, the topic is “Conversations on Climate”, and will look at climate change through different lenses, helping us find ways to take action and feel hope. [Details here.](#)

Opportunities

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation is accepting applications for [Get Outdoor Grants](#), education grants that support outdoor biodiversity field studies for grades k-12 students in BC.

Rivershed is hiring a [Regional Engagement Manager](#) and [Creative Coordinator](#).

Pacific Salmon Foundation is hiring a [Project Coordinator, Salmon & Agriculture](#).

Fraser River Discovery Centre is hiring a [Part-time Interpreter](#) and an [Indigenous Engagement Coordinator](#).

Alouette River Management Society is hiring an [Environmental Education Coordinator](#).

BC Wildlife Federation is hiring for [several positions](#), including an Assistant Indigenous Liaison and a Wetlands Education Program Assistant.

Trails BC is hiring an [Indigenous Engagement Coordinator](#).

Indigenous Climate Action is hiring for [several remote positions](#), including a Development Coordinator, Director of Operations, and Director of Communications & Engagement.

Do you have any Fraser Watershed news, events or opportunities you'd like to share with thousands of people across the watershed? [Send me a message!](#)



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If you found interest in topics covered in this newsletter, please forward it to a friend or family member. The more people we can connect with who are interested in the health and resiliency of the Fraser, the greater our collective impact to protect and restore the watershed will be.



Rivershed acknowledges our position as a settler-led organization on Indigenous, and often unceded, untreated land in what is today called British Columbia, Canada. Our organization works to understand the responsibilities of this privilege, and we aim to engage, promote, and support Indigenous-led work to connect, protect, and restore (Watershed CPR) the Watershed.

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