



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024 from Rivershed. I'm Peyton Bradley, and I'm excited to share that I have taken on the role of the new Regional Engagement Manager for Rivershed. One of my responsibilities is collaborating with the engagement and creative teams to craft the monthly newsletter. Together, we'll delve into the latest updates, events, and opportunities within the Fraser Watershed, fostering a deeper connection with each region.



Peyton, Regional Engagement Manager and Tarras, Creative Coordinator.

Additionally, I'm delighted to extend a warm welcome to Tarras, the newest member of our creative team. Tarras brings a wealth of creativity and passion to our collective efforts. Join us as we embark on this exciting journey together, shaping the narrative and helping to tell the story of the Fraser Watershed in 2024.

What we're listening to



RAVEN (De)Brief Podcast: Walking the Path of Respect with Ed Jensen

Part 2 of RAVEN (De)Brief's series on Indigenous foodways, featuring Ed Jensen of Secwépemc Nation in south central British Columbia. [Hear it here.](#)



Down to You: Hope Through Action.

A jargon-free, immersive show that uncovers stories of bold young people in BC who are reducing carbon emissions in their communities. Brought to you by Fraser Basin Council's Youth Program. [Listen now.](#)

News from the Watershed

Grants for McConnell Creek Hall, Hatzic Watershed Restoration Society Move Forward

Fraser Valley Regional District directors vote in favour of \$10,000 for a pair of community groups. [Details here.](#)

Greg Taylor: 2023 Salmon Numbers Season Recap

What's clear is that with the pressures of climate change on our salmon, it's more important than ever that we do everything we can to give them a fighting chance. [Article here.](#)

2023: A Year of Impact with the BCWF Watershed Team

The BCWF Watershed team, which includes the Wetlands Education Program, Wetlands Workforce, and Fish Habitat Restoration and Education Program, made great strides in 2023 to further conservation efforts across British Columbia. [More](#).

Snowpack levels across B.C. averaging 56 percent of normal this January: province

15 B.C. snow stations measured record low snowpack at the beginning of the month, provincial data shows. [Details here](#).

BC Warns Coastal GasLink about Streambank Harm

Construction is done but environmental compliance issues still plague the project. [Article here](#).

First Nations are using artificial intelligence to help save salmon

Using AI means some communities are starting to collect quicker, more accurate data on salmon than the federal fisheries department. [Get the story](#).

New Indigenous Justice Centres aim to lessen the harms of a 'broken' colonial system

One of five new BCFNJC spaces throughout the province has opened its doors in xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Skwxwú7mesh and səliłwətał territories. [Article here](#).

Better water management practices coming to B.C.

Water used by people, wildlife and communities in British Columbia will be protected against misuse by new regulations that promote compliance with water management best practices. [Information here](#).

Vancouver residents advocate for conservation in landmark survey

82% of B.C. Lower Mainland residents support funding conservation on a regional scale. [Details](#).

Eby announces \$36 billion for BC Hydro infrastructure over the next ten years

Premier David Eby says the province will be supporting a major expansion of B.C.'s electricity infrastructure. [More on the announcement](#).

Climate change drove 'unusual' spike in Canada's temperatures, study finds

Analysis finds climate change drove hot December temperatures across Canada. Some worry trend could threaten wildlife and spark another record wildfire

season. [Read the story.](#)

Conservation group says B.C. waterways under threat from invasive mussels and parasites

The B.C. Wildlife Federation is concerned about a lack of funding to prevent invasive zebra mussels and to monitor for whirling disease that can decimate fish. [Article here.](#)

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Events

Plants and People: Making Connections (Virtual)

January 27. Join NatureKids BC for a Virtual Ecosystem Explorer Day! Explore how ecosystems offer many connected pathways between plants, humans, and other beings; celebrating sustainability, biodiversity, and storytelling. [Register here.](#)

Losing Blue Film Screening (Virtual)

January 31. Immerse yourself in a visual journey through ancient mountain lakes in “Losing Blue,” a cinematic poem about climate change impacts. Join Living Lakes Canada and the National Film Board for an exclusive online screening. [Details here.](#)

Loving the Grasslands Fundraiser (Kamloops, Thompson)

February 1. Join the Grassland Conservation Council of BC (GCC) at Mason's Kitchen & Bar in Kamloops for food, music, and live and silent auctions! The funds raised will be used for the GCC's work to ensure the conservation, restoration and stewardship of BC's grasslands through partnerships and collaboration. [Register here.](#)

Secwépemc Annual Winter Gathering Powwow (Kamloops, Thompson)

February 3–4. Traditional dance, children's crafts, vendors and more! Open to the public. [Details here.](#)

Grand Canyon of the Fraser Snowshoe (Prince George, Headwaters)

February 4. The Caledonia Ramblers are hosting a snowshoe to the Grand Canyon of the Fraser, 80 km east of Prince George. [Details here.](#)

Beyond Acknowledgement Workshop (Prince George, Nechako)

February 8. Explore the true impact and responsibility of land acknowledgments in this interactive workshop guided and facilitated by Marek Tyler. [Details here.](#)

2024 Invasive Species Forum (Virtual)

February 12-15. Hosted by the Invasive Species Center, the virtual Invasive Species Forum is an annual event that brings attention to invasive species issues, research, and advances in prevention and management occurring across Canada, and in neighbouring U.S. States. The theme of the 2024 Invasive Species Forum is Empowering Action. [Register here.](#)

Stories in the Wild: Animal Tracks & Traces (Virtual)

February 20. Join Wild educators Patty Kolesnichenko and Jill Jennings as they dive into a world of mystery and intrigue, of tracks and traces, of clues left behind by creatures you often do not see - a world of animal signs. [Register here.](#)

ISCBC Annual Forum & AGM (New Westminster, Lower Fraser)

February 26-29. The Invasive Species Council of BC is bringing invasive species practitioners together with researchers, community leaders, Indigenous voices, ranchers, foresters and the broader public, who all understand the connection and impact of invasive species on their world. [Details here.](#)

Opportunities

Fraser Basin Council is recruiting for the [2024-2025 Youth Advisory Committee](#). They are looking for young leaders aged 16-30 to be a voice for youth in their communities on sustainability and climate change issues.

Ducks Unlimited Canada is recruiting for their [2024-2026 Youth Advisory Council](#). They are looking for young leaders aged 18-25 to share their perspectives on the future of conservation, what role they want to play and how DUC can move their vision forward.

Ripples Youth Art Zine is calling for young artists, writers, and photographers (aged 6-25) to join them in creating a collection of artistic works that celebrate human connection to water—and the entirety of our watersheds—in a time of environmental degradation and a rapidly changing climate. [Details here.](#)

Real Estate Foundation of BC is accepting applications for [General Grants](#) until February 7.

Nature Trust of BC is accepting applications until February 16 for the [Brink/McLean Grassland Conservation Fund](#).

St'at'imc Government Services is hiring a [Natural Resources and Heritage Manager](#).

Agrowest Consulting is hiring for their [Invasive Species Team](#).

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly is hiring for [multiple positions](#).

Surrey Nature Centre is hiring an [Interpreter/Program Leader](#).

Ducks Unlimited Canada is hiring for [multiple positions](#).

The Tye is hiring a [Manager of Supporter Engagement](#).

Indigenous Climate Action is hiring a [Director of Communications and Engagement](#).

Alouette River Management Society is hiring a [Communications & Engagement Manager](#).

Shuswap Band is hiring for [multiple positions](#).

Georgia Strait Alliance is hiring a [Campaigns Manager](#).

Nature Trust of BC is hiring a [Marketing Communications Manager](#).

Adams Lake Indian Band is hiring for [multiple positions](#).

MakeWay is hiring an [Impact Investment Analyst](#).

BC Wildlife Federation is hiring for [multiple positions](#).

Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition is hiring a [Restoration Field Technician](#).

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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