

As November winds down, we reflect on the connections that sustain us—between people, salmon, and the Fraser Watershed. With Giving Tuesday around the corner, there's no better time to act for the health of the Fraser. Keep reading for exciting updates, including a special way to give back to the watershed this holiday season!

### **Meet our new Rivershed team members**

We're thrilled to introduce five passionate individuals joining our efforts to protect and restore the Fraser Watershed:



**Willem Faasse, Program Coordinator:** Growing up in the Creston Valley, Willem developed a deep appreciation for vibrant ecosystems and brings experience working with First Nations, landholders, and contractors to drive holistic restoration efforts.

**Cait Gentle, Program Coordinator:** With over 12 years of experience fostering access to land and community care, Cait integrates ecological restoration and ancestral re-connection into their work for sustainable futures.

**Andrea Sadowski, Event Support:** Andrea's decade of experience in communications and community development includes impactful work with local and international non-profits, fostering resilience in diverse communities.

**Jimena De León, Social Media:** Originally from Guatemala and now based in Vancouver, Jimena uses her skills in graphic design and marketing to raise awareness about watersheds and the environment.

**Liana Glass, Fundraising Assistant:** Currently operating City Beet, a small-scale urban farm in Vancouver, Liana brings grant writing experience, and a passion for the environment and community building.

Please join us in welcoming Willem, Cait, Andrea, Jimena, and Liana to the [Rivershed team!](#)



**Calling all Fraser Watershed bird nerds!**

This Giving Tuesday, we're taking flight and celebrating some feathered friends that call the watershed home. Keep an eye out for an email from us with details on how you can support vital Fraser Watershed programs and receive a set of beautiful bird-themed notecards as a thank you. Stay tuned!



Are you involved in land stewardship and interested in decolonization? We have something that may be of interest to you.

We've translated learnings from the [Foodlands Corridor Restoration Program](#) into a free resource called the '[Foodlands Toolkit](#)', designed to support collaborative restoration efforts with a focus on decolonized approaches to land restoration.

**The Toolkit includes:**

- ↪ Tips and suggestions.
- ↪ Worksheets to help with project workflows, processes and planning.
- ↪ UNDRIP articles.
- ↪ Stories about our experiences restoring the s̓c̓e:łx̓w̓əy̓əm Corridor.

[Learn more and download the Toolkit.](#)

**Have you explored the Foodlands Toolkit yet?** We'd love to [get your feedback](#) and learn how it's been helpful for your restoration work.

## News from the Watershed

### **DFO patrols above mid-Fraser River near 'non-existent,' says poaching expert**

A poaching expert is warning about enforcement cuts by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) on the Fraser River at a time when sockeye salmon returns were near their lowest. [Read more.](#)

### **Strategies for Recovery: Restoring Salmon Habitat After Wildfires**

Designed to help salmon and their habitats recover after wildfires, PSF recently launched a new resource called the 'Wildfire Playbook' which offers guidance to integrate salmon into post-wildfire recovery planning. [Learn more.](#)

### **Record levels of heat-related deaths in 2023 due to climate crisis, report finds**

The Lancet Countdown's ninth report on health and the climate breakdown reveals that people across the world face unprecedented threats to their health from the rapidly

changing climate. [Read more.](#)

### **'Spectacular' salmon return in the Tri-Cities this fall**

It's been a windfall salmon return, according to local streamkeepers. [Read more.](#)

### **More Than 30 New Projects Signed Under the 2 Billion Trees Program**

Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, provided an update on the important progress made under the 2BT program since March 2023. [Read more.](#)

### **3 years, 2 deadly atmospheric rivers. Is B.C. ready for the next one?**

Change feels risky, but the costs of the status quo are high as well. The 2021 flood was the most expensive disaster in the province's history. [Get the story.](#)

### **First Nation, mayor, local users shocked after free hot spring was filled in with dirt and rocks**

The loss of the Hobo Hot Springs has prompted more than 2,000 people to sign a petition that calls for the pools to be restored. [Read the article.](#)

### **Meet the 2025/2026 Salmon Conservation Stamp Winner!**

The Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) is pleased to announce Mark Hobson as the winner of the 2025/2026 Salmon Conservation Stamp Competition. [See more.](#)

### **New Poll Finds Public Concern Surging After Recent Floods and Water Shortages**

Concern about destruction of fish and wildlife habitat, threats to food security, and corporate polluters fuels demand for provincial government action. [Media release.](#)

### **ALONG THE FRASER: Thinking of the Fraser River as family**

Katzie elder suggests giving rivers the protect offered humans. [Read more.](#)

### **Gates Creek conservation area expanding**

The Nature Conservancy of Canada will soon begin restoring habitat at Gates Creek, northeast of Pemberton and southwest of Anderson Lake. [Read the story.](#)

### **Urban salmon return to Metro Vancouver streams to spawn and inspire recovery efforts**

The salmon in the river are looking haggard by mid-November, their skin patchy and worn as they near the end of their lives. [Read more.](#)

### **Site of massive B.C. river landslide remains unstable, effects on salmon not yet clear**

Slide in late July dammed the Chilcotin River, created a lake about 11 kilometres long. [Read more.](#)

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## Events

### **Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the Nechako Watershed Workshop (Prince George, Nechako)**

**Nov. 29.** Severe drought, catastrophic wildfires, mass flooding, and landslide events across British Columbia signify that climate change response requires focusing on water and strengthening the natural defenses that can only be provided by healthy watersheds. [Register here.](#)

### **Studying Salmon Passage: Coquitlam River Floodgates (Online)**

**Nov. 29.** Learn how flood infrastructure in the Coquitlam-Buntzen Watershed impacts salmon habitat. Resilient Waters is studying three types of floodgates to discover how they block fish passage and affect salmon lifecycle. Learn about the results and recommendations to improve floodgate design. [Register here.](#)

### **BC Salmon Recovery and Resilience Conference (Vancouver, Lower Fraser)**

**Dec. 2-4.** Attend the BC Salmon Recovery & Resilience Conference hosted by Pacific Salmon Foundation where 500 leaders from the salmon community will convene in Vancouver. [Register here.](#)

### **The Importance of Biological Expertise for Green Shores Shoreline Restoration Projects (Online)**

**Dec. 3.** Join the Stewardship Centre for BC for an hour-long presentation about the role biologists play in shoreline restoration projects. This webinar is applicable to professional biologists, ecologists, species-at-risk specialists, consultants, and environmental sciences students. [Register here.](#)

### **Add your Voice to the Biodiversity and Climate Change Assessment (Online)**

**Dec. 5.** Join the Canadian Environmental Network in this engaging session to learn more about and add your voice to the Biodiversity and Climate Change Assessment (BCCA), an assessment focused on the intersection of biodiversity and climate change across North America. [Register here.](#)

### **2024 Christmas Bird Count (Vancouver, Lower Fraser)**

**Dec 14.** The 2024 Christmas Bird Count for the Vancouver Count Circle will take place from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, 14th December. [More info.](#)

### **Nature Kids BC Explorer Days (Various dates and locations)**

NatureKids BC helps children get outdoors to explore, play, learn about and take action for nature. They are hosting multiple events through the month of December. [Learn more here.](#)

## Opportunities

**Student Energy** is hiring a [Communications Coordinator](#).

**Green Economy Canada** is hiring an [Operations Coordinator](#).

**Fraser Valley Watershed Coalition** is hiring an [Executive Assistant](#).

**Endangered Ecosystems Alliance** is hiring an [Executive Assistant, Communications](#).

**Environmental Youth Alliance** is hiring an [Operations Manager](#).

**Canadian Climate Institute** is hiring a [Research Associate, Indigenous Research](#).

**Ecojustice** is hiring for the [Director of Philanthropy](#).

**BC's Watershed Security Fund** is accepting [grant applications](#) until December 11.

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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