



Welcome to the February edition of Rivershed Stories! If you've been following us, you're likely as excited as we are about our new programs—the **Watershed Workforce regional paddle events** and the **Watershed CPR Dashboard**—both set to launch later this year through our new regional initiative: **Hope Flows: Protecting and Restoring the Fraser Watershed.**

The Rivershed team is busy planning a **series of vibrant celebrations and paddles** across the watershed—bringing together communities to celebrate inspiring local successes, learn from diverse voices, and create new collaborations. Hope Flows will be a time to connect, reflect, and take action in support of a healthier Fraser Watershed.

As we gear up for a season of inspiration and action, we invite you to join us—whether as a **corporate sponsor**, an **educational** or **First Nations collaborator**, or a **facilitator** supporting local efforts. Send an email to info@rivershed.com and we will be in touch. Be sure to share this newsletter with friends and colleagues who might be interested and watch future newsletters for updates.

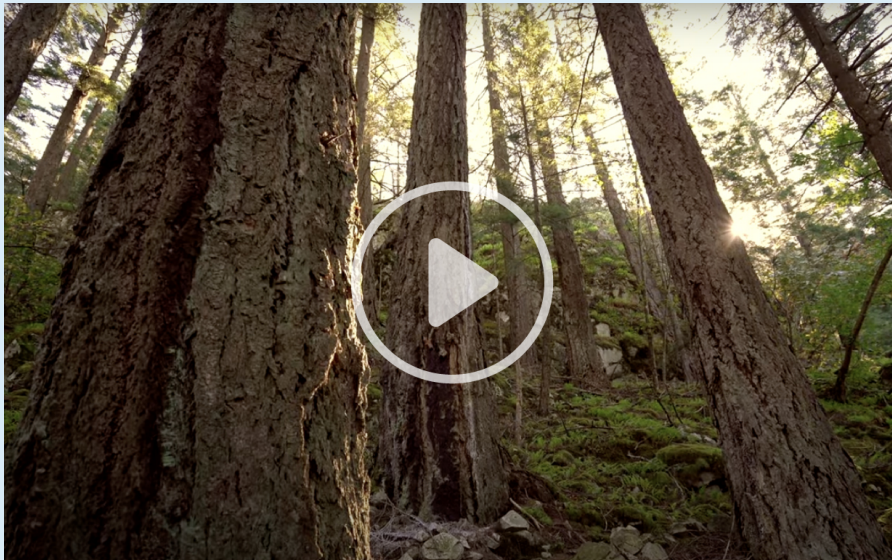


Rivershed presented on the Foodlands program at the University of British Columbia's PERCS ([Perennial Plant Restoration for Carbon Sequestration in Canadian Agricultural Landscapes](#)) Co-development meeting. Meeting participants pictured include Justine Nelson (Rivershed Executive Director), Elise Carelse (Rivershed Program Manager), and Kelly Yates (Kwantlen First Nation).



Rivershed was glad to participate in a coastal cutthroat trout redd survey along Nathan Creek in Abbotsford. Pictured: Tim (Kwantlen Land Guardians) and Elise (Rivershed) walking along the creek. Photo by Emmanuel Abecia.

News from the Watershed



Protect Lake Errock's Old Coastal Forest

The Nature Trust of British Columbia is working to raise more than \$500,000 to protect nearly 15 hectares of old coastal forest land near Lake Errock before it can be sold or developed. [Learn more.](#)

B.C. to bear brunt of costs from growing wildfire and flood risks, finds report

Building new homes in dangerous places could cost B.C. another \$2.2 billion a year by 2030 — far more than anywhere else in Canada, a new study has found. [Read more.](#)

The Future of Water

From floods to heat waves, clear cuts and rising river bottoms, British Columbia's watersheds are in need of some serious attention. [Learn more.](#)

BC Watershed Security Coalition keeping watchful eye on snowpack readings

According to the first round of snowpack readings, the province began the winter season in a better place than last year. [Read more.](#)

Dry January and lower snowpack levels in B.C. raise summer water concerns

February snowpack report from B.C. River Forecast Centre shows that snowpack is around 72% of normal. [Know more.](#)

Enhancing Ecological Connectivity in the Thompson-Nicola Region

The Collaborative has launched a new initiative to enhance ecological connectivity within the region, a critical step in safeguarding biodiversity. [Learn more.](#)

Waterfront development lot for sale is crucial to a civic plan: Mission mayor

Mission Mayor Paul Horn said the lot — that could fetch up to \$100M — makes up one-third of the three kilometres of waterfront identified by the city as in need of development. [Read more.](#)

Water management crisis calls for collaboration

BC farmers facing a broken water licensing system should look to community partnerships as a potential solution, according to Chris Bodnar, who farms in the Fraser Valley. [Learn more.](#)

Tribal and First Nations Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony

A signing ceremony was held during the PSC's 40th Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Portland Hotel at the Oregon Convention Center on February 11th, 2025, to commemorate a new Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Tribal Caucus and the First Nations Caucus of Canada. [Watch the video.](#)

New information on what caused deaths of two endangered spotted owls in B.C.

More information has come to light about the deaths of two endangered northern spotted owls released into the wild last year. [Read more.](#)

The Kootenays are getting drier. A small B.C. community worries more logging puts its water at risk

As companies seek to access private and Crown forest lands above Wynndel, B.C., some fear cascading impacts on the land and water. [Learn more.](#)

Trump wants B.C.'s water: Plausible or one big pipe dream?

The U.S. president has made inaccurate comments in the past that California's drought could be solved by turning on a Canadian 'faucet'. [Read article.](#)

OPINION: B.C. forges ahead on wildfire resilience amid cross-border uncertainty

One thing we can control is how we prepare for and address the wildfire threat in B.C. [Read more.](#)

Nature is B.C.'s Anchor for Long-Term Security

B.C.'s environment anchors our long-term security. Our response to Trump shouldn't undermine it. [Read more.](#)

T̕ìlhqot'in National Government (TNG) Releases Findings on T̕ìlhqox (Chilcotin River) Landslide

TNG released a full report containing findings and calls to action in relation to the T̕ìlhqox (Chilcotin River) landslide that occurred during the summer of 2024. [Read report.](#)



Events

There are plenty of Seedy Saturday/Sunday events happening this month. We've highlighted a few below — you can view the full list [here](#). Not sure what Seedy Saturday is? Click [here](#) to learn more.

Seedy Saturday (Prince George, Nechako Region)

March 1. — 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, 1505 5th Avenue

Presented by the Prince George Master Gardener and David Douglas Botanical Garden Society (DDGBS). There will be a Seed Swap table, Seed Sales, Displays, REAPS, Seeds of Diversity, Beekeepers, local vendors, Ask a Gardener, DDBGS memberships, book & garden tool sales, hands-on demonstrations, and concession by The Open Door Cafe. [More information.](#)

Online Information Session: Creating wildlife trees and habitat for fishers and woodpeckers (Online, Watershed-wide)

March 5. — 12:00 pm

Learn more about the initial results of a wildlife tree creation project on Tsay Keh Dene territory that is enhancing habitat for fishers and woodpeckers. More than 60 trees were modified and inoculated with heart rot fungus in 2018. Find out how the work was done and how the trees have performed. [Register here.](#)

Creating a Blue Dialogue: Sixth Annual Water Research Roundup hosted by POLIS Water Sustainability Project (Online, Watershed Wide)

March 6. — 9:30 am

Emerging researchers Rheanne Kroschinsky, Sacha Ruzzante, and Lucas King will discuss their current work on priority issues related to freshwater management and governance. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Robson Valley Seedy Saturday (Dunster, Fraser Headwaters Region)

March 8. — 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Dunster Schoolhouse. A day in the middle of winter to gather with other local gardeners for presentations, videos, and displays. There will be a seed exchange table, as well as vendors selling seeds and other local products and lots of time for discussions and questions. Admission and lunch by donation. Childcare will be provided in the playroom. [Details here.](#)

15th Annual Lillooet Seedy Sunday (Lillooet, Fraser Canyon Region)

March 9. — 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Lillooet Rec Centre. "Promoting Food Security for 15 Years" organized by Lillooet Food Matters & Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society with support from Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society. [More info here.](#)

16th Annual Williams Lake Seedy Saturday (Williams Lake, Cariboo-Chilcotin Region)

March 15. — 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Thompson River University WL Campus Gymnasium.

There will be speakers on a variety of garden-related topics, info booths, garden-related and artisanal vendors, seed swap table, house plant swap & sales, local farm & food vendors, and a concession. [Details here.](#)

Fraser River Discovery Centre Spring Break Camps. (Vancouver, Lower Region)

March 17-21: Archaeologists in Training

March 24-28: Future of the Fraser

The Fraser River Discovery Centre invites children aged 6 to 11 to play, explore, and discover at their week-long spring break camps. [More info here.](#)

Nicola Naturalists Society Hosts 2025 BC Nature Conference and AGM (Merrit, Thompson Region)

May 22-25. Full Registration includes all presentations, BC Nature meetings, Thursday night reception, and field trips. [Register here.](#)

Spring Break at Fort Langley (Fort Langley, Lower Region)

March 15-30. Spring break adventure full of activities and hands on learning. The theme is, Wild Wonders: Discover Nature and Animals this Spring Break! [Learn more here.](#)

Seedy Saturday (Langley, Lower Fraser Region)

March 22. —10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Derek Doubleday Arboretum, 21177 Fraser Hwy.

Shop for all things seeds, plants and more! Free guest speakers and make & take containers to take home. Free admission, however, a donation to the Langley Food Bank would be appreciated. Don't forget your seeds for the seed swap table! [Details here.](#)

CTS Youth Society Summer Program Guide (Lower Region)

Summer 2025. The CTS Youth Society offers a unique FREE opportunity for youth and teens aged 12-18 to discover the beautiful forests, fields, streams, and meadows of Regional Parks throughout the Lower Mainland. [View the Summer Program Guide here.](#)

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Opportunities

Watershed Watch Salmon Society is looking for a [Watersheds Campaign Lead](#).

Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society is hiring a [Field Programs Coordinator](#).

Make Way is hiring two positions, [Senior Manager, People, Engagement & Learning](#) and [President & CEO](#).

Green Economy Canada is looking for a [Executive Director](#).

Splitrock Environmental is hiring a [Senior Environmental Tech or Junior Biologist](#) and a [Senior Biologist](#).

Alouette River Management Society (ARMS) River Guardians are seeking youth, aged 12 and up, to participate in their [new volunteer program](#) which aims to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Alouette River.

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation's Al Martin Scholarship is open for applications. [Apply here](#).

The World We Want Contest is looking for video submissions of original music, poetry, dance, art, skits, multi-media messaging or any combination thereof. [More info](#).

Do you have any Fraser Watershed news, events or opportunities you'd like to share with thousands of people across the watershed? Email them to info@rivershed.com

Thanks for reading!

Until next time—yours in stewardship,

The Rivershed Team



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