

Welcome to the March edition of Rivershed Stories! This month, some of our team had the privilege of visiting Horsefly, Vanderhoof, Prince George, McBride, and Dunster, where we had the opportunity to meet with folks who are working on initiatives aligned with Watershed CPR (Connect. Protect. Restore). A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to meet with us and share the inspiring work they are doing. These conversations were eye-opening and meaningful, and they reminded us just how much people across the Fraser Watershed care about its health and resilience. It's always energizing to hear the diverse ways communities are coming together to protect and restore the Fraser, and we look forward to continuing these connections as we work toward shared goals. Thank you for being part of this important movement.



Nechako Paddle Crew. Photo by Jordan Cranmer

Watershed Workforce Update

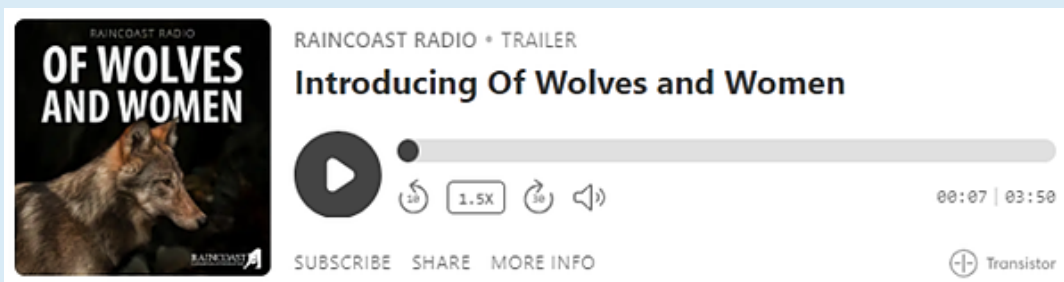
Bookmark the [Watershed Workforce webpage](#), where we'll be posting details on upcoming paddle trips and other opportunities to get involved in watershed stewardship. This will be the go-to spot for updates on this exciting program where youth can explore the Fraser Watershed, learn from experts, and contribute to community-based restoration projects. You'll also find additional details and ways to get involved, both on the website and in this newsletter. We are looking to collaborate with local [businesses](#), [schools](#), [First Nations](#) and [facilitators](#) on this program to make it as impactful as possible. Email info@rivershed.com to get involved and stay tuned for more updates.



We're hiring

We are looking for 3 Regional Program Assistants to join the team for up to 16 weeks, starting in May. If you know someone between the ages of 15 and 30 who would like to build skills, expand their network, and advance their career in the watershed sector, please encourage them to apply! This is a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience and contribute to the health and resilience of the Fraser Watershed. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

What we're listening to:



This month, we're tuning into [Raincoast Radio](#), a podcast from the Raincoast Conservation Foundation. Scientists and conservationists dive into the latest research on coastal species and ecosystems, sharing insights that inform decision-makers, engage communities, and inspire action to protect wildlife and habitats. Available on most podcast platforms—listen in and get inspired!

News from the Watershed

[Health of Fraser River Delta requires monitoring, management, SFU researchers warn](#)

Lack of monitoring and poor management could threaten much of what makes the Fraser special, particularly its natural biodiversity and ability to respond to sea-level rise, warn a pair of SFU experts. [Read more.](#) [Watch CBC video here.](#)

Budget 2025 promises fast-tracked resource extraction while shortchanging environmental reviews

Assurances that faster processes for mining and LNG development won't compromise goals on environmental stewardship not backed up with funding. [Read more.](#)

The Government of Canada takes action to protect aquatic species at risk in British Columbia

The health of our aquatic environment, and the wildlife within, supports our culture, well-being, and the economy in British Columbia (BC) and across Canada. Yet some of the aquatic species that make their home in the waters throughout BC are at risk and need help to survive. [Know more.](#)

BC Parks Foundation looking to protect a rare natural treasure near Juniper Ridge

The area to be preserved is on top of the ridge above the Juniper Ridge subdivision, south of the Thompson River. [Read more.](#)

Failure to invest in BC's water security poses economic risks, increased community costs, and missed job opportunities

The BC Watershed Security Coalition notes that Budget 2025 missed a vital opportunity to build water security by investing in the workers and community-driven efforts that protect BC'S freshwater sources. [Read media release.](#)

Brown and Baker creeks in poor health, report finds

Brown and Baker creeks were found to have "poor watershed health" and "poor water quality," according to a study conducted by consulting engineers Kerr Wood Leidal. [Find out more.](#)

Government's failure to issue emergency order puts Southern Resident killer whales at greater risk

Conservation groups are warning that the federal government's decision not to issue an emergency order to protect southern resident killer whales has put this iconic and critically endangered population at greater risk of extinction. [Keep reading.](#)

Ecosystem Protection Took a Hit in BC's 2025 Budget

As resource extraction intensifies, environmental assessments have been cut, says advocate. [Discover more.](#)

Kwantlen seek help dredging Bedford Channel

Channel is used by Kwantlen fishers, local recreational boaters, and paddlers. [More info.](#)

B.C. failing to show how it calculates forest carbon, audit finds

B.C. ministry lacks transparency in its accounting of forest carbon — calculations crucial to decisions on annual allowable cut and reforestation, finds audit. [Continue](#)

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Strengthening Canada's freshwater future: Government of Canada appoints new President of the Canada Water Agency

The Government of Canada announced the appointment of Mark Fisher as the President of the new Canada Water Agency, reporting to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. [Read full article.](#)

Nearly half of B.C. landslides linked to logging, wildfires, study finds

Nearly half the landslides that rocked southwest British Columbia during devastating 2021 floods started in areas that were logged or burned by wildfire, researchers have found. [Learn more.](#)

Opinion: Trump's threats to our water security require urgent action

U.S. administration poses three distinct threats to our water security, including signals that the U.S. plans to unravel long-standing water agreements. [Read more.](#)

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Events

Webinar: Wildfire resilience — How outdoor recreation groups can lead in mitigation and preparedness (Online, Watershed Wide)

April 8. Join the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC for a one-hour panel discussion where they will unpack the importance of wildfire preparation and mitigation, how recreation groups can get involved, possible funding sources and more. [Register here.](#)

Webinar: Ecologically Significant Areas (ESAs): A new freshwater and nearshore conservation tool (Online, Watershed Wide)

April 8. Hosted by Our Living Waters. Join to learn about ESAs and potential opportunities to receive support for protecting a nearshore or freshwater system in your region. [Register here.](#)

Chilliwack Rotary Climate Fair (Chilliwack, Lower Region)

April 12 & 13. The 2025 Chilliwack Rotary Climate Fair is a FREE family-friendly event. For two days, you will have access to experts in sustainability and renewable energy. [Details here.](#)

Spruce City Wildlife Association's (SCWA) 55th Anniversary Banquet and Fundraiser (Prince George, Headwaters Region)

April 12. Don't miss out on this exciting event full of great food, fun, and amazing prizes, all while helping SCWA raise funds for Conservation in the Omineca Region. [More information.](#)

Earth Day at Trout Lake (Vancouver, Lower Region)

April 12. Join the Trout Lake Community Centre Association for some good GREEN family fun while learning how to be better stewards of our environment. [Learn more here.](#)

20th Annual Watershed Fish Release (Delta, Lower Region)

April 12. Engage with displays, activities, crafts, and help release 25,000 chum salmon fry into the creek. [Details here.](#)

Clean the Beach Day (Kamloops, Thompson Region)

April 13. This family-friendly gathering invites residents to come together in a collective effort to clean our riverbanks. Volunteers will work to collect litter on specific routes along the shoreline near Riverside Park and Overlander Park. [Register and view event poster here.](#)

Recreational Canoeing Association of BC (RCABC) Annual Canoe Fest and Annual General Meeting (Hope, Lower Region)

April 25 – 27. Join RCABC for their 13th annual Canoe Fest and AGM at Kawkawa Lake. [Learn more here.](#)

Party for the Planet (Surrey, Lower Region)

April 26. No tickets required. Experience Western Canada's largest, free Earth Day event in the heart of Surrey City Centre. [Check it out.](#)

Seedy Saturday 2025 (Quesnel, Cariboo-Chilcotin Region)

April 26. Discover the joys of gardening, learn new techniques, and connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts. [More info.](#)

2025 Fingerling Festival (Port Moody, Lower Region)

May 3. The Port Moody Ecological Society invites everyone to attend their annual Fingerling Festival. This iconic environmental festival is the largest of its kind in the Lower Mainland and provides an opportunity for children and adults to help release thousands of young chum salmon into Noons Creek. [Read more.](#)

Opportunities

Be The Change Earth Alliance is looking for an [Executive Director.](#)

The Government of Canada launched a call for applications under EcoAction Stream 2 and for the Fraser River Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative. **Deadline is April 10.** [Learn more here.](#)

The David Suzuki Foundation has [multiple opportunities available.](#)

The Real Estate Foundation of BC is hiring a [Program Specialist](#) and a [Program Coordinator.](#)

The Restore Alert Defend Network is looking for a [Network Weaver.](#)

GreenPeace Canada has [multiple opportunities available.](#)

Nature United is hiring a [BC Conservation Portfolio Manager.](#)

The BC Wildlife Federation has [multiple opportunities available.](#)

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



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.



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