



As we head into June, early salmon runs are beginning to return to parts of the Fraser, offering a powerful reminder of connection—across the watershed and across generations. June 1 is Wild Salmon Day, and our friends at **the Pacific Salmon Foundation** and the **First Nations Fisheries Council** are inviting individuals and organizations to raise the flag for wild salmon and speak up for their future. The [Wild Salmon Day](#) website has lots of ways you can take part, from [raising the flag](#) on social media to signing the [Wild Salmon Declaration](#) and sharing messages using their ready-made [toolkit](#). Wild salmon are essential to a healthy Fraser and protecting them is key to Watershed CPR (Connect. Protect. Restore.). Be sure to check it out and add your voice to this important campaign.



Gentle reminder that you're invited to join us for [Rivershed's Annual General Meeting](#) on **June 26 at 7:00 pm**. Held virtually, the meeting is open to all—wherever

you are, you can attend from any device with an internet connection.

Following the AGM, we'll host a **virtual screening of [The Spirit Who Swims](#)**, an award-winning short film by **Bev Sellars** (Xat'sūll First Nation) and **Garry Tutte**, produced with the late **Hemas Kla-Lee-Lee-Kla (Chief Bill Wilson)**. We're honoured that **Bev Sellars will be joining us** to introduce the film and reflect on its message. Register using [this form](#) and we will send you a link for the meeting. While anyone can attend, only current members can vote. You can [sign up or renew your membership here](#).

Thank you to those who continue to send in updates, events, and opportunities to feature in Rivershed Stories. We love highlighting work from across the watershed—please keep them coming by emailing info@rivershed.com. We publish on the last Thursday of each month, so a bit of advance notice is appreciated.



Witnessing dormant winter plants become new growth in the Spring. As the watershed wakes up with first buds of the year amidst snow cover, the cycle begins—bloom to berry, to ripe fruit, and then seed dispersal. Join us in restoring connection back into the lands and waters of the Fraser Watershed!

Foodlands program staff, in collaboration with local community knowledge holders, are preparing for a season of planting at restoration sites across the watershed, including s̓c̓e:łxʷəy̓əm, Bell Slough, and Stoney Creek–Nechako. Collaborators will be planting native species like wild rose, salmonberry and red elderberry along with cottonwood, red osier dogwood and willow species—plants that support water, salmon, wildlife, and the ecosystems we all depend on. We're raising funds to purchase native plants and restoration supplies, and we're asking you to consider making a donation to support this important work.

HELP PURCHASE PLANTS

Be sure to [read our latest blog](#) post for an update on the s̓c̓e:łxʷəy̓əm (Salmon River) Corridor.

News from the Watershed

A dam destroyed their river — 61 years later, two First Nations fought for justice

A new documentary — 'Nechako: It Will Be a Big River Again' — tells the story of the northwestern 'B.C.' landscape and the communities taking care of it. [Read more.](#)

The B.C. agency overseeing oil and gas is about to get more powerful. Here's why you should care

A guide to the BC Energy Regulator: what it is, what it does and why it matters. [Learn more.](#)

Local streams need protection

Spring is the time to appreciate and protect our water resources. [Continue reading.](#)

Cleaning up torched Queen of Sidney could take years, millions of dollars, experts say

The former Queen of Sidney was retired from BC Ferries' fleet in 2000, and has been moored on the Fraser River in Mission since it was sold in 2002 to Gerald Tapp. [Discover more.](#)

Small Sardis park owned by the City of Chilliwack hits the market with asking price of nearly \$680,000

A spokesperson says the property was purchased in 1991 with the intention of using the space to provide access to a potential nearby park that never materialized. [Read more.](#)

Mussel-sniffing dogs trained to detect invasive species at B.C. lakes

Province wants to keep zebra mussels, quagga mussels out of B.C. lakes and waterways. [Continue Reading.](#)

Mass fish kill under investigation in Burnaby creek after residents say hundreds of salmon dead

As Amelia John reports, some residents say hundreds of young salmon are dead, and it's not the first time something like this has happened. [Watch here.](#)

CNC Research Forest Society announces 2025 recipients of legacy fund

The fund is providing \$451,000 for ecosystem restoration projects as well as projects with social and environmental benefits for communities. [Continue reading.](#)

B.C.'s low snowpack, melt signal drought, raising concern for hydro power

Drier, warmer weather in much of British Columbia last month has contributed to an early melt, raising concern for widespread drought this summer, the province's latest snowpack and water supply bulletin says. [Read more.](#)

Humans are accidentally making new rocks with their industrial waste

Researchers have discovered a new rock cycle in which industrial waste rapidly turns into rock. [Watch here.](#)

Beneficial Fire in B.C.: An Exploration of How Fire Can Contribute to Wildfire Resilience

This report explores beneficial fire as a strategy to reduce risk from wildfire, promote wildfire resilience, and shift away from the view that fire is bad. [Download the report.](#)

6.3 million for climate resiliency in Fraser Valley

Half a dozen municipalities and First Nations will receive a combined \$6.3 million to help prevent flooding and other disasters in the region—and nearly all the funding will be used on one bank erosion project near Hope. [Learn more.](#)

Groundbreaking of Ancient Forest Enhancement Project to improve boardwalks, build interpretive centre

The first stage of the project is to improve the 450-metre-long universal access to the 2.3-kilometre-long boardwalk and the waterfall viewing area. [Read the full project.](#)

86 per cent of a river gone: First Nation calls on BC Hydro to let more water through

Katzie First Nation wants BC Hydro to let more water into the Lower Fraser region's Alouette River, as it faces pollution, drought and decreased salmon populations. [Read more.](#)

Keeping invasive threats to BC Salmon out of B.C.

A parasitic disease that can be lethal for juvenile salmon has been recently detected in British Columbia. [Find out more.](#)

BCIT students work to reclaim campus meadow from invasives

A class of BCIT Master of Science in Ecological Restoration students have been getting their hands dirty as part of an innovative student project to restore an area of meadow on the Burnaby Campus. [Learn more.](#)

Canadian Indigenous group to buy \$511-million stake in Enbridge's Westcoast pipeline

Canadian pipeline operator Enbridge, opens new tab is selling a stake in its Westcoast natural gas system to a consortium of 36 First Nations, the first deal to include financing from a new federal loan program aimed at helping Indigenous groups own parts of resource projects. [Read more.](#)

After a 'really horrible month,' B.C. search-and-rescue groups warn about relying too much on AI and apps

Technology is a tool, not a substitute for trip planning and training before venturing into the B.C. backcountry. [Read more.](#)

First Nations Leadership Council & Union of BC Municipalities call for withdrawal of Bill 15

The First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) and its member organizations joined with the Union of BC Municipalities today to call on the Province to withdraw Bill 15 – the Infrastructure Projects Act. [Read more.](#)

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Events

BC Wildlife Federation, Fishing Forever Events (Across the Watershed)

Various Dates. Every year, BCWF affiliated clubs host Fishing Forever events across B.C., helping those who may need it learn how to fish and enjoy the natural offerings around them. View the 2025 [confirmed events list](#).

Walk PG 2025: Wild About Lheidki Keyoh Prince George Outdoor Festival (Prince George, Nechako Region)

May 31. Explore and participate in this family-friendly, free event to celebrate adventure, culture, and the beauty of nature. There will be a variety of hands-on workshops and activities for all ages. [Learn more](#).

9th Annual Community Chinook Salmon Send-Off! (Prince George, Nechako Region)

June 1. Join the Spruce City Wildlife Federation as they release some of the Chinook salmon fry they've been raising for the past 10 months! This is a free community event for all ages, featuring activities, local nonprofit booths, and a chance to learn more about salmon conservation in our region. [Learn more](#)

Action in the Nechako: Progress and Potential Across the Watershed (Fort St. James, Nechako Region)

June 2 & 3. Join the Nechako Watershed Roundtable, in partnership with Nak'azdli Whut'en for their Spring Technical meeting. [Tickets here](#).

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC Annual General Meeting (Online, Watershed-wide)

June 4. Save the Date! This is an opportunity for members to vote on board positions and to bring issues, concerns, and/or interests up for discussion, resolution, and action. [Learn more](#).

5th Annual BC Trails Day Celebrations (Watershed-wide)

June 7. The Outdoor Recreation Council of BC coordinates and promotes BC Trails Day. Outdoor groups and communities are encouraged to host local events, ranging from recreational opportunities, trail stewardship projects or virtual events. [Learn more and register your event here](#).

McBride Open Gate Community Garden Annual Spring Plant Sale (Headwaters Region)

June 7. Taking place in the garden behind the McBride Elks Hall, the sale usually has a great selection of bedding plants, house plants, cuttings and perennials to fill up your garden and greenhouse. Get details of this event in the Community Announcements section of the [Little McBride Paper](#).

Chinook Salmon Release (Valemount, Headwaters Region)

June 8. Be part of something special with Simpcw First Nation, Spruce City Wildlife Association and Tourism Valemount: help release thousands of baby salmon into Swift Creek. [Details here.](#)

Tending Still Creek: Stewardship at Cornett Road (Vancouver, Lower Fraser Region)

June 11. Join Still Moon Arts Society for an evening of Tending Still Creek. At this hands-on stewardship session along Still Creek, we'll work together to remove invasive Himalayan blackberry and make space for native plants to thrive. [Details here.](#)

Fraser River Discovery Centre Hall of Fame Event (Surrey, Lower Fraser Region)

June 11. The Fraser River Hall of Fame recognizes and honours individuals or organizations that have made significant and noteworthy contributions to the health and sustainability of the Fraser River, its culture, people, industry and environment. This year's inductee is the Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society (FRSCS). [Learn more.](#)

2025 Salmonid Enhancement Program Community Workshop (Kamloops, Thompson Region)

June 13 – 15. Hosted by Simpcw First Nation, hundreds of participants representing various stewardship groups, community hatcheries and other community conservation groups will gather for a weekend that includes hands-on and interactive training, information sessions and field trips. [Register here.](#)

National Indigenous People's Day (Watershed-wide)

June 21. All Are Welcome! Indigenous communities and organizations across British Columbia host events and gatherings that bring people together to share Indigenous culture, knowledge, and hospitality. While some gatherings are for community members only, many Indigenous events are open to all—vibrant powwows, gallery openings, readings, in-person workshops, dance performances, tournaments, and other events. [Find an event near you.](#)

Rivershed Annual General Meeting & Film Screening (Virtual – Watershed-wide)

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Opportunities

Clean Energy Canada, Simon Fraser University is looking for a [Policy Advisor—Climate & Clean Energy.](#)

Youth4Action Collaborative Action and Mentorship Program (CHAMP) is [accepting applications.](#)

The **David Suzuki Foundation** is hiring an [Assistant Controller.](#)

The **City of Abbotsford** is seeking a [Director of Environmental Services](#).

The **Splatsin Development Corporation** is hiring [multiple positions](#).

Nature United is hiring a [Director of Conservation](#) and a [Northern Program Director](#).

West Coast Environmental Law has an opening for a [RELAW Coordinator](#) (Revitalizing Indigenous Law for Land, Air & Water). Applications accepted until June 1.

The **BC Conservation Fund** is accepting [expressions of interest for Stream 1- Phase 1, 2 & 3 projects](#). Submission deadline is July 4, 2025.

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. The newsletter goes out the last Thursday of each month, so earlier is better!

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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