



It has been a difficult time for many across British Columbia. As communities process recent events and hold one another close, we are reminded how important care, connection, and a sense of belonging are in every place we call home. We share this month's newsletter with that spirit in mind and with gratitude for the many people continuing to care for communities and watersheds across the province.



Justine Nelson, Rivershed's Executive Director, was recently featured in Dr. Bronner's All-One Activist series, which profiles organizations supported through the All-One Canada Initiative.

In the conversation, Justine reflects on the organization's evolution and describes how the [Foodlands Corridor Restoration Program](#) brings Rivershed's values into practice. She speaks about working alongside First Nations, landholders, and other collaborators to co-design and restore riparian corridors that reconnect fragmented lands into functioning ecological corridors that support salmon, strengthen local food systems, and restore ecological function.

The interview also highlights how Foodlands connects with the [Watershed Workforce](#) and the [Watershed CPR Dashboard](#), illustrating how relationship-based, place-based efforts contribute to long-term watershed health in the watershed. Throughout the conversation, the emphasis returns to relationships, recognizing that healthy watersheds depend on trust, reciprocity, and collaboration over time. You can [read the full interview here](#).

We are grateful to the Dr. Bronner's All-One Canada Initiative for their continued support.

Watershed News

Province, communities seeking federal partnership on flood management

Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, leads a mission to Ottawa to push for investment in flood-reduction infrastructure. [Read more.](#)

B.C. forestry review calls for more transparent data, assessment of old-growth trees

Advisory council says trust eroded by inconsistent forest data controlled by government, industry. [Read more.](#)

BC Halts Plans to Make Polluters Pay for Cleanup Costs

The province billed its Public Interest Bonding Strategy as a key step to protect the public from massive cleanup bills. Now it's on hold. [Read more.](#)

'Creeping snow drought': Canadian research shows less snowpack a concern

New research shows less snowpack in certain regions of Canada can have wide-ranging effects on everything from farms and wildlife to the broader economy. [Read more.](#)

Carney's government is cutting hundreds of environment and science jobs. Here's what that means for Canadians

Scientists who monitor Canada's environmental health and protect Canadians from extreme weather events and industrial disasters could soon find themselves on the federal government's chopping block. [Read more.](#)

Wolf reduction boosts caribou survival—but only in rugged terrain

Reducing wolves to protect endangered caribou doesn't always deliver the expected results—and the shape of the land may be the deciding factor. [Read more.](#)

Wildfire, water and finding your "why"—on the land in Nlaka'pamux territory with Patrick Michell

A home lost, and the fierce will to rebuild. Patrick Michell and Tina Grenier want a house that can withstand flames. [Read more.](#)

Water source mapping could help in wildfire fight

With wildfire seasons growing and more destructive across the country some rural B.C. communities are banding together to help map our water resources, ahead of fires. [Watch the video.](#)

Salish culture flows through Every River Has a Mouth

Although Vancouver is located on unceded Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh land, Indigenous art in the city has often prioritized creators from elsewhere in the province. [Read more.](#)

New report highlights decrease in snowpack in BC

Chair of BC Watershed Security Coalition Coree Tull speaks to Your Morning Vancouver about what a decrease in snowpack means for the spring and summer seasons. [Watch the video.](#)

Vancouver-based foundation acquires rare old-growth forest inholdings in the Fraser Canyon for local band

The Nature-Based Solutions Foundation in Vancouver says it has recently acquired two clusters of private land inholdings totaling just over 55 hectares within the traditional territory of the Kanaka Bar Band in the Fraser Canyon for conservation purposes. [Read more.](#)

Federal government launches aquatic invasive species survey map

The government of Canada has launched a new [aquatic invasive species survey map](#) along with \$1 million in funding for eight projects across the country. [Read more.](#)

B.C. Budget does not “Secure the Future” for the Lower Fraser

The Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition (LFFC) is deeply frustrated that the provincial budget once again fails to deliver the sustained, regional-scale investments needed to reduce long-term flood risk in the Lower Mainland. [Read more.](#)

Thompson-Nicola Conservation Collaborative launches new website

[KeepingNatureConnected.ca](#) is a new place to explore what ecological connectivity means in the Thompson–Okanagan and how we can keep wildlife, water, and communities connected and thriving. [Read more.](#)

More Than Food: The Vital Role that Wild Salmon Play in First Nations Wellbeing

Salmon is more than food. It is health, culture, and wellbeing. FNFC-led preliminary research reinforces what First Nations in British Columbia have long known: the decline of wild Pacific salmon is both an ecological crisis and a public health emergency. [Read more.](#)

Researchers warn of negative health outcomes from fracking in the B.C. Peace region

Researchers say 52 studies over 20 years show cancer and other illnesses linked to fracking activity. [Read more.](#)

Lack of snow in B.C.'s Interior forces outdoor industries to pivot

The last 3 months have been warmer than the seasonal normal, says Environment Canada. [Read more.](#)

Nature Notes: What we're learning from Sturgeon Bank

This intertidal zone along the coast of Richmond supports migratory birds, juvenile salmon, and coastal ecosystems invaluable to the Fraser River Delta. [Read more.](#)

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Events

Collective Parks, Conservation, Innovation and Leadership project 6th annual parks and protected areas eSummit (Virtual)

March 2-3. This is an interactive, drop-in online event to learn about and share research and to identify knowledge gaps related to the parks and protected areas

sector. [Register here](#).

Widely Enjoyed but Inadequately Valued: Understanding the Economic, Environmental, and Health Benefits of Canada's Protected and Conserved Areas (Virtual)

March 5. Presented by the Collective for Parks, Conservation, Innovation and Leadership (CPCIL). This CPAWS-led project is a new report on the socio-economic benefits of all protected and conserved areas across Canada. [More information](#).

Horsefly River Roundtable (HRR) Annual General Meeting (Horsefly or Virtual)

March 7. Join the HRR for their Annual General Meeting and a presentation on Rights of Nature. There will also be a light lunch and a silent auction. Participate in person or via zoom. [Details here](#).

Reconciling Water, Salmon, and Cultural Crisis with Kwilosintun [Murray Ned] (Abbotsford)

March 20. Join Kwilosintun (Murray Ned)'s presentation on Reconciling Water, Salmon, and Cultural Crisis as he shares about his community, the Semá:th First Nation, and his work with the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance. [Details here](#).

Native Plants for Pollinators (Virtual)

March 21. Incorporating native plants in your garden for pollinators is easy and can produce some beautiful results. Join Lisa, Stewardship Coordinator at LEPS, to learn about local plants to help create a small oasis for native pollinators in your garden. [Register here](#).

British Columbia Protected Areas Research Forum (Kamloops)

May 19-21. This forum brings together researchers, advocates, managers, students, and community members who create, share, and use research and knowledge in parks and protected areas across British Columbia and beyond. [Learn more](#).

2026 ORCBC Conference: Building Stronger Communities Through Outdoor Recreation (Kamloops)

May 20-22. This gathering brings together outdoor recreation organizations, volunteers, Indigenous partners, land managers, governments, and community leaders from across British Columbia to discover, connect, and help shape the future of outdoor recreation. [Register here](#).

BC Salmon Recovery & Resilience Conference (Vancouver)

October 15-16. Early bird registration is now open for the Pacific Salmon Foundation's second biennial BC Salmon Recovery and Resilience conference in Vancouver featuring two days of connection and knowledge exchange to advance collaborative action for salmon. [Register here](#).

Opportunities

Indigenous Climate Action is hiring a [Executive Manager](#).

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation Scholarship Grant Program has [three scholarship opportunities](#) open for application.

Vancouver Foundation is looking for a [President and Chief Executive Officer](#), as well

as a [Vice President, Donor Services & Relations](#).

Real Estate Foundation of BC's 2026 Land Awards is [accepting nominations](#).

Living Lakes Canada is hiring a [Communications Team Lead/Communications Manager](#).

kʷikʷəł'əm First Nation is hiring a [Hatchery Technician](#), a [Land Governance Coordinator](#), and an [Indigenous Guardian](#).

District of Vanderhoof is hiring [Parks Attendant\(s\)](#).

Indigenous Leadership Initiative is hiring a [Fire Policy Advisor](#).

Green Teams Canada is looking for a [Program Assistant](#).

Youth Climate Corps has [multiple positions](#) open for application.

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC has [multiple programs open for application](#).

Simpcw First Nation has [multiple positions available](#).

Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society is hiring an [Outreach Assistant](#) and a [Field Assistant](#).

B.C. Wildlife Federation is hiring a [Junior Restoration Technician](#).

Habitat Conservation Trust BC is accepting applications from land trusts, community organizations, and First Nations for the [Habitat Acquisition Grants](#).

The **City of Coquitlam** is accepting nominations for the [2026 Environmental Achievement Awards](#).

Do you have any watershed news, events or opportunities you'd like to share? Email them to info@rivershed.com

Thanks for reading!

Until next time, yours in stewardship,

The Rivershed Team



Thanks for reading *Rivershed Stories*! Feel free to share it with a friend or family member who cares about the health and resilience of the Fraser. The more people we can connect with, the greater our collective impact across the watershed.



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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