



January is a time to pause, look ahead, and think about what's coming next. For many, it's a quieter moment to reflect and begin shaping the year ahead. At Rivershed, this is a time for connecting with collaborators to plan and prepare for work in regions where projects are active or emerging. This work is grounded in the support of people who care deeply about watershed health.

As that work moves forward, we want to take a moment to thank everyone who supported Rivershed during our year-end fundraising campaign. Your donations, along with the two-to-one match from Dr. Bronner's All-One Canada Initiative, are helping sustain programs and prepare for the months ahead. Thank you for being part of this community and for supporting Rivershed. If you missed our year-end campaign and would like to contribute, donations are still welcome.

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One place where this support is having a clear impact on the ground is the s̓c̓e:ɬxʷəy̓əm* Foodlands Corridor. Since 2021, restoration in this corridor has focused on reconnecting land and restoring riparian areas along the river through collaboration with local First Nations, landholders, and community members. This work includes stabilizing riverbanks, removing invasive species, re-establishing native plants, and monitoring change over time. As these restored sites mature and the corridor expands, they demonstrate how steady, place-based efforts contribute to watershed health. Watch this short video for a glimpse of this work, taking shape along the river.

*s̓c̓e:ɬxʷəy̓əm is the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əh̓ word for the Salmon River. hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əh̓ is the Downriver dialect of Halkomelem. Translations provided by Knowledge Keepers and language learners from Kwantlen and Katzie Nations.



Watershed News

December Flooding caused \$74M in damage in the Fraser Valley

Municipalities say billions needed for flood mitigation as federal and provincial support lags. [Read more.](#)

Cariboo First Nations lead efforts to prevent landslide threat at Farwell Canyon

A tension crack on the slope above Farwell Canyon appeared following the Aug 5, 2024 breakout flood and poses a high risk of rockfall which could further impact salmon travelling through the critical migrating route. [Read more.](#)

New chronic wasting disease case confirmed near Jaffray

Ninth confirmed case in B.C. highlights importance of continued surveillance. [Read more.](#)

More than rain: why flooding is getting worse in B.C.

Flooding is becoming a not-so-rare occurrence in British Columbia, but is climate change the only reason for it? [Read more.](#)

Province adds 1,060 hectares to West Twin Protected Area

Move expected to improve habitat connection for wildlife in old-growth area 46 km northwest of McBride. [Read more.](#)

Why aren't there more Indigenous foods in 'Canadian' grocery stores?

Indigenous foods are varied, delicious and plentiful — but getting them to customers can be a challenge for small producers. [Read more.](#)

CFIA says climate change is threatening its work

From avian flu to diseases that kill off oysters and invasive pests decimating trees, Canada's food safety agency is facing an ever-increasing list of challenges to its job performance that are multiplying with climate change. [Read more.](#)

This B.C. group imitates beavers to restore wetlands after devastating wildfire

It's an effort to both replicate and bring back an animal that's impeccable at one job - building dams. As the Radio-Canada's Julien Latraverse explains, it's key to restoring wetlands after devastating fires. [Watch video](#).

Community input wanted for new Climate Resilience Strategy

The City of Abbotsford is inviting residents to share their experiences, concerns and ideas to help address extreme weather such as floods, wildfire smoke, extreme heat, and storms to help our community better prepare-for, adapt-to, and reduce the impacts of climate-related hazards, as part of the development of an overall Climate Resilience Strategy for the City. [Read more](#).

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Events

BC Wildlife Federation Wetlands Institute: Speakers Series (Online, Watershed Wide)

February 4. This session explores why watershed security must be a critical priority in BC right now and how ending the Great Water Giveaway by modernizing industrial water rates could provide stable, long-term funding for healthier watersheds, resilient communities, and local jobs. [Register here](#).

Langley Water Symposium (Langley, Lower Fraser Region)

February 5. Join the Langley Environmental Partners Society for valuable information related to understanding and protecting water in Langley Township. [Register here](#).

Invasives 2026 Annual Forum and AGM (New Westminster, Lower Fraser Region)

February 9-12. Invasive species practitioners, researchers, Indigenous and youth leaders, industry partners, and community members come together to tackle invasive species head-on. [Register here](#).

Protecting Indigenous relationships with the land through IPCAs (Prince George, Headwaters Region and Online, Watershed-Wide)

February 13. Join to learn more about Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas, what's involved, and the benefits. Delve into the tale and the hard work behind the Dasiqox IPCA northwest of Lillooet. [Register here](#).

Herbaria: re-connecting to the land (Virtual, Watershed-Wide)

February 20. Join to learn how the Tsay Keh Dene Nation, the Okanagan Nation Alliance, and the Xwísten First Nation are collecting and documenting culturally important plants. [Register here](#).

Seedy Sunday – Resilience through Seed Saving (Lillooet, Fraser Canyon Region)

February 22. Join the Lillooet Regional Invasive Species society and help celebrate food security and seed saving in the community. [Learn more](#).

Returning sockeye to the Alouette River Watershed (Online, Watershed-Wide)
February 27. Learn how the Alouette River Salmonid Restoration Program started, key achievements to date, and how it fits into BC Hydro's Fish Passage Decision Framework. [Register here.](#)

BC Wildlife Federation's 70th AGM & Convention (Salmon Arm, Thompson Region)
April 30 – May 2. The BC Wildlife Federation is hosting its 2026 AGM featuring with a variety of guest speakers and presenters. [Register here.](#)

BC Protected Areas Research Forum (Kamloops, Thompson Region)
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 BC and beyond. [Learn more.](#)

2026 Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia Conference (Kamloops, Thompson Region)
May 20–22. This multi-day 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.](#)

Salmon Recovery and Resilience Conference 2026 (Vancouver, Lower Fraser Region)
October 14-16. 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

The **Fraser Basin Council Youth Program** is [recruiting youth from the Fraser Valley](#) to participate in the stewardship of a local ecosystem.

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

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation has multiple [grant opportunities](#) available.

EcoJustice is hiring a [BC Staff Lawyer.](#)

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society BC Chapter is accepting applications for the [Young Leaders in Conservation Program.](#)

The **Lower Nicola Indian Band** is seeking a [Managing Aquatics Biologist.](#)

Ducks Unlimited Canada is hiring a [Senior Engineering Technologist](#) and has [multiple seasonal positions](#) available.

Members of **Environment Funders Canada** have [multiple positions available.](#)

Disaster Financial Assistance for eligible people, businesses and communities in southwestern British Columbia affected by flooding from the heavy rainfall December 10-19, 2025, [is now available.](#)

Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society is looking for [2026 Summer staff.](#)

The **Tim Jones Award**, awarded annually to a person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the BC outdoor community, is [accepting applications](#).

Real Estate Foundation of BC's [General Grants Program](#) is open for application until February 5.

Pacific Salmon Foundation is hiring an [Events Coordinator](#).

My Climate Plan is hiring a [BC Community Organizer](#).

BC Parks Foundation is looking for multiple [Park Ambassadors](#).

Lorraine Loomis Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to a selected American or Canadian student enrolled in a post-secondary program in fisheries, or a related field, is [accepting applications](#).

Sierra Club of BC is hiring [two Campaigners](#).

First Nations Fisheries Council is hiring a [Manager, Intergovernmental Relations](#).

Society for Ecosystem Restoration in Northern BC is looking for [Regional Coordinators](#).

Do you have any Fraser Watershed news, events or opportunities you'd like to share across the watershed? 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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