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A lot happens behind the scenes before work can be implemented and documented.

Over the past season, Rivershed has been developing project designs with local First Nations and communities, submitting permits, and seeking funding to support future work. As these pieces come together, projects and programs are able to move ahead.

Flexible support allows work to move forward when timing and relationships align. Contributions from across the watershed help create that readiness.

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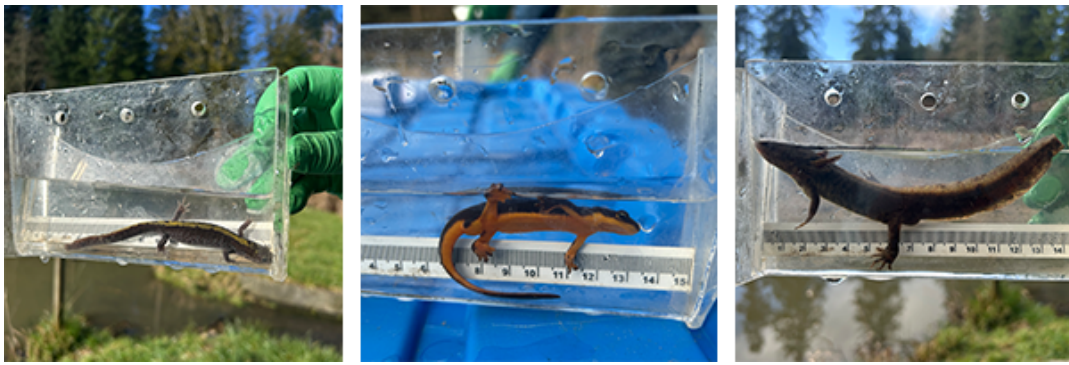
Foodlands Update | [s̓c̓e:łx̓w̓əy̓əm](#)* Corridor

Field season is underway in the [s̓c̓e:łx̓w̓əy̓əm Foodlands Corridor](#). Early Spring monitoring is already offering encouraging signs that restoration efforts are supporting diverse species.



A sizeable Coho parr we found in the off-channel habitat.

The restored off-channel habitat has been home to some of the largest coho observed on site to date. Seeing juvenile coho using the habitat through the winter months is a strong sign that these side channels are providing important refuge and rearing space.



Amphibians found at a potential restoration site.

At a potential new site, monitoring revealed a long-toed salamander, a rough-skinned newt, and many northwestern salamanders. The diversity of amphibians is a reminder that riparian restoration supports many species, not just salmon.

These observations offer an encouraging snapshot from the corridor and reflect the longer-term work underway through the Foodlands Corridor Restoration Program.

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

What We're Listening To



[Good Nature with Megan Leslie](#)

Megan Leslie, WWF-Canada's president and CEO, puts her curiosity to work calling up Indigenous leaders, botanists, climate activists, species experts, wildfire experts, urban gardeners and more — people showing us every day that small acts, big hearts and smart ideas can move mountains.

Conservation groups worry Carney's new nature strategy won't come with funding

Liberals contemplating market-based solutions to halt biodiversity loss: sources. [Read more.](#)

Fungus causing white-nose syndrome in bats detected again in B.C.

Detection in Metro Vancouver helps inform bat-monitoring efforts. [Read more.](#)

B.C. conservation group sounds alarm after DFO cuts salmon restoration staff in Prince George

DFO says it is finalizing projects as 5-year salmon strategy funding ends. [Read more.](#)

Government of Canada's longest-running species at risk fund marks 25 years, announces new projects

For the 2025-2026 funding cycle, this \$5.2 million investment will support 31 conservation projects across Canada, empowering communities, individuals, and non-governmental organizations to take action to safeguard at-risk species in their regions. [Read more.](#)

B.C. firm penalized for 'predictable' release of toxic cocktail into Fraser River

Richmond waste company penalized \$21K for releasing effluent filled with toxic metals and compounds posing 'serious and imminent danger' to fish. [Read more.](#)

Will Canada meet its goal to protect 30% of land and waters by 2030?

Canada must protect 1.7 million sq. kms, the size of Alaska, to meet 2030 conservation goals. Manitoba is eyeing Indigenous-led plans to get there. [Read more.](#)

BC has revealed how it hopes to fast-track some mines

Critics fear the changes would limit public and Indigenous input and increase environmental risks. [Read more.](#)

Water-stressed BC towns want the province to stop 'giving water away' to industry

Blair Ireland was uneasy as he tore down the runs at the Big White ski resort near Kelowna, BC, last weekend. It was a bluebird day, but he kept noticing how little snow was covering the mountain — and wondered what it would mean for his town in the months to come. [Read more.](#)

Canada releases the National Freshwater Science Agenda to guide priorities over the next 10 years

The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature, released the National Freshwater Science Agenda, which aims to better align freshwater science and research efforts across Canada. [Read more.](#)

Across Canada, communities are stepping up to protect freshwater

Living Lakes Canada's 2025 Impact Report highlights how community-led stewardship and science, meaningful partnerships, and open data are strengthening watersheds and building resilience for a healthy and secure water future. [Read more.](#)

What happens to wildlife when major rainstorms hit B.C.?

Biologists warn there can be serious ripple effects on wild animals and fish habitat from major storms. [Read more.](#)

Panel appointed to map B.C.'s old-growth forests say province is failing to save them

Minister says province working with First Nations, other stakeholders as it aims to strike balance. [Read more.](#)

Aunties of the Streams. Leading aquatic habitat monitoring in the Upper Fraser

In the streams and lakes of the Upper Fraser, an aquatic habitat monitoring program is taking place. [Read more.](#)

Opinion: Who gets to catch the last salmon?

Jonathan Moore: If we have to ask that question, we have failed. Instead of fighting over who gets to catch the remaining fish, B.C.'s salmon-reliant people should unite and fight for salmon and salmon habitats. [Read more.](#)

Feds omit conservation in plans to renew BC's salmon fund

Ottawa appears poised to ditch salmon conservation and habitat protection as key goals in its support for British Columbia's largest fisheries fund, leaving the province's environmental and First Nations fisheries organizations perplexed. [Read more.](#)

As climate and industry warm Okanagan waterways, expert warns of 'extinction event' for fish by 2040

Lauren Terbasket shared the 'alarming' data about water trends during a watershed gathering on Feb. 20 — saying climate resilience must be prioritized. [Read more.](#)

Road Impacts on Wetlands

Across British Columbia, roads often cross or run alongside wetlands. When this happens, they can change how water moves across the land and reduce habitat for fish and wildlife. [Read more.](#)

Canada launches efforts to develop a National Water Security Strategy on World Water Day

As fresh water becomes an increasingly vital and strategic resource across North America and around the world, this work is more important than ever. [Read more.](#)

New mapping reveals critical "cooling centres" for salmon in the warming Coldwater River

The salmon populations in the Nicola watershed are among the most endangered in BC. The Coldwater River provides critical spawning and rearing habitat for Interior Fraser Coho, Lower Thompson Chinook, and Interior Fraser Steelhead. [Read more.](#)

Working for Watersheds: The Economic Case for Watershed Technology in BC

Exploring the economic impact, competitive advantage, and growth potential. [Read more.](#)

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Events

Watershed Moments: Critical conversations on Canada's freshwater future (Virtual)

April 1, 8, 22 & 29. Four practical, action-oriented webinars from seven national partners working to protect, restore, and advocate for Canada's fresh water. [Register here.](#)

Pacific Salmon Foundation 2026 Vancouver Gala Dinner & Auction (Vancouver)

April 16. Celebrate the 34th anniversary of this longstanding event and the tremendous impact it's had. [Purchase tickets here.](#)

Celebrate Earth Day 2026 (Worldwide)

April 22. The theme this year is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET. Visit [Earth Day Canada](#) or [Earth Day 2026](#) to find an event near you.

Faces of the Fraser: The Confluence (Vancouver)

April 24. Faces of the Fraser is an informal opportunity for the community to learn more about the role played by the mighty Fraser in our daily lives. Presentations are followed by a Q&A session. [Register here.](#)

Nechako Watershed Roundtable: Lakes Monitoring Working Group (Prince George)

April 29. Collectively review the Large Lakes Monitoring Strategy, hear updates from partners on monitoring plan implementation and results, discuss training opportunities and take a deep dive into current data collection and management in the Nechako Watershed. [Register here.](#)

Fraser Valley Conservancy Native Plant Sale (Abbotsford)

Until May 3. Order in advance from the online catalogue. Pick up is in Bradner (West Abbotsford) on May 9. Support nature in the Fraser Valley AND get some beautiful native plants for your garden. [More information.](#)

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

BC Parks Foundation has [multiple positions](#) open for application.

Pacific Salmon Foundation is looking for volunteer [Board Members](#).

Shuswap Nation Tribal Council is looking for a [Fisheries Assistant \(Student\)](#).

Vancouver Foundation has [multiple positions](#) open.

Government of British Columbia is [seeking public feedback](#) on the expedited environmental assessment process.

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

Simpco Resources Group has [multiple positions](#) open for application.

BCIT's Ecological Restoration Program is accepting applications for its [Bachelor of Science](#) and [Master of Science](#) degrees.

Youth Climate Corp has [multiple positions](#) available.

Province of British Columbia is hiring a [Marine Data Analyst](#).

The Nature Trust of BC is hiring a [Science Communications & Social Media Assistant](#) and a [Director of Development and Communications](#).

Coast Funds is hiring a [Financial Project Analyst](#).

EcoTrust Canada is looking for an [Administration Manager](#).

Birds Canada is hiring [multiple positions](#).

The **Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership** is hiring a [Youth and Indigenous Elders Engagement Coordinator](#) to work on projects with the FBC Youth Program.

Ancient Forest Alliance is hiring a [Forest Campaigner](#).

Do you have any news, events or opportunities you'd like to share?

Email them to info@rivershed.com

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 working on First Nation and often unceded territories throughout the Fraser Watershed. We recognize the responsibilities that come with this position and remain committed to learning from and working alongside First Nations and Knowledge Keepers to strengthen the health and resilience of the Fraser watershed.

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