



B.C. Wildlife Federation
Q2 – Quarterly Report Package

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President

Opening Comments

To call the past three months anything less than an initiation by fire would be generous. As the newly elected president of this incredibly active organization and board, the learning curve has been steep, but so has the climb in insight, momentum, and purpose. Most days, I feel as though I've stepped into a whirlwind, trying to drink from a firehose while somehow still managing a smile (most of the time, anyway).

This pace, while intense, has been nothing short of transformational. Every meeting, every decision, every "wait...we do *that* too?" moment has been a chance to grow as a leader. I would be truly lost without the unwavering support of our Executive team.

Despite moments of being stretched, I remain energized by the dedication I've seen from our board of directors and office staff, and by the impact we continue to make. I believe firmly that our board holds not only the potential, but the drive, to move the needle forward for this organization and for all its members.

Quarterly Highlights

- Held recurring strategic sessions with the Executive Committee, aligning on organizational priorities and addressing urgent decisions.
- Participated actively in meetings with the Finance, AGM, Strategic Planning, Governance, and Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation committees.
- Initiated a restructuring of several committees, appointing some new chairpersons: with more updates to come.
- Attended club banquet meetings in Canal Flats and Golden, connecting directly with members and discussing their contributions to conservation.
- Visited the Becoming an Outdoors Woman weekend hosted by the Windermere and District club and BCWF staff; a full slate of enthusiastic participants left truly inspired.
- Took part in a special board session focused on the development of a Diversification, Equity, and Inclusion Policy. The thoughtful dialogue from board members has laid a strong foundation for this long overdue work.
- Maintained continuous engagement with our Executive Director, strengthening a shared line of sight guided by our strategic plan.
- Meet with various government politicians and ministry officials to discuss our concerns about the lack of vision for wildlife and habitat management.

Looking Ahead

- Planning an in-person Q4 board meeting centered around a team-building opportunity to have face-to-face engagement for board discussions.
- Continuing development of our next 3–5 Year Strategic Plan, with focus areas driven by member needs and organizational sustainability.

Closing Reflection

To our board: thank you for your continued leadership, insight, and support. The success of this organization stems from our shared commitment to its mission and members. I'm proud of the foundation we're building together, and even more excited for what lies ahead.

Executive Committee Reports

Darlene Clark, Vice President

- Weekly Exec meetings were held for awhile, bringing the new Exec up on issues/concerns/policies, etc.
- Attended monthly Exec; Financial Committee Meetings and Board meetings
- Attended the CWF AGM in Yellowknife, elected in as a CWF board member
- Attended the Western Association of Fish O& Wildlife Agencies) WAFWA as a representative of the BCWF (BCWF was a sponsor for the Workshop). Had a BCWF table and was able to sit in on the sessions. It was amazing how many people some of the States sent to this workshop and BC only sent one who helped organize the event. Government didn't have money to pay for our biologist's attendance! The States really support wildlife management financially, even supported the BOW program!

Some of the topics:

- o Deer Concurrent session: Harvest Management
- o Elk Concurrent session : Harvest Management
- o Deer Concurrent Session : Advancements in Technology & Methodology
 - Modelling CWD dynamics among three Sympatric cervid species
 - Assessment of solar-powered GPS tags on ungulates
 - Camera bases estimations re abundance for unmarked animals; practical consideration for reducing bias when estimating ungulate abundance; study design and deployment;
- o Technology & Methodology, Connectivity & Migration
 - o The effectiveness of non-lethal population reduction methods
 - o Capture effects on Mule deer site fidelity and activity
 - o Use of leg-mounted monitors to assess the effects of Treponeme-associated Hoof disease on Elk activity
 - o Leveraging ungulate movement data to prioritize habitat conservation on private lands
 - o Mapping elk herds, migration and seasonal ranges in central Oregon

State and Province Status Reports

Field Trip to Hand of Man Museum & Cowichan River Provincial Park

And much more, lots of interesting information shared.

- BCWF Finance and Exec meeting the end of June
- Attended Vancouver Island Region meeting
- Attended July 2 board meeting

Executive Director

- Ridgedale club departs the BCWF.
- Fish, Wildlife & Habitat Coalition gains the support of the Metcalfe Foundation.
- SIM Deer Project is moving into Phase 2.
- Work needs to continue on the BCWF's statement on reconciliation.
- Also need to complete the work on the BCWF's DEI policy statement.
- iMIS has hit its "Go-Live" and we are working on getting information into the system now.
 - o This allows us to improve our internal processes and save time and money.
 - o Changes being made to existing and new member web experience/landing page.
 - o Minor changes being made to app functionality.
- Range Day
 - o Safe and successful event.
- Putting together a press release on future value of non-renewable resource extraction to support fish, wildlife and habitat compensation program.
- Waive of Environmental Assessment for Wind/Solar Projects (Bill 14 and Bill 15).
- Met with Innergex in July.
- Water/Fish Habitat:
 - o Freshwater fisheries committee/Ecojustice on habitat destruction.
 - o DFO has announced gravel mining will be halted.
See <https://globalnews.ca/news/11266236/norish-creek-gravel-mining-halt/>
- UVIC Environmental Law Clinic on aquatic invasives due August.
- Public Land Use Society (<https://publiclanduse.ca/about-us/#who-we-are>):
 - o Met with Executive Director this week.
 - o Supportive of BCWF.
 - o Org is focused on media attention/public backlash.
 - o No intention to enter advocacy/lobbying.
 - o Will work together where able.
- Natural Resources Training Group:
 - o Met with them to discuss training/education synergies and mutually beneficial outcomes for both orgs.
 - o More discussion in the future.
- Public Access and BC Parks:
 - Coverage in Globe and Mail <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-bcfirst-nations-closings-joffre-lakes-park-growing-demand-nature/>
 - o Coverage on CKNW.
 - o Met with BC Parks ADM and flagged issues associated with public access.
 - o Social media was extremely polarized.
 - Result in one First Nations partner cancelling a webinar.
 - Concerns from some of the BCWF team.
- o BCWF needs a policy/position statement on reconciliation that is visible to our team and the public.
- Fishing Forever:
 - Co-chair Mike Stiles, BCWF team met with Rick Hansen on the Fraser to discuss conservation and access.
 - Potential future collaborations on the access front/Wildlife Act.
 - Rick was kind enough to provide us with a quick video.
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/jS3gVE1vpzQ>
- Dam Decommissioning:
 - Engaging Province of BC, City of Kamloops on a number of dams which are no longer needed.
 - Looking to decommission them.
 - Opportunity to assist with Beaver Dam Analogue Technology.
 - Tough project as it will impact existing habitat created by the reservoirs.

Region 1 – Doug Bancroft

This quarter saw the usual large increase in club activities across the island.

Hunting was limited following the spring bear hunt, while salt water while fishing saw normal halibut fishing and an increase in salmon opportunities throughout the period.

A BCWF Region 1 Member Club meeting was held on 29 June at the Nanoose Bay Library Hall. A quorum of club members attended. Key points included the challenge of keeping conservation alive in the clubs. Conversations included wild geese culling, range operations, blue-green algae in Elk Lake, and wild geese culls in the Cowichan Valley.

The Maa-nulth First Nations invited BCWF Region 1 to send representatives to a meeting 16 July at the Toquaht Gathering Place, Macoah Village in Toquaht Nation territory, i.e., Ucluelet. Darlene Clarke (BCWF Vice-President and BCWF Region 1 Director) and Bill Swain (BCWF Region 1 Vice-President) attended. This was a good meeting; very relaxed and informal but informative. Such a meeting had not occurred for several years, and our delegates were very happy to re-engage in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

The annual A BCWF Region 1 Youth Camp was held 14-18 July, with 30 kids attending. The venue was again the Courtenay Fish and Game Protective Association. Club and members were very supportive and a big reason for the camp being such a success. We also had great support from the Region clubs as well, with deep thanks to those that volunteered at the camp.

Valley Fish & Game recently hosted a BCWF Women Outdoors Weekend (WOW), great boost of energy, and Brayden Swain is organizing a BCWF Wetlands weekend later in July.

Finally, many of our BCWF Vancouver Island member clubs (and one non-member club) have had their ranges shut down by the RCMP for not being compliant with the Canadian Firearms Program 2021 Range Design and Construction Guidelines. After completing corrective changes, construction, addition of berms (including in one case adding over 4,000 cubic metres of new berm fill), and other work, several ranges (but not all) have been re-opened by the RCMP.

Yours in conservation,

Douglas Bancroft
President
BCWF Region 1 Vancouver Island

Region 2 – Chris Albrecht

- Region keeping contact with all clubs asking for any suggestion or input.
- Reaching out for donations and funding for Fishing Forever as well as getting the message out of what it is all about and the importance of keeping it going.
- Held our Fishing Forever Event May31 and June1st, between participants and caregivers as well as volunteers, had a total of 449 people attend.
- Working with the Italian Club to hopefully bring all the clubs in the region together to help promote more involvement in gaining government support for issues concerning us all.
- Attended the HCTF dinner at Harrison Hot Springs, was great to get to know what they are all about and what programs they support.

Region 4 East – Kevin Podrasky



East Kootenay Wildlife Association

- **Access:**
 - The Galton Closure remains an issue within the EKWA, the BCWF are supporting EKWA with an FOI application related to the Galton closure, information is still pending.
 - The EK WHAC (RWAC) is developing a policy for access management; the purpose is to provide consistency in how access considerations are evaluated; draft policy out for EKWHAC review w/comments due back July 25
- **Regulations:**
 - EKWA actively engaged in Kootenay Wildlife Harvest Advisory Committee (KWHAC). We have met a few times now since May. The ministry has boiled down the list to a very few, most notable are:
 - A strong push to reduce Elk/Ag conflict again, we are working closely with the Ag community to see how far we can collaborate on mutually acceptable ideas to resolve this issue. We all agree hunting is not the answer.
 - A request from WLRS to remove Goat LEH hunting in November from several M.U.'s within the Purcell, most recently we advised WLRS we could not support this given the lack of rationale for the change.
 - A request from WLRS to subdivide existing Bighorn Sheep LEH zones in 4-02 and to remove one LEH authorization from one zone and place in another. We have advised WLRS that we see no rationale for the change and as such can not support.
 - It is our intention to submit several "requests for action" in 2025 to re-address the Bighorn Sheep LEH, the 6-spike-only elk Bow Only zone in West Kootenays, and a more complete plan to address short/mid and long-term actions related to reducing elk/Ag conflict.
 - KWHAC (T4W): most are growing increasingly disillusioned with T4W not addressing any meaningful actions. The funding has been cut and staff have no capacity to deliver any additional support.
- **CWD:**
 - We remain actively engaged in the CWD program and are working collaboratively with the BCWF (Gerry Paille) and the local and regional working groups.
 - CWD proposals for deer (WT and MD) have been supported through the regulation meetings, planned implementation is this fall
 - CWD proposals for elk are still being discussed, planned implementation of any regulation will be by fall 2026.
- **Communications:**
 - We continue to have had good access to Ken Walburger, Regional Manager Stewardship and his remaining staff, primarily Emily O'Donovan and Emily Chow.
 - We continue to have had good access to Tara Szkorupa, Director Resource Management and her staff, primarily Allan Oestrich and Anna McIndoe.
 - Neither however has any resources to really move much forward.
- **Political:**
 - We have met with MLA Davis and McInnis as well as Conservative Leader John Rustad and Enviro Critic Donegal Wilson.
 - Discussed concerns around the Elk/AG issue; the lack of funding; the lack of staff resources being replaced, the ongoing trend toward LEH, impacts to access resulting from decisions being made in the absence of science or clear rationale and objectives.
 - We will wait to see what advances from these discussions.

Region 5 – Mike Fowler

Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Wildlife Association (BCWF Region 5)

Second Quarter Report -

Michael Fowler - President

April 1 - Participate in BCWF BoD Zoom Training

April 8 - Participate in BCWF BoD Zoom Meeting

April 7-9 - Contacted CCRWA delegates in CRH&TAC to insure participation

April 14 - Held CCRWA monthly meeting

April 22 - Travel to Dawson Creek for BCWF Convention

April 23 - 26 - Participate in BCWF BoD In-Person meeting in Dawson Creek

April 27 - Participate in BCWF Convention

April 27 - Travel home from BCWF Convention

May 1 - Participate in Cariboo Region Hunting and Trapping Advisory Committee

May 7 - Participate in BCWF BoD Zoom Meeting

May 9 - Participated in IPHC MSAB 021 CanDel Prep session

May 11 – 16 - Attended IPHC MSAB 021 in Juneau

May 20 - Held CCRWA monthly meeting

May 22 - Participate in DFO PRISC Meeting

June 4 - Participate in BCWF BoD Zoom Meeting

June 9 - Held CCRWA monthly meeting

June 13 - File CCRWA's response to CRH&TAC 2026 Hunting Regulation proposals

June 23 - Participate in SFAB Reconciliation Committee meeting

Region 6 – Ken Franzen

Northwest Fish & Wildlife Conservation Association Report

Aug 2, 2025

Attended a Skeena Wildlife Harvest Advisory Team meeting on June 25 2025

The good news, what little there was, was the Ministry plans to expand the white tail deer season in region 6.

The bad news is that the Ministry trudges on with ATV elevation restrictions for resident hunters while at the same time exempting guide outfitters and First Nation hunters.

The Ministry is also proposing removing the general open season for moose on Teslin Lake and surrounding areas and replacing it with limited entry hunting to appease the Teslin Tlingit.

Note that the proposed LEH area includes Swan Lake, Hall Lake, Gladys River, Teslin River and numerous lakes west of Teslin Lake that are only accessible by float plane. Also note that the Telsin Tlingit are not citizens of British Columbia. Their economic activity is a benefit to the Yukon and not British Columbia. So why is our government accommodating First Nations who do not reside in our province?

I also attended the Annual General Assembly of the Tahltan Nation in early July. They were not particularly supportive of the government's proposal to fast-track mining permitting with many members not supporting mining in their traditional territory sighting concerns about environmental damage and contamination of ground water.

Chinook stocks in the Stikine River are so depressed that not even F.S.C. fishing for them is allowed.

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Franzen

Region 7A – Steve Hamilton

All 7A-region clubs/ reps have been engaged this quarter.

The SCWA/Vanderhoof fish release events saw excellent community participation and strong partnerships with local First Nations. These events, which I originally helped initiate, drew over 1,000 attendees in total, demonstrating continued public interest and support in the club's success and initiatives.

All three clubs continue to operate independently, sourcing their own funding and setting their own strategic directions. Their capacity and autonomy and their desire remain so is strong. Each club is happy with their operating model which has successfully supported their advocacy efforts over many years. Meetings were held with all three newly elected MLAs and current MPs to ensure alignment on key regional issues and to maintain current relationships.

A Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) information session has been scheduled for the end of August at SCWA. I have coordinated this event to support education and awareness for the hunting community.

Region 7B – Gerry Paille

Northeast Stakeholders Roundtable

The Northeast Stakeholders Roundtable met virtually on June 3, 2025. It was a full agenda including an update on Treaty Land Entitlement, drought, fish and wildlife update, caribou recovery, 30x30, and wildfire risk reductions. The agenda, meeting minutes and presentations can be found [online](#).

Wildlife Update

Region 7B has recently welcomed two government wildlife biologists with extensive wildlife experience from other regions and a new regional manager of resource stewardship. They have been brought in to work alongside of existing staff, First Nations and stakeholders with a focus on inventory work, updating management practices and working through hunting regulation proposals for the 2026-2028 hunting and trapping regulation cycle. The BCWF has a long-standing and productive working relationship with these new to 7B staff members.

The species of concern for the BCWF and First Nations continue to be moose and caribou. Moose and caribou inventories are being updated, and results are very positive for moose. Inventory data is also encouraging for caribou, both in the caribou recovery areas and for the northern mountain caribou herds. Recent survey data shows that most moose and caribou populations are stable or increasing, but updated survey data is still needed for some wildlife management units. Some caribou herds still have extremely low numbers, but recovery actions such as maternal penning, wolf removal, and habitat restoration are making a difference.

A plains bison (Pink Mountain) inventory was done in 2024 giving an estimate of 144 bison in total, which was considered by many as being inaccurate and low. The survey was repeated in 2025 giving a new total of 214. Bull/cow and calf/cow ratios look reasonable, but the total number is a fraction of what the herd size once was and has resulted in curtailing licensed hunting by reducing LEH authorizations and outfitter quotas. Radio collars were placed on 19 bison in 2025 to further investigate the status of the herd and to get some insight into the cause of the population decrease. A plains bison management plan is forthcoming. The BCWF will be providing input including a position on how many bison we would like to see on the landscape, which will have to consider hunting opportunities vs the impact of bison on other species such as moose, elk and mountain sheep.

A [7B wildlife status report](#), including information about moose, caribou, Stone's sheep, bison and mountain goats was presented at the BCWF Convention in Dawson Creek in April 2025 and at the Northeast Stakeholders Roundtable in June 2025.

Hunting Regulation Proposals 2026-2028 Cycle

Discussions about proposals for possible changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the 2026-2028 hunting and trapping synopsis are well underway. Stakeholders were asked to make proposal submissions including a rationale for each proposal. The BCWF made several proposals including changes to the moose and caribou regulations and the elk season in the agriculture zone around Fort Nelson.

Based on recent inventory data, the Limited Entry (LEH) restrictions on moose in the more accessible parts of the region and the closure of caribou hunting for the northern herds are unwarranted and the current licensed harvest cap of approximately 600 moose could easily be many times that without any conservation concern. The BCWF has proposed that an antler restricted general open season be the norm for bull moose for most of the region and that the BCWF is willing to work with government and First Nations on alternatives such as time and area based LEH seasons where First Nation communities are most affected by licensed hunting. Data also indicates that LEH moose seasons could be for any bull as opposed to the spike, fork tri-palm regulation. The BCWF has also proposed antler restricted LEH hunts for bulls in the northern herds of mountain caribou such as the Muskwa and Rabbit herds.

The next steps are consultation with First Nations and finalizing proposals over the summer, submission of proposals for approval in Victoria in the fall, and public engagement in early winter 2025.

Skooks Landing

The preparation work for the parking area for river boaters at Skooks Landing on the Liard River has mostly been completed. Many thanks to the Northeast BC Wildlife Fund for spearheading this work, the Kaska Dena for their support, and to the many volunteers and donors (including the North Peace Rod and Gun Club) that made this project a success.

Land Use Plans (LUP) and Protected Areas

Early in June 2025, the [BC government announced](#) it was entering into partnerships with several First Nations including Kaska Dena by kicking off land-use planning in northern B.C., engaging with industry, community and other partners to implement land-use plans that will provide greater certainty for investors, First Nations and communities. The planning process has an aggressive timeline of one year with a goal of providing clarity for “what” can occur “where” on land and water and getting approval of mining activity offset by creating protected areas. The BCWF will develop a statement including core values and interests.

The Kaska-BC Land Use Planning Project covers 44,000 km², mostly in Region 7B, and encompasses much of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area and exists alongside of many existing B.C. parks and protected areas. Concerns include public access for hunting, fishing and recreational activities, the use of evidence-based wildlife management decisions, compensation to do mitigation and recovery work, and protected area management responsibilities. The BCWF has encouraged its Region 7B member clubs to fill in the [Kaska-BC Land Use Planning engagement survey](#) by July 25th. The BCWF intends to have representation during the planning phase if that opportunity is afforded.

Further information is found at:

<https://kaskadenacouncil.com/kaska-dena-propose-indigenous-protected-area/>

<https://denakayeh.com>

Land Transfers in Northern British Columbia — Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE)

The process of transferring lands to Region 7B First Nations related to Treaty Land Entitlement and Site C compensation is ongoing with some transfers happening soon and with some new parcels proposed by the West Moberly First Nations (WMFN) out for public comment. Some of the new parcels from WMFN are controversial including two on Williston Lake and several on the Pine River. The BCWF has been in contact with government about some of the controversial parcels. Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to government and there will be open houses involved to discuss the selections in the fall of 2025.

More information about land transfers and maps of land selection, proposed and otherwise, are found at:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/engagement/land-transfers-in-northeast-bc/>

The June 2025, TLE update is found at: <https://nestakeholderroundtable.ca/app/uploads/sites/573/2025/06/June-3-TLE.pdf>

Region 7B Club Activities

Shooting sports are alive and well in the northeast with several clubs participating in Outlaw Rimfire Precision Series (ORPS) and clay shooting. Ranges have been open for public events promoting firearms ownership and shooting sports. Hudson's Hope once again held a very successful National Range Day event in June, and the North Peace club had a sparsely attended range day event as well. Chetwynd held their annual Father's Day sporting clays shoot which was very successful with 45 shooters attending and the North Peace Club hosted a well-attended Pacific International Trapshooting Association and Oilmen's Trap shoot.

The North Peace club also has a very active trap league every Monday night throughout the summer and monthly ORPS events.

Government biologists Mike Bridger and Rayelle Hartley presented a very informative sheep horn aging and field judging seminar hosted by the North Peace club in collaboration with the Wild Sheep Society of BC (WSSBC). Mike Bridger has subsequently repeated his presentation in a WSSBC webinar, and the society has also released an online course. Both can be [accessed through their website](#).

Access Committee – David Oliver, Chair

Incomappleux FSR Proposed Deactivation and road closure

Have had talks with MLA: Scott McInnis on the Incomappleux FSR Proposed Deactivation and road closure.

The last time that I spoke to Scott was On Thursday June 12, 2025 and he told me then that the Ministry of Forests is still going ahead with the deactivation, because the last time that work was done on the road, there was an employee killed where the rock wall is.

Before the road is deactivated, we are asking that the Ministry of Mining have the old mine sites cleaned up and that all the old equipment be removed. Will be having a meeting with ATVBC, BC Off-Road Motorcycle Association (BCORMA) and the Four-Wheel Drive Association of BC on how we can work together on this issue.

Recreational Access to BC Rivers and Streams

Received a copy of a letter that was sent to MLA Hon. Randene Neill and to MLA Josie Osborne from Harvey Pearson.

“Subject: Recreational Access to BC Rivers and Streams

MLA: Hon. Randene Neill

I have been in contact with the honorable Josie Osborne in regard to facilitating recreational access to lakes and streams in British Columbia. In particular, I am concerned with unauthorized camping at primitive boat ramps.

I provided Ms. Osborne's office with several examples of such occurrences and have not heard back as yet. It occurs to me that this issue may fall within your ministry as a province-wide concern. To this end, I have copied into this letter several potentially affected associations for their input.

With the burgeoning pressure for tourism hitting new levels, many campers are seeking spots along rivers and lakes that have traditionally been used for launching boats, such as car-tops, canoes, and kayaks, for the purpose of sightseeing, fishing, and so on. Many user groups are affected.

For example, tent sites in Tofino are currently ranging in price from \$45 to \$115 per night and some people are unwilling to pay that. Additionally, there is a shortage of available campsites in the area. Quite often, campers are simply finding places near the highway, such as along the Kennedy River, to set up camp. Apart from health concerns, this effectively blocks access to fishers and boaters.

Typically, such riverside campers claim ignorance of the fact that the location is used as a boat ramp. Furthermore, such campers state that signage would have made all the difference.

As I said to Ms. Osborne's office, a relatively low-cost solution to the problem is to identify and designate such sites as primitive boat launches and erect signage stating the same. For example, a simple sign stating 'Boat Ramp, No Camping' might well solve the problem.

In many cases, getting to these boat ramps involves many miles of driving from nearby cities. It is frustrating for fishers or canoeists to find their access to the water blocked by campers. It invites confrontation. No doubt, such boaters are going to seek access to the water through someone's campsite. Not a good situation.

And as I mentioned, there are frequent examples of defecation at these boat ramp campsites which obviously lack toilet facilities. And such waste is affecting a freshwater source.

I realize that I am just one voice crying out in the wilderness, but hopefully other interested parties might comment. No doubt, I am not the only person inconvenienced by such campers.

I should add that in most of these areas, there are plenty of spots along logging roads for which campers could spend a night if they chose. But there are very few waterfront sites and those are the ones in demand of course.

I hope that you can help with this situation,

Yours truly,

Harvey Pearson”

Outdoor Recreation Council of BC

- Have been attending ORCBC Roundtable talks and Webinars.
- Attended ORCBC AGM on June 4, 2025
- A member of the ORCBC reconciliation committee

David Oliver
BCWF Access Chair
BCWF Designated Representative to the ORCBC

Awards Committee – Jodi McKay, Chair

An issue came up with an award from the 2025 AGM, a trophy was awarded in error. The first part has been taken care of and working on the second part. A SOP for Awards is currently being worked on.

Region 8 has been working on the CWD information day being held in Lake Country at the Oceola Fish and Game Club for July 26. We will have presentations from Kristyn Falck - CWD Coordinator for the Region 8, as well as a presentation from Grant Heibert and Gerry Paille. There will be head sampling and a deboning demo. There will be Conservation officers available for a Q&A, as well as MLAs.

CORE Committee – Darlene Clark, Chair

After two years of hard work, the Committee has completed the review/amendments of both the CORE manual and both CORE exams. Government has approved all of the suggested amendments, and the final package has all been submitted to the government for final approval. The manual should be ready for printing this fall when the manuals need to be restocked. The exams have had a few more questions added to the Laws and Regulations chapter to try to offset the most frequent infractions found in the field by the Conservation Officers Service (COS). The written exams will be out of 90 instead of the previous 80 and the practical stays the same.

The Committee is working with staff on the Code of Conduct; CORE Examiner's Agreement as well as helping staff determine criteria for the course for CORE examiner applicants.

The Committee looks forward to working with the recently hired CORE Coordinator, Adam Featherstone.

Finance Committee

Another successful quarter has passed! For those who did not attend our AGM in Dawson Creek, our auditors, KPMG, were very pleased with our Finance Department's preparation and efforts in providing quality financial statements and information for year-end 2024. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Director of Finance, Marni Bergen, and her team for the great work. The Finance department engages well with our Finance Committee, which is foundational to the Federation's financial success.

As I previously mentioned, the most notable event that occurred in Q2 was our AGM in Dawson Creek. It was great to meet members from across the province in the name of fish and wildlife.

Since the AGM, the members of the Finance Committee were ratified with the Board for year 2025-2026. We had two successful meetings in June to catch up on items since the AGM.

We are currently in our busiest season with regards to projects, so we will have more grants and expenses show in the subsequent months. The summer is where many of our seasonal staff and students join us for conservation projects.

Firearms

Q2 which was dominated by the federal election campaign so the Firearms Committee was not involved.

The Historical Arms Collectors Show (HACS) show in June was cancelled so I could not represent BCWF at HACS during Q2.

Acting as professor emeritus Gary:

Reviewed a forthcoming book: *Targeted, Citizenship and advocacy in the Canadian gun debate*, by Professor Noah Schwartz (U Toronto Press). I heartily recommend it. *Targeted* is an easy to read, well researched, sympathetic analysis of Canadian hunters and target shooters. Schwarz intends the book for the general public, hoping it help educate them about responsible firearms ownership.

The third installment of my essay, "How Canadians lost the right to bear arms, the continuing tension between elite and popular beliefs," was published by the *Dorchester Review*, #31, Vol 15[1], Spring 2025.

My research on gun control was cited in an article, "A critical response to 'How firearm legislation impacts firearm mortality,' A focused look at Canadian and Australian evidence." By Professor Caillin Langmann, PhD, MD, published in *Health Policy OPEN* 8 (2025) 100137.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2590229625000024?via%3Dihub>

I was cited in a CBC "news" article on firearms issues.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/harper-trump-border-drugs-guns-1.7432991>

Canadian Access to Firearms

April issue, "How to decode StatsCan Reports" [published in March]

<https://justiceforgunowners.ca/how-to-decode-statscan-reports/>

May issue, "Carney is no more than lipstick on a pig." [published in April]

<https://justiceforgunowners.ca/dont-be-fooled-2/>

June issue, "Never give up. Never. Never. Never. Never give up." [published in May]

<https://justiceforgunowners.ca/thanks-to-your-support-bcwf-paa-stood-up-for-you/>

July issue, "Emergency rooms treat a gunshot wound every half-hour" [published in June]

<https://justiceforgunowners.ca/emergency-rooms-treat-a-gunshot-wound-every-half-hour/>

Fishing Forever Committee – David Oliver, Chair

List of clubs that hosted events in 2025.

- Accessible Okanagan, Osoyoos, June 7 – 8, 2025
- Biff's Pond, Williams Lake, June 9, 2025
- Bulkley Valley Rod & Gun Club, Smithers, June 11, 2025
- Campbell River & District Fish & Wildlife Association, May 20 – 23, & May 26 – 30, 2025
- Courtenay & District Fish & Game Protective Association, June 2 to 6, June 9 to 13, 2025
- Lake Windermere Rod & Gun Club, Invermere, February 1, 2025
- Lower Mainland Region BCWF, Abbotsford, May 31, & June 1, 2025
- Lumby & District Wildlife Association, May 10, 2025
- Nanaimo & Dist. Fish & Game Protective Assoc., June 1, 2025
- Nelson District Rod & Gun Club, June 14 – 15, 2025
- Polar Coachman Flyfishers Association, Prince George, June 7, 2025
- Vanderhoof Fish & Game Club & Endako Rod & Gun Club, June 22, 2025.
- Wardner, Hosted by: BCWF Fishing Forever Program, June 21, 2025

List of clubs hosting events in 2025.

- Parksville-Qualicum Fish & Game Association, September 2025?

List of clubs that have not scheduled an event.

- Vernon Fish & Game Club.

David Oliver

Fishing Forever Committee Chairperson

Fisheries Committees – Inland Fisheries

Dr. Marvin L Rosenau

I have provided, below, my quarterly report on my efforts and initiatives for the B.C. Wildlife Federation related to freshwater angling and fisheries ecosystems. While the province is large, and the interests of the BCWF are many, I have become integrated in the role of Inland Freshwater Fisheries Committee Chair on some of the key issues since March, 2025. It has been an enjoyable period in my career and, below, I outline much of what I have been doing over this period.

APPOINTMENT

On March 11, 2025 I received a letter of direction from Acting President Pat Wittingham offering me the position of Inland Freshwater Fisheries Committee Chair, which I accepted. This has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to meet with a group of great people from various parts of the province and to help resolve regional fisheries issues throughout the BCWF family.

AGM AT DAWSON CREEK

One of the first tasks that I was assigned to was attending the BCWF Annual General Meeting in Dawson Creek April 22 to 27. At the AGM I was able to meet many people, all interested in natural resources conservation and use, including their outdoor activities involving hunting and fishing and those of their family and friends.

I provided two presentations at the AGM to all members of the convention. The first was an introduction to my background and general issues relating to angling in British Columbia, and how it relates to the needs of BCWF members.

The second presentation, that continued on for two sessions, was a breakout group walking people through many of the ground-level freshwater fisheries issues throughout the province. I tried to make it interactive and asked questions and had dialogue after each topic had been given. There was lots of good back-and-forth discussion, and the topics were “meaty” in respect to things that are of interest to folks throughout B.C.

Much of the conversation concerned the role that the Freshwater Fisheries Society BC (FFSBC) plays in the provincial angling scene and some of the projects it undertakes to give us a variety of good opportunities for us and our families and friends to catch fish. The view of the FFSBC was generally positive in nature. Other aspects of fisheries management such as regulations, invasive species, the economics of B.C. fisheries, in addition to other issues, were also discussed. There was good dialogue between the speaker and attendees of the fisheries breakout session.

PROVINCE-WIDE FRESHWATER COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING BETWEEN THE PROVINCE CHAIR AND LOCAL REGIONAL REPS

I chaired a Zoom meeting on May 13 to engage with many of the regional BCWF representatives. Topics ranged from the general (i.e., FFSBC stocking programs, invasives, First Nations issues, regulations, population growth, development in the Fraser River delta, and boating regulations) to the specific, including local problems with openings, KFRAT, bull char inventory in East Kootenays, and local fishing-dock development delays.

There was general agreement about positive developments, such as the work that FFSBC is doing stocking lakes and streams and working on different genetic strains of fish for releases. Some of the negative things we deal with include an increasing number of invasive species that are affecting our inland waters.

The next meeting is slated for the fall, after the hunting and fishing seasons are completed.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

SFAB (Sports Fish Advisory Board) PINK, CHUM AND SOCKEYE WORKING GROUP

As part of my role as the Inland Freshwater Fisheries Chair, I was assigned the job of representing the BCWF on the Sports Fish Advisory Board Pink, Chum and Sockeye Working Group. This entity helps negotiate opportunities for anglers to access salmon where there are harvestable surpluses available. A primary aspect of this role has been meeting with stakeholders within the SFAB, and in full meetings with DFO, to discuss the opportunities in the Fraser River watershed for pinks and sockeye in 2025. It now looks like a pink fishery is going to go ahead, and sockeye and Chinook fisheries may follow, for the lower Fraser River and other areas of the drainage. Following my admission to the SFAB Pink, Chum and Sockeye working group, I have now also been assigned to the main table of the Board.

Lower Fraser Collaborative Table

Following a 2009 incident involving anglers and net fishermen on the Fraser River in which a First Nations fisherman was shot with a pellet gun, a group known as Peacemakers was formed to facilitate relations between Indigenous harvesters and rod-and-reel anglers. The group was comprised of agencies, First Nations, angler groups, and other interested parties. Subsequent to the winding-down of Peacemakers, a similar group comprising many of the former individuals and interests of Peacemakers was formed and known as the Lower Fraser Collaborative Table. This latter group was, again, focused on fostering relationships between First Nations and other fishers when salmon are available as a harvestable surplus. I have been assisting BCWF Indigenous Relations Committee Chair Rob Chipman communicating with the First Nations members about potential opportunities on the lower Fraser River in 2025. Some of the conversations have been useful in extending the dialogue about resource sharing and collaborative understanding of each other's needs and expectations.

PAAT (Provincial Angling Advisory Team)

As part of my role as the Freshwater Chair, I met with the various members of the PAAT on July 9. This included a large body of individuals from the agencies, and stewardship groups interested in freshwater angling in British Columbia. Topics of interest discussed included:

- Rescinding of the fall trout closure on the lower Fraser River.
- The Gitksan attempted closures to angling in their traditional territory.
- The review of the Quality Waters initiative to figure out if the money is being spent appropriately.
- Questions from the guiding community in respect to how White Sturgeon in the lower Fraser River are being managed.
- An overview of the switch to the WILD angling licensing system.
- An overview by the province of the boat inspections stations for invasive aquatic species.
- A presentation by Rob Bison on Interior Fraser Steelhead with an associated extensive discussion regarding steelhead in the province.
- A presentation on angling guide reporting.
- A discussion on IPCAs (Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas are lands and waters where Indigenous governments have the primary role in protecting and conserving ecosystems through Indigenous laws, governance and knowledge systems. Culture and language are a major part of an IPCA. IPCAs vary in terms of their governance and management objectives).

National Recreational Boating Advisory Council

The National Recreational Boating Advisory Council (NRBAC) gives advice to Transport Canada on recreational boating safety matters. It is co-chaired by the National Marine Manufacturers Association Canada (NMMA) and focuses on ensuring safe and responsible boating practices in Canada. NRBAC also collaborates with regional recreational boating advisory councils (RBAC) across the country. On May 29 I attended a multi-stakeholder and agency meeting to discuss various initiatives that promote safety on the water in BC and Canada. This included presentations from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (e.g., Port Safe Program), Marine Education and Research Society (MERS) (discussing whales and boat safety), Boating BC Association/Monologix (covering issues associated with rental boats and safety), and an interesting presentation from Quebec by Transport Canada on illegal passenger vessel operations. BCWF provided comments, mostly relating to angling and boats, and safety.

NORRISH CREEK CPKC EXCESSIVE GRAVEL REMOVAL FOR BRIDGE FLOOD PROTECTION AND HABITAT DAMAGE TO COHO AND CHUM GROUNDWATER STREAMS

On May 6, 2021 the Department of Fisheries and Oceans provided CPKC a letter of advice in regards to the removal of gravel at the Norrish Creek rail and nearby Hawkins Pickle Road bridges. The stream had accumulated a significant amount of sediment both upstream and downstream of the bridge and this was compromising the flow capacity of the structure. Routine sediment removal at the location is the standard way of maintaining discharge capacity at the bridge. I had been involved in referrals at a MELP employee in the late 1990's and was familiar with the procedure and authorizations. Unfortunately, the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Section of DFO, the issuers of the LOA, allowed for far more sediment than was required for maintenance, or 100,000 cubic meters of gravel over the period of the project. Following was an additional verbal agreement by DFO to the proponent to continue to take a further 100,000 cubic meters per annum. This turned out to be massively excessive and damaging to the aquatic ecosystem.

I assisted a small, highly professional group of mostly retired biologists addressing this damage. We worked with Ecojustice lawyers, the media, and other stewardship groups to make the issue public and try to address the damage accrued. BCWF was front-and-center in helping on this issue. These efforts are still ongoing. Much of the damage involved the dewatering of the large aquifer that fed many of the small groundwater-fed salmon streams rely on in the Norrish alluvial fan. The amount of material taken by the proponent was so massive, and deep into the channel bottom, relative to the stream size, that the groundwater "reservoir" appears to have been dewatered due to this activity.

One other such effort involves the BCWF Director of Conservation Stewardship Neil Fletcher engaging a volunteer member (one of my former BCIT students) in mapping the dewatering of some sensitive groundwater fed waterfowl and salmon spawning and rearing wetlands within the Norrish Creek/Nicommen Slough confluence.

LOWER FRASER RIVER PINK FISHERY WEBINAR

On July 30, the BCWF hosted a public webinar explaining the opportunities for a pink salmon public rod-and-reel fishery in the Fraser River watershed. This followed from the DFO prediction that close to 30 million pink salmon are going to return to the Fraser River in 2025. I gave the webinar presentation based on an extensive analysis of DFO angler creel and escapement/return data. More than 100 people signed up for the webinar and there were a number of good post-presentation questions.

The basic thesis of the presentation is that with the large number of pink salmon now about to return, the harvestable surplus is more than sufficient to allow a sport fishery in the lower Fraser River, and with very little bycatch of other species (in a pink-only directed fishery). For a pink-only fishery, and based on two recent years (2021, 2023) when a harvest was allowed, the take-home and effort values were about 20,000 pieces and 18,000 angler days with ancillary estimated expenditures of around \$3 million.

INNERGEX AND WIND POWER DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS AT PENNASK LAKE

On July 17, BCWF Executive Director Jesse Zeman and I attended a meeting with the Innergex staff and their consultants about the potential impacts associated with a wind farm to generate electricity in the Pennask Lake drainage. We are concerned about the possibility of acid rock drainage related to blasting the bedrock in the area. The famous Pennask Lake is the historical source for the broodstock of British Columbia's fish culture hatchery program and is adjacent to these works. The adjacent Coquihalla Highway thoroughway had a problem with their bedrock blasting and now runs a run-off treatment plant to address acid water production.

FRASER WATERSHED 30X30 CHALLENGE, A 6-YEAR CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT 30% OF THE FRASER BY 2030

Long a champion of B.C. salmon, former MLA Fin Donnelly was Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries and Aquaculture and as an MP he served as Fisheries Critic. On August 6, a group of mostly-retired fisheries individuals with extraordinary experience in fisheries habitat management, restoration and protection, including myself representing the BCWF, met with Fin to talk about his initiative to protect 30% of the Fraser River watersheds for salmon by 2030. This initiative falls under the aegis of the groups Rivershed Society of BC and Swim Drink Fish. This effort intends on developing collaborative cooperation with First Nations, local communities, agencies and interested parties in meeting protection goals for Fraser River watershed salmon habitats.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES OF BCWF INTEREST

Over the last several months Randy Shore has helped me write a couple of articles for BC Outdoors on issues that are relevant to the BCWF. The first was on Norrish Creek and the devastating impact by CPKC on the salmon habitat in the stream via excessive gravel extraction, in part for flood protection. We continue to work on this issue with the agencies.

The second article discusses the angler-crowding issue on the Chilliwack-Vedder-Sumas rivers which has become endemic to this watershed over the last decade. Some of this rapid increase in angler effort on this drainage is likely due to the loss of opportunities on the Fraser River since 2016 and anglers have simply switched from one area to another. This article is slated to be published in the fall of 2025.

PRESENTATION TO HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION ON MY HISTORY WITH WHITE STURGEON

From 1991, and onwards, with the British Columbia Ministry of Environment (and various iterations of the BC Fisheries Program), I have worked on White Sturgeon in various capacities. This included supervising HCTF-funded projects in the lower mainland, sitting as a Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society director, facilitating habitat protection of this species, and other tasks. Following my work with the province, I was an expert witness for two First Nations communities vs ALCAN/Rio Tinto on the Nechako River in a legal suit to restore some of the water into that stream for fish restoration. Further, as part of my role as an instructor, White Sturgeon biology, assessment, and tagging training was included in my curriculum as a BCIT Fish, Wildlife and Recreation staff member. These various aspects of my career were presented to the HCTF board. This presentation to HCTF was undertaken “wearing my BCWF hat”.

BC Outdoors Show

As part of my interests with the BCWF I helped man the BCWF booth at the BC Outdoors show the weekend of Friday, 21st March. This provided me an opportunity to meet members of the public and converse with them on issues relating to fish and angling in the province of British Columbia.

Fisheries Committee – Tidal Water

Tyee Test Fishery cumulative index as of July 28 2025 are as follows:

Sockeye 739.93 vs 10 yr Aug of 686.41

This is a good number and should result in robust angling opportunities for sockeye.

Large Chinook 111.32 vs 10 yr Aug of 84.36

This is a very encouraging number and could result in some relaxation of regulations in 2026 depending on politics.

Steelhead 16.12 vs 10 yr Aug of 35.78

This is not a particularly encouraging number but there is still time for a push of fish to come in.

Low Fraser summer 5-2 Chinook returns continue to cause problems for all fisheries from Prince George to Haida Gwaii. We have reached out to the Regional Manager of Hatchery Reform and Modernization for an update on the new hatchery being constructed on the Upper Fraser.

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Franzen

Governance Committee

Governance activities for this cycle began in April with the **circulation of the Past Presidents Advisory Council (PPAC) report** on 2024 issues and preparations for the Dawson Creek AGM.

I was appointed Chair of the Governance Committee in May. The committee's formation followed immediately, with members confirmed as: Nicole Currie, Grant Hiebert, Jim Dewar, Darrel Holland, Doug Bancroft, and Glenn Flynn (ex officio). Harvey Andrusak and Bill Bosch are sharing the Past President seat—Bill will step in upon Harvey's return from travel.

Our 2025 priorities include:

- **Responding to the PPAC recommendations**
- **Advancing bylaw updates and clarifications**
- **Developing bylaw-aligned training for clubs**
- **Considering future disciplinary procedures** (noting that complaints, investigation and adjudication is not within the GC mandate - the GC's role is only in developing policy on governance issues for Board approval).

The committee's **Terms of Reference** were adopted May 14, 2024, amended on January 15, 2025 (to remove the Executive Director from the GC in accordance with the bylaws), and re-circulated in June.

We have reviewed and provided feedback on **Board mandate letters** and are in possession of the most current bylaws (May 14, 2025 version) and the PPAC recommendations.

The Governance Committee met on **June 30** and had a productive meeting. We plan to reconvene shortly and are presently considering a policy regarding **when and how the Board may revisit decisions**.

Governance Committee Members:

- Rob Chipman (Chair)
- Grant Hiebert
- Nicole Currie
- Doug Bancroft
- Jim Dewar
- Darrel Holland
- Harvey Andrusak / Bill Bosch (Past Presidents)
- Glenn Flynn (ex officio)

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Committee

The IRRC is currently focused on two main tasks:

1. **Updating BCWF's Indigenous relations policies** as requested by the Executive Committee (as part of a broader policy review).
2. Drafting a **Truth and Reconciliation Policy**, informed by consultant input but developed in-house to reflect BCWF's own priorities and realities.

Two distinct and contrasting trends are emerging in Indigenous relations:

- **Positive collaboration is increasing**, with BCWF working constructively with several First Nations. For example, Marvin Rosenau (Inland Fisheries Chair) and I continue efforts to secure **Sto:lo support for a Lower Fraser non-Indigenous fishery** this summer and fall. Feedback so far is encouraging, and this effort may soon serve as a key test of the strength of our relationships.
- At the same time, **three recent First Nations-driven access closures** across B.C. are generating public controversy. These coincide with increased political friction surrounding DRIPA/UNDRIP, particularly among provincial Conservatives and ex-Conservative independents.

I attended a **joint First Nations–BC Wildlife Forum/PHTAT meeting**, which provided valuable insight into the **Wildlife Act review** process.

The IRRC continues to affirm that **BCWF's primary goals—conservation of fish, wildlife, and habitat, and ensuring access to them—must guide all reconciliation work**. This strategic alignment, while not yet formalized in Board policy, is foundational to how we approach all engagements with Indigenous communities.

The IRRC also sees opportunity to **partner in educational initiatives** that would provide resources or instruction to First Nations communities, further supporting relationship-building.

A **Zoom meeting for the IRRC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23** to advance ongoing work.

Updated IRRC Membership:

- Rob Chipman (Chair)
- Bill Swain (Director)
- Chad Parent (Golden Rod and Gun)
- Darrel Holland
- Howie Grant (WKO)
- Glenn Flynn (President)

Additional Meetings and Advocacy

- I attended a second meeting with the **Italian Canadian Rod & Gun Club**, organized by Jesse Zeman and joined by Chris Albrecht, Alyssa Masigan, and Neil Fletcher. There is momentum behind organizing a **Region 2 Presidents Summit** to coordinate advocacy on **CWD response and provincial wildlife action**.
- I met with **Liberal MP Terry Beech (North Burnaby–Seymour)**. We discussed firearm policy and watershed security. On firearms, I urged a re-evaluation of his party's approach to lawful gun owners. MP Beech acknowledged the divide within his party and committed to future engagement. On the **Watershed Security Fund**, I requested a **\$1 billion federal contribution**—he found the request bold but understood the issue. He also committed to attending future Zoom forums and, given advance notice, possibly in-person events.
- The **Lower Fraser Collaborative Table Working Group** met on **June 11**, with Dr. Marvin Rosenau attending to begin discussions on **summer and fall fishing access**. These discussions continue.

Special thanks to Janelle for her work organizing meetings and catching critical details. I also extend appreciation to all colleagues across committees—your collaboration makes this work possible.

Recreational Sport Shooting Committee – Doug Bancroft, Chair

This quarter saw the usual large increase in shooting sport activities at member club ranges in numerous disciplines.

Meanwhile, the quarter was very quiet for the RSSC, as fewer clubs were reaching out with concerns, challenges, or requests for information and support.

That said, many of our BCWF Vancouver Island member clubs (and non-member clubs) have had their ranges shut down by the RCMP in the last year for not being compliant with the Canadian Firearms Program 2021 Range Design and Construction Guidelines.

After completing corrective changes, construction, addition of berms (including in one case adding over 4,000 cubic metres of new berm fill), and other work, several ranges (but not all) have been re-opened by the RCMP.

Yours respectfully,

Doug

Douglas Bancroft
Chair
BCWF Recreational Shooting Sports Committee

Strategic Planning Committee

Following the AGM, Director Dan Law joined the Strategic Planning Committee and has since assumed the role of Chair. This is therefore my final report on the Strategic Planning Committee and primarily serves as a review of work already completed.

A series of email communications and a Zoom meeting on May 27 advanced the development of the **draft 2026 Annual Strategic Plan**. The **SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats)** analysis was finalized. This year's draft will **not include a State Analysis**, which will instead be initiated in June during early work on the **2027 Strategic Plan**.

Terms of Reference for the SPC have been forwarded by the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors for approval.

The **strategic planning timeline** relies on effective coordination between three groups: the SPC, the Finance Committee, and the Executive Director.

- The **SPC** prepares the Annual Strategic Plan for Board approval by **late May / early June** of the year prior to implementation.
- The **Executive Director** then develops an **Operational Plan** based on the ASP.
- The **Finance Committee** uses the Operational Plan to build a corresponding budget in **September / October**.

We've achieved a notable success by integrating members of both the Finance Committee (thank you, Alli!) and the Executive Director (thanks, Jesse) into the planning process from the outset, making these handoffs more coordinated and effective. The next step is securing **Board approval of the 2026 ASP**.

Updated SPC Membership:

- Dan Law (Chair)
- Rob Chipman (Past Chair)
- Alli Deelstra (Treasurer)
- Nicole Currie (Director)
- Kevin Podrasky (Director)
- Jesse Zeman (Executive Director)

Wildlife and Allocation Committee

Hunting Regulations

Submissions and discussions about regulation proposals for the 2026-2028 regulation cycle are ongoing in all regions of the province. Proposals from government, First Nations, and stakeholders were due in early spring 2025, followed by discussions about the proposals and then consultation with affected First Nations. Proposals from regions are then sent to Victoria for review and public engagement should occur on the government's website in December 2025/January 2026.

There may also be some proposals that are provincial in scope, which will come to the Provincial Hunting and Trapping Advisory Team (PHTAT) for discussion. The BCWF has two representatives on PHTAT.

The following is a graphic representation of the hunting and trapping regulatory cycle:

As BCWF members, you should provide your comments on proposals when the opportunity is available in late 2025. Make sure to provide feedback on proposals you don't like and proposals you support — government often doesn't hear enough from hunters on proposals that have positive impacts on wildlife and hunters

Limited Entry Hunting (LEH)

The release of the LEH synopsis in mid-May 2025 with an application deadline of June 12 was again much later than it should be, but government was efficient in processing the application releasing the draw results on June 23, 2025.

The BCWF request to government for allocation usage data for all allocated hunts in the province has still not been answered after multiple requests. This data is important to verify the BCWF's assertion that there is broad underutilization of the annual allowable harvest for most species on LEH and that wildlife managers are not responding to fix the issue as per government policies and procedures. The data may also provide evidence that some LEH seasons should be converted back to general open season as there is no conservation concern.

Together for Wildlife (T4W)

The three advisory groups for Together for Wildlife (Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council or MWAC, First Nations-BC Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Forum and the Provincial Hunting and Trapping Advisory Team or PHTAT) met virtually in June to get updates on the activities of the three advisory groups and to discuss *Wildlife Act* update status, professional reliance and best management practices in forestry, and what co-governance might look like.

All groups remain disappointed that there has been no movement on increasing funding for wildlife and habitat management and no approval for doubling of HCTF surcharges and dedicating hunting and trapping license fees to wildlife management. The latter two recommendations are widely supported, but government still has not found a way to make them happen. All three advisory groups also continue to emphasize that T4W funding needs to focus on on-the-ground actions that make a difference.

Regional Wildlife Advisory Committees (RWACS), Goal 1, Action 2 of T4W, were to be established in all regions of the province by the end of 2022. Getting these committees established and functioning well has been a challenge and the three committees that are established (East Kootenays/Okanagan/Kamloops) are currently defunded because of lack of government capacity and budget.

Wildlife Act Review and Update

The B.C. government has initiated a review of the [Wildlife Act](#), under the commitment made in T4W. The main objectives are reconciliation, setting objectives, improving outcomes for wildlife, improving service delivery and dedicated funding.

The fall 2024 BC provincial election has slowed the update process and with a very new slate of NPD cabinet ministers, there has been a need to brief them on progress to date. A decision about next steps needs to come from cabinet, and with engagement with indigenous groups, advisory bodies, stakeholders and the public still to happen, it seems unlikely that the update will be in place by spring 2026 as originally planned.

Land Use Plans (LUP) and Protected Areas

Early in June 2025, the [BC government announced](#) it was entering into partnerships with the Tahltan, Taku River Tlingit, Kaska Dena, Gitanyow and Nisga'a Nations by kicking off land-use planning in northern BC, engaging with industry, community and other partners to implement land-use plans that will provide greater certainty for investors, First Nations and communities alike. The planning process has an aggressive timeline of one year with a goal of providing clarity for 'what' can occur "where" on land and water and getting approval of mining activity offset by creating protected areas. Stakeholders have been invited to be involved in the process, but what that looks like is yet to be determined. The BCWF will develop a statement including core values and interests.

The provincial government, in collaboration with First Nations, has also been expanding parks and creating protected areas without stakeholder or public engagement.

Protecting more of B.C.'s land and water is part of the 30 percent by 2030 (30X30) initiative. While the BCWF sees the value in, and supports, protecting land and biodiversity, concerns remain about public access to public lands and public resources, and the management of the protected areas. The Ministry of Environment and Parks is already underfunded and understaffed and adding more land under the ministry's authority will only add to the issue. Access for hunters, anglers, campers, hikers etc. must be a key consideration in land use planning.

Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC)

The BCWF continues to partner with the Invasive Species Council of BC on feral pigs. With hunting season just around the corner, the BCWF encourages its members to report any pigs that are outside of containment, including escaped domestic pigs, wild boars and pot-bellied pigs. Anyone can report the sighting of feral pigs (Squeal on Pigs) through the ISCBC's [website](#).

Compulsory reporting is a requirement for any hunter who harvests a feral pig. The BCWF intends to engage its membership on a policy for hunting of feral pigs, as there is evidence that hunting feral pigs can exacerbate the issue.

Caribou Recovery

Caribou recovery actions are ongoing around the province for the most impacted caribou herds and include monitoring, habitat protection and restoration, maternal penning, primary prey stabilization and predator reduction. Updates on many of these actions are [found in the June 3, 2025, meeting resources](#) of the Northeast Stakeholders Roundtable.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

Over 4000 samples were submitted and tested province-wide from April 2024 to April 2025 with four more CWD positive deer identified in the CWD management zone in the east Kootenays. Kudos to hunters for submitting the bulk of the samples, the majority being deer and predominantly white-tailed deer. 126 samples were obtained from the targeted removal in Cranbrook and Kimberly combined. There was one CWD positive sample from the targeted sampling in Cranbrook and three more positives from hunter provided samples in the Cranbrook area, for a total of six CWD positive deer since testing started in BC. Hunters do, however, need to step up and provide more samples from the Creston Valley, Okanagan, and the Peace.

The BCWF continues to support hunters being involved in providing samples year-round in the CWD management area — this could include targeted removal of elk should a positive case in elk be found in the future.

The B.C. wildlife health team is looking for a facility in Cranbrook to continue their important CWD sampling work and the BCWF has expressed to government that this must happen as soon as possible. In 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture's lab in Abbotsford took on testing samples and initially the time for hunters to receive results was excellent at around two weeks. But, during the peak of the deer season, results were taking up to eight weeks due to lack of capacity and other commitments at the lab. The BCWF has encouraged government to increase capacity at the Abbotsford lab during the peak hunting season and to investigate providing a mobile lab in Cranbrook during the peak sampling times.

The Okanagan Regions of the BCWF is hosting a CWD sampling workshop at the Oceola club in Lake Country on July 26, 2025. The workshop will provide a CWD update and show hunters how to remove a sample for testing from a deer.

The genomics research project through Simon Fraser University and funded by Genome BC is underway with the goals of developing genomics-based tools that can help monitor deer populations and understand their movements and interactions. This information can help managers better predict deer movements, the likely spread of the disease and inform future management and monitoring activities. Researchers will further study whether animals have susceptible markers in their DNA.

Environmental Appeal Board (EAB)

There are still several ongoing appeal processes involving guide outfitter moose and caribou quotas for previous hunting seasons in the northern regions (6, 7A, 7B). The BCWF has participant status in the appeals and has made a submission on a 7B moose quota appeal generally supporting the outfitter's position — in this case, resident hunters should not be on LEH for moose and the guide should not be on quota, which is supported by survey data and the fact that access to the area is very limited. Government funding issues have impacted the EAB resulting in appeals being heard and board decisions made a year or more after the appeal was filed, essentially rendering any decision moot.

BC Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Coalition

The coalition met with Minister of Environment and Parks, the Hon. Tamara Davidson on June 9, 2025. The main points made by the coalition were to create and improve legislation that focuses on positive outcomes for fish, wildlife and habitat, inclusive land-use planning with clear standards for protections and involving stakeholders early in the processes and increased and dedicated funding. The minister's response was generally favourable and there is hope that she will be an advocate for these recommendations within the NDP cabinet. The recommendations will be made to BC Conservative MLA Donegal Wilson, critic for Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, in late July 2025.

The coalition continues planning for a visit to Victoria in November 2025 where government MLAs and opposition MLAs will be hosted in separate events.

Director, Pat Whittingham



I attended the 2025 BCWF AGM in Dawson Creek April 23rd – 28th and was re-elected as a Director for a two-year term. Many thanks to all who helped put on an excellent AGM, and thanks also to my very patient wife Barbara for her support of my work with the BCWF.

I received the contacts for our Region 8 CWD incentive draw from the WLRS Ministry, and distributed prizes to the winners. Our incentive program appears to be gaining steam, as evidenced by an increase in heads submitted voluntarily by Region 8 hunters, from 46 in 2023 to 188 in the 2024 hunting season. Coupled with increased awareness, we hope to hit our sampling target goal of 300 heads to increase our confidence in Region 8's CWD status.

I attended a BCWF presentation at Westside Stores in Salmon Arm on May 2nd, where Jesse gave an update on what we're doing and where we're going. A smaller but engaged crowd had many questions about CWD, invasive mussels, whirling disease, and projects we're doing at the BCWF. Thanks to Jason and Sarah Bellows for hosting the event.

I attended an antler scoring event at the Ocoela clubhouse on May 3rd and answered lots of questions and comments from the attendees about the BCWF. Outreach by Board members is vitally important to engage with current and potential members.

We attended the OKBCWF General Meeting on May 31st at Keremeos Cawston Sportsmans Association. We are holding meetings, when possible, at local clubs rather than set meeting venues in order to drive club participation and familiarity with regional issues and Board members. Local MLA Donegal Wilson attended the meeting. As Official Opposition Critic for WLRS, she heard and understood our concerns surrounding funding and a lack of government openness on fish, wildlife, and habitat issues.

I participated in the June 11th and June 25th Finance Committee meetings after being confirmed as a committee member for the 2025/26 year by the Board.

I've been watching our cash ratios and monitoring unrestricted operating cash.

I've been working on preparation and planning for the July 26th CWD information session at Ocoela Fish & Game Club, which includes a CWD presentation, how to de-spine an ungulate in the mandatory CWD submission zone, and how to remove tonsils/lymph nodes/obex demonstration. We have confirmation of attendance from the Conservation Officer Service and some local MLA's.

Region 8 lost another Wildlife Biologist from the Penticton office, with Kieran Braid taking a position with ONA; this leaves one Wildlife Biologist who is also the Section Head, and one Fisheries Biologist for the whole region. The hiring freeze by the Provincial Government, coupled with woefully inadequate funding, is putting our fish and wildlife at great risk and demoralizing Ministry employees to the point that many have quit and gone elsewhere for employment. This "brain-drain" further exacerbates the problem, and we'll continue to lobby for a resolution to this madness.

I discussed current fish stocking programs for upland lakes with our Regional Fisheries Biologist and talked about what's working well and what needs help/changes. We also discussed fish stranding at Oyama Lake due to removal of fish barriers at the outlet and spillway by the irrigation district and/or provincial dam safety authorities. We will investigate to see why structures that functioned flawlessly for 50+ years were deemed a "danger" to outlet structures. Potentially, Fisheries can order remedial action.

I met with the CO Service for an update on current topics, including a discussion on a commonsense amendment to pull-the-plug legislation regarding car-toppers that are transported upside-down. I've consulted with Inland Fisheries Chair Marvin Rosenau on the issue, and we're setting up a meeting with the Chief CO to discuss the idea of a legislative amendment, as well as determine the best way to move forward with any proposal that the Board may endorse.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Whittingham – Director, BCWF

Conservation Stewardship Department

Q2 Report, 2025; April 1st – June 1st, 2025

Team: B.C. Wildlife Federation Conservation Stewardship Department

Report prepared and submitted by: Jamie Long, Conservation Stewardship Communications Coordinator

Wetlands Education Program (WEP)	Fish Habitat Restoration and Education Program (FHREP)	Restoration Projects	Inventories/Conservation Tool Development
8 workshops 120 target participants 500 outreach engagements	4 workshops 60 target participants 250 outreach engagements	4 stream projects 2 wetland projects 6 BDA projects	100 WESP assessments 150 CNWI data points 25 RIWHA sites <i>Assessments will occur specifically in the Southern Interior, Central Interior, and Northern Boreal Mountain ecoprovinces</i>

Summary

In Quarter 2, the BCWF Conservation Stewardship department engaged in 17 outreach events, reaching a total of 1,289 people. We hosted two volunteer events with 49 participants and conducted five workshops and training sessions for 232 attendees.

Six training events were attended by our staff, resulting in nine team members receiving training. Notably, two staff members, Birch Matkowski and Rebecca Dodge achieved their Registered Professional Biologist designations in Q2.

Our restoration efforts included pre-restoration maintenance and monitoring at six sites, active restoration at two sites, and post-restoration maintenance and monitoring at nine sites. We assessed eight potential future restoration sites, including five low-tech process-based restoration sites and three wetland sites. We also collected 73 inventories using the Wetland Ecosystem Services Protocol (WESP), the Canadian National Wetlands Inventory (CNWI), and the new Road Impact Wetland Health Assessment (RIWHA) tools.

Additionally, we welcomed four summer staff members and celebrated Haiden MacDonald's return as a full-time staff member.

Our work was highlighted in four media stories, reaching over 3.5 million people.

Applied to 1 grant (CLEAN Foundation) and received funding from 2 grants (\$51,685 total).

Training, Outreach, and Engagement (1,289 people engaged; 232 workshop and training participants; 49 volunteers; 32 known First Nations Engagements)

- Webinars (CS-led) (2)
 - LTPBR Webinar for Practitioners & Regulators (engagements)
 - WISS: What You Need to Know About Whirling Disease (engagements)
- Webinars (CS presented at) (2)
 - DFO Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program Regulatory Biologist Presentation (25 engagements)
 - Okanagan Nation Alliance Water Working Group (13 engagements)
- Conferences (1)
 - 1 staff attended Advancing Women in Conservation Summit (20 engagements)
- Outreach (Booth) (2)
 - Releaf Tree Planting (220 engagements)
 - Party for the Planet (450 engagements)
 - Green Timbers Open Forest (75 engagements)
- School Engagements (3)
 - Capilano University Restoration Ecology Guest Lecture (30 engagements)
 - Qay'qayt School Outreach (16 engagements)
 - Southgate Middle School Student Engagement (375 engagements; 11 known First Nations Engagements)
- General Outreach (5)
 - Creston Valley Rod & Gun Club Presentation (24 engagements)
 - UBCO Wetlands Course
 - Discover Wetlands at Newton Pond Park (7 engagements)
- First Nations Engagements (2)

- Indigenous Watershed Initiative Film Showcase (10 engagements)
- Southgate Middle School Indigenous Engagement (24 engagements; 13 known First Nations engagements)
- Volunteer Engagement (2)
 - Glen Valley Organic Farm: Volunteers helped install tarping. Catherine Tarasoff joined to help lead the tarp installment and provide volunteers with RCG background (13 volunteers)
 - Armstrong Wetland Planting Event (36 volunteers)
- RIWHA Training (2)
 - RIWHA Training with Saulteau First Nation (2 participants)
 - RIWHA Training with Doig River First Nation (5 participants)
- WESP Training (1)
 - WESP and CNWI training with Tsilhqot'in National Government (5 participants)
- WEP Workshops (1)
 - Campbell River Wetlandkeepers (12 participants)
- FHREP Workshops (1)
 - Nicomekl Fish Habitat and Riparian Health Workshop (18 participants; 1 known First Nations engagement)

Issues and actions taken: None to report.

Live Stake Harvesting Workshop (4 staff trained)

- Training led by Tom Willms with Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- NRTG Electrofishing Certification Course
- NA River Restoration Course (1 staff trained)
- Course provided by the Okanagan Nation Alliance
- Course provided by the 4WD association of BC
- TNG are developing a moose management strategy; all 6 nations under their banner and some specialist (eg us) were invited to receive training and offer opinion/comments etc.
- Neil provided training to Kat and Nadia on the RIWHA tool

Professional Designations Achieved (2)

- April 2025, Birch Matkowski, **Registered Professional Biologist**
- May 2025, Rebecca Dodge, **Registered Professional Biologist**

Monitoring, Assessment, Restoration, and Enhancement Restoration & Enhancement (7 sites)

- Pre-Restoration (6 sites)
 - One wetland restoration project started: Glen Valley Organic Farm, Abbotsford BC – treated 1365.8 m2 invasive species using heavy duty tarping (total of 1300 m2 was tarped)
 - Baseline monitoring conducted at the following upcoming LTPBR sites: Kootenay Tributary, DL1995, Jessica Swamp, Coteay Creek, Maka
- Active Restoration (2 sites)
 - Planting event at Armstrong wetland
 - Planted 129 plants (paper birch, cottonwood, lodgepole pine, interior Douglas fir, black hawthorn, mt. alder, nootka rose, red osier dogwood, blue elderberry, snowberry, water birch)
 - Planting event at Spius Creek site
 - Planted 431.7 m2 and livestaked 600 m2 of willow, red-osier dogwood, cottonwood
- Post-Restoration (9sites)
 - Monitoring & Maintenance conducted at the following LTPBR sites: Earl Ranch, Blowdown, Spius Creek, Voght Creek, Gordon Creek
 - Monitoring and maintenance at Engelsoft private land restoration site
 - Monitoring and maintenance at Yaqa Nukiy restoration site
 - Monitoring and maintenance at Sparrowhawk wetland restoration site

Site Assessments (8 sites)

- Twaal Creek (LTPBR)
- East Wellington (Wetland)
- Elk/Beaver Lake (Wetland)
- Courtenay Howard Rd (Wetland)
- General Assessments with ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation and Columbia Wetland Stewardship Partners (LTPBR)
- General Assessments with Shuswap First Nation & Columbia Wetland Stewardship Partners (LTPBR)
- Moberley Marsh (LTPBR)
- Beaverfoot Assessments (LTPBR)

Issues and actions taken: None to report.

Inventories (73)

Wetland Ecosystem Services Protocol (WESP)

- 20 assessments in the Central Interior and Southern Interior regions
- 35 rapid plot assessments in the Central Interior, Southern Interior, Boreal Taiga Plains, and Sub-Boreal Interior regions
- 1 detailed plot assessment in the Central Interior
- 17 assessments in the Boreal Taiga Plains and Sub-Boreal Interior regions

Issues and actions taken: None to report.

Hiring

- Riparian Ecologist, Cassie Friesen
- Wetlands Education Program Assistant, Kyra Stephens
- Junior Restoration Technician, April Blumberg
- Junior Restoration Technician, Sabine Rankin
- Restoration Project Manager, Haiden MacDonald

Issues and actions taken: None to report.

Funding

Applied to 1 grant

- CLEAN Foundation
- Canada Summer Jobs - \$21,685
- Okanagan Basin Water Board - \$30,000

Issues and actions taken: None to report.

Communications

Four notable stories in the news mentioned the work of our team, reaching a total of 3,530,971 people to date. Stories include:

- \$350K awarded to 15 water conservation projects in the Okanagan
- PHOTOS: Wetland enthusiasts take part in B.C. Wildlife Federation workshop in Campbell River
- North Okanagan students enhance Armstrong wetland
- Lower Kootenay Band leads Canada's largest Indigenous-led wetland restoration

Issues and actions taken: None to report.

Education and Volunteer Engagement Department

Activities/Events/Engagement:

#	Event	Program	Location	Start	End	Days	Partici- pants	Engage- ments	# Staff
1	Basic Archery Instructor Course	NASP	Galiano Island	4/05/25	4/05/25	1	9	0	3
2	Basic Archery Instructor Course	NASP	Burns Lake	4/11/25	4/11/25	1	6	0	0
3	Women Outdoors Weekend - Lake Cowichan	Women's Weekend	Lake Cowichan	4/11/25	4/13/25	3	58	0	1
4	Earth Day at Trout Lake	Outreach	Vancouver	4/12/25	4/12/25	1	2	72	2
5	Basic Archery Instructor Course	NASP	Nanaimo	4/13/25	4/13/25	1	11	0	3
6	Heartwise Learning Community - Wetlands	Classroom Education	Richmond	4/14/25	4/14/25	1	12	0	1
7	BC Interior Sportsman Show	Outreach	Kelowna	4/04/25	4/06/25	3	18	1000	1
8	Benthic Barrier Installation	Volunteer - BCWF	Abbotsford	4/24/25	5/09/25	4	19	0	4
9	Community Litter Cleanup	Volunteer - EVE	Surrey	4/26/25	4/26/25	1	6	10	0
10	Green Living (Mission Earth Day Celebration)	Outreach	Mission	4/26/25	4/26/25	1	0	120	2
11	Chilliwack Teachers Association Pro-D	NASP - Outreach	Chilliwack	4/25/25	4/25/25	1	20	20	2
12	RSA Pro-D	NASP - Class	Cranbrook	4/28/25	4/28/25	1	9	9	1
13	Surrey Teachers Association Convention	NASP - Outreach	Surrey	5/02/25	5/02/25	1	0	87	3
14	Fingerling Festival	Outreach	Burnaby	5/03/25	5/03/25	1	0	87	1
15	Great Salmon Send-Off	Outreach	Burnaby	5/10/25	5/10/25	1	1	113	3
16	Fishing Forever - Lumby	Fishing Forever	Lumby	5/10/25	5/10/25	1			0
17	NASP Tournament	NASP	Kelowna	5/10/25	5/10/25	1	65	79	4
18	Archery - CANCELLED	Women's Workshop	Pitt Meadows	5/24/25	5/24/25	1	0	0	0
19	Plant ID workshop	Women's Workshop	Prince George	5/24/25	5/24/25	1	8	0	0
20	Herbert Spencer Park Days	Classroom Education	Coquitlam	5/27/25	5/28/25	2	459	0	4
21	Fishing Forever - Campbell River	Fishing Forever	Campbell River	5/20/25	5/30/02	9			1
22	Community Litter Cleanup	Volunteer - EVE	Surrey	5/24/25	5/24/25	1	2	0	0
23	Fishing Forever Abbotsford	Fishing Forever	Abbotsford	5/31/25	6/01/25	2	400	0	1
24	Fishing Forever - Courtenay	Fishing Forever	Courtenay	6/02/25	6/13/25	10			1
25	Foraging Workshop	Women's Workshop	Chilliwack	6/01/25	6/01/25	1	10	0	0
26	WOP - Silver Lake - CANCELLED	Women's Weekend	Peachland	6/06/25	6/08/25	3	0	0	0
27	Fishing Forever - Osoyoos	Fishing Forever	Osoyoos	6/6/2025	6/08/25	3			0
28	Fishing Forever - Prince George	Fishing Forever	Prince George	6/07/25	6/07/25	1			0
29	Surrey Urban Farmer's Market	Outreach	Surrey	6/07/25	6/07/25	1	0	120	3
30	Fishing Forever - Nanaimo	Fishing Forever	Nanaimo	6/08/25	6/08/25	1	80	0	1
31	Fishing Forever - Williams Lake	Fishing Forever	Williams Lake	6/09/25	6/09/25	1			0
32	Fishing Forever - Smithers	Fishing Forever	Smithers	6/10/25	6/10/25	1			0
33	Fishing Forever - Nelson	Fishing Forever	Nelson	6/14/25	6/14/25	1	104	0	0
34	Family Fishing Day - Rice Lake Booth	Outreach	North Vancouver	6/14/25	6/14/25	1	2	30	1
35	WOP - Archery	Women's Workshop	Pitt Meadows	6/21/25	6/21/25	1	9	0	1
36	Basic Archery Instructor Course	NASP	West Kelowna	6/22/25	6/22/25	1	10	0	2
37	Pollinator Palooza	Outreach	Langley	6/28/25	6/28/25	1	0	50	1
38	Gently Down the Seymour	GDS	North Vancouver	3/03/25	6/11/25	55	1541	0	6
39	Fishing Forever - Wardner	Fishing Forever	Wardner	6/21/25	6/21/25	1	34	0	0

40	Fishing Forever - Vanderhoof	Fishing Forever	Vanderhoof	6/22/25	6/22/25	1			0
41	Basic Archery Instructor Course - Modified	NASP	Gibson	6/25/25	6/25/25	1	12	0	1
42	Basic Archery Instructor Course - Modified	NASP	Squamish	6/26/25	6/26/25	1	6	0	1
43	Basic Archery Instructor Course	NASP	Smithers	6/27/25	6/27/25	1	5	0	0
44	Community Litter Cleanup	Volunteer - EVE	Vancouver	6/28/25	6/28/25	1	5	5	1
						Total	106	2923	1802

Comments:

- Fishing Forever metrics are still pending. We are waiting on volunteer coordinators to submit reports.
- Due to financial constraints and low registration numbers, we had to cancel the June Women's Outdoor Weekend in Peachland (Silver Lake Camp)

Action	Employee	Position	Program	FTE, PTE, Seasonal	Start Date	End Date (If applicable)
New Hire	Samuel Edwards	Youth Education Intern	Wild Kidz and Go Wild	Seasonal Full-time	April 28, 2025	August 29, 2025

Approvals

Funding Type	Name	Amount	Program
Grant	Bass Pro Cabela's Outdoor Fund	\$50,000	Wild Kidz, Go Wild, NASP, Classroom Ed, Volunteer Program, Fishing Forever, Gently Down the Seymour, Women Outdoor Program, Learn to Hunt and Fish Academy
Grant	Canada Summer Jobs	\$28,914	Wild Kidz and Go Wild
Grant	City of Vernon	\$8,000	
Contract	Seymour Salmonid Society	\$63,803	Gently Down the Seymour – Spring Season Completion
Registrations	Registration Fees (YTD)	\$11,420 \$36,443 \$45,780 \$16,907	NASP Women Outdoor Program Wild Kidz Go Wild and Classroom Education

Submissions

Funding Type	Name	Amount	Program(s)	Estimated response date
Grant	Prospera	\$6,000	Go Wild	September 2025
Grant	Safeway Community Action Fund	\$10,000	NASP	September 2025
Grant	Trotter Family Foundation	\$10,000	Wild Kidz, Go Wild, NASP, Classroom Ed, Volunteer Program, Fishing Forever, Gently Down the Seymour, Women Outdoor Program, Learn to Hunt and Fish Academy	October 2025
Grant	Catherine Donnelly Foundation	\$10,000	Wild Kidz, Go Wild, NASP, Classroom Ed, Volunteer Program, Fishing Forever, Gently Down the Seymour, Women Outdoor Program, Learn to Hunt and Fish Academy	October 2025

Rejections

Funding Type	Name	Amount	Program	Rationale for rejection
Grant	BC Hydro	\$10,000	Go Wild	"Often, we do not approve a grant because the initiative does not align specifically with our focus areas, or its needs are beyond the scope of our program. In other cases, there simply are not enough dollars available to support all the worthy requests received for funding. We wish you success with this initiative."
Grant	BC Rehab	\$5,000	Fishing Forever	"As you can appreciate, BC Rehab receives a high volume of funding requests from individuals and organizations working to support people with physical disabilities throughout British Columbia. While we are proud to assist many of these important initiatives, the demand often exceeds our available resources, and we are not able to fund every application."
Grant	Jackman Foundation	\$20,000	Wild Kidz, Go Wild	"On behalf of the trustees of the Jackman Foundation, thank you for providing the opportunity to review your grant application. While your application was reviewed carefully, it was decided that the Foundation must decline your request. However, I would like to assure you that your grant application provided relevant materials."

				As you may appreciate, there are an increasing number of applications with limited revenue from which to make new donations while, at the same time, fulfill existing funding commitments. For your interest, the Jackman Foundation receives requests from every region of the country, from very diverse interest groups."
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Membership Department

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE/SUMMARY – Q2 2025

Q2 2025 Summary

- Launch of MyBCWF:**
After nearly a year of hard work, we successfully launched our new CRM system – MyBCWF. While there were a few expected hiccups, the system is now running smoothly. All features developed by the Membership Team are functioning well. It's a significant change, and both the team and our members are adapting, but overall, the transition has been positive.
- Club Memberships:**
Q2 imports and invoicing were completed on time, despite the added challenge of operating in two systems – RE for the first half and MyBCWF for the second. Membership cards were shipped successfully, and all clubs have received their invoices.
- Direct Memberships:**
While most of the quarter operated in RE, post-launch, direct members are now able to purchase memberships through MyBCWF and order membership cards via the online store. The autorenewal process is also more streamlined in the new CRM. Aside from a few comments, the customer feedback has been generally positive.
- Adopting Clubs:**
Two clubs have adopted MyBCWF, with more in the pipeline. Members of these clubs can now join online, and club administrators can use their dashboards to view and update member information. This reduces the burden on the Membership Team regarding import lists and administrative tasks—though we expect an increase in customer service needs as clubs adapt.

Q3 2025 Goals

- Efficiency in Regular Tasks:**
With the CRM transition now behind us, the focus will shift to stabilizing operations. The team is committed to ensuring that routine processes run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.
- Onboarding Clubs to MyBCWF:**
We aim to onboard 5–10 new clubs to the MyBCWF system during the next quarter.

Accomplishments

- Successful CRM Launch:**
The development and launch of MyBCWF was a major milestone and has been successfully executed.
- Timely Closure of Q2:**
Despite some impact on numbers and revenue—primarily due to delays and changes in processes such as autorenewals—Q2 was closed on schedule.
- Club Onboarding:**
Onboarding two clubs onto MyBCWF was a new initiative and has been a success, setting the stage for further adoptions in the coming quarters.

Club Membership Statistics

	Q2 2025		Q2 2024		Difference	
	# of Members	Amount	# of Members	Amount	Qty	Amount
Family	1193	\$50,064.00	1391	\$50,771.00	-198	\$(707.00)
Junior	41	\$779.00	60	\$990.00	-19	\$(211.00)
Regular	2065	\$63,931.95	2432	\$65,664.00	-367	\$(1,732.05)
Senior	914	\$23,124.20	1067	\$23,474.00	-153	\$(349.80)
	4213	\$137,899.15	4950	\$140,899.00	-737	\$(2,999.85)

Direct Membership Statistics

	Q2 2025		Q2 2024		Difference	
	Qty	Amount	Qty	Amount	Qty	Amount
Family	338	\$25,955.05	359	\$25,489.00	-21	\$466.05
Individual	976	\$52,255.49	1050	\$51,450.00	-74	\$805.49
Individual (core discounted)	30	\$708.75	64	\$1,347.00	-34	\$(638.25)
Life Member	1	\$1,000.00	1	\$975.00	0	\$25.00
	1345	\$79,919.29	1474	\$79,261.00	-129	\$658.29

*** Family memberships are counted as 1