



Columbia Basin
Fish & Wildlife
Compensation
Program



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Small Project Application

**Working with the CBFWCP to Conserve
and Enhance Fish and Wildlife**

THE COLUMBIA BASIN FISH & WILDLIFE COMPENSATION PROGRAM IS A JOINT INITIATIVE BETWEEN BC HYDRO AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND & AIR PROTECTION) TO CONSERVE AND ENHANCE FISH AND WILDLIFE POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY BC HYDRO DAMS IN THE REGION. BC HYDRO FUNDS CBFWCP \$3.2 MILLION ANNUALLY (INDEXED FOR INFLATION) AND BC GOVERNMENT PROVIDES VALUABLE EXPERTISE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF PROJECTS.

THE DEADLINE FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 1.

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First Things First

The Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program is a partnership of BC Hydro and BC Government created to deliver and coordinate activities that enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the Columbia Basin. Some of these activities are ongoing (e.g., fish spawning channel operations) or research oriented (e.g., a study of lynx habitat and ecology). Other very valuable activities come forward as small project proposals from members of the public.

Where's the Columbia Basin?

To be funded, projects must lie within the Program area, which is most of the area drained by the Columbia River in Canada. It extends from Valemount in the north to Grasmere in the southeast and Rossland in the southwest. The Flathead, Kettle and Okanagan river drainages are not in the Program area.

The Small Project Fund

Each year the Program sets aside money to support small projects (under \$10,000 each). Most of this money will be allocated to projects submitted by the public, whether individuals or organizations (such as a rod and gun club or conservation group). **October 1 of each year is the deadline to submit a project application.** However, projects submitted during the project year will be considered, dependent on available funding.

The fund is designed to support projects such as:

- cleaning debris from a creek
- removing windfall from a deer grazing area
- a deer count in a particular area
- habitat enhancement on a small area

The following types of activities will not be funded:

- construction of boat launches or recreation sites
- debris clean-up on reservoirs
- ongoing administration costs of organizations
- individual compensation for losses resulting from hydroelectric development
- promotion of business opportunities or training

Who Decides on Projects and How?

Project applications are reviewed first by Program staff and then by the Steering Committee, which includes technical and public representatives. The reviews will consider whether the project is:

- Cost effective. Compared to the benefits to be achieved, is the cost of the project reasonable?
- Supported by partners. Does the project have partners who are contributing resources to the project? Will the applicant contribute volunteer labour, cash or in-kind donations?
- Achievable. Is the project do-able, given the time, resources, etc. proposed in the application?
- Biologically appropriate. Does the project make sense biologically and is it achieving a positive biological outcome?
- Socially desirable. Does the project increase public awareness of fish and wildlife issues?

- Lawful. Does the project adhere to legislation and policies? (e.g., the provincial wild fish policy that prohibits introduction of exotic fish into streams with wild fish.)

Help is Available

Individuals or organizations who are considering making an application are encouraged to contact the nearest Program office (in Nelson, Invermere and Revelstoke) to discuss their idea. Staff biologists will assist you to develop your project idea and complete the application.

Applicant's Responsibilities

First of all, your responsibility is to complete the work as outlined in your application. The Program does anticipate a contribution of volunteer labour to projects that it funds. As project sponsor, you must be prepared to coordinate the volunteer labour part of the project.

In addition, you must be willing to:

- ensure adequate accident insurance and WCB coverage is arranged for all participants in the project, through the Program.
- provide invoices, with supporting documents such as receipts, to the Program office to receive the project funding.

For Further Information, contact:

Head Office, Nelson

CBFWCP

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Nelson, BC V1L 4K3

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Public representative: Richard Spilker, Castlegar. Phone 250-365-2183. E-mail: spilka@direct.ca

East Kootenay Office

CBFWCP

Box 14, D3

Unit 2 – 108 Industrial Road #2

Athalmer, BC V0A 1A0

Phone: 250-342-3941 Fax: 250-342-3986 E-mail: cheryl.persson@bchydro.bc.ca

Public representative: Jim Zimmerman, Elkford. Phone 250-865-4556.

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First Nations representative: Joe Nicholas. Phone: 342-6301. E-mail: akisqnuk@rockies.net

Revelstoke Office

CBFWCP

Box 500

1200 Powerhouse Road

Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

Phone: 250-837-2538 Fax: 250-837-9600 E-mail: karen.bray@bchydro.bc.ca

Public representative: Pat Wells, Revelstoke. Phone 250-837-5792. E-mail: patwells@rcionline.net



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Application for Small Project Funding

Project Name _____
(Include a geographic name and a description of the type of activity e.g. Frenchman's Ridge Enhancement)

Project Sponsor (group or individual)

Name _____
Mailing address _____
Town _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Contact Person (if sponsor is group) Name _____
Mailing address _____
Town _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Project Location and Description

Describe where the project will take place and provide a reference to a well-known feature such as the nearest town, highway, etc. (e.g., Arrow Creek valley, 8 km east of Creston, north of Hwy 3)

Mark the general location on the attached map or provide a more detailed map if available.

Describe the goal(s) of the project.

Describe the activities to be undertaken.

Describe the benefits to fish/wildlife and the community of this project.

Describe any future maintenance costs or additional project costs that are anticipated for future years.

Project Budget

A. Expenditures

Contracted services _____
(e.g., professional consultant)
Materials & supplies _____
(e.g., flagging tape, notebooks, shovels, postage)
Equipment rental _____
Other (specify) _____
(e.g. mileage) _____

A. Total expenditures \$ _____

B. Project Funding (cash)

Other (not Program) cash contributions **confirmed** from:

_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

Total other cash contributions \$ _____

Funding requested from the Program \$ _____

(Total expenditures minus total other cash contributions)

B. Total (other + Program) cash contributions \$ _____

C. Applicant's Contributions (in kind)

Volunteer labour (@min. wage/hour) \$ _____

Donated equipment (@prevailing rate/hour) \$ _____

Other (specify) _____

C. Total in kind contributions \$ _____

Total value of project (B + C) \$ _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST READ, SIGN AND DATE THE STATEMENT BELOW:

I/we _____ of _____ hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the CBFWCP in the amount of \$_____. I/we acknowledge that the Government of British Columbia and BC Hydro are not liable for any personal injury or destruction of property as a result of this project. All submissions received by the CBFWCP become the property of the CBFWCP.

Project sponsor: _____ Date _____

The completed Application Form must be received at any of the Program offices by **4:30 p.m., October 1.** Applications may be submitted by mail, hand delivery, courier, fax or e-mail.