



Backgrounder

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Note: One of the principles of the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund is to encourage partnerships on all conservation and enhancement projects, both money and in-kind contributions. Most of the projects approved for funding have other partners. The descriptions below list only the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund contribution to the project.

Multi-Regional

Fish

0-120 - \$140,000 Quality Waters

Support conservation by providing information essential for the maintenance and improvement of the angling opportunities on classified and other quality waters.

0-316 - \$11,000 Fishing Forever™

Hold outdoor fishing and appreciation events for physically and mentally challenged throughout BC.

0-319 - \$7,625 Thermal Hot Springs: Habitats for Unique Forms of Lake Chub (*Couesius plumbeus*)

Test for genetic and physiological differences between "hot springs" and "normal" chub to see if the former possess unique features warranting increased habitat protection.

0-322 - \$10,000 Expansion of Small Lakes Index Management (SLIM) Program

Provide a broad scale management system for coastal and northern regions of the province to better conserve small lakes and to identify increased angling opportunities.

Wildlife

0-325 - \$5,000 Towards an Integrated Moose Management/Production Strategy for BC

Initiate development of a moose management/production strategy through consultation with appropriate government staff, stakeholders, tenure holders and First Nations.

0-326 - \$47,300 Health & Population Status of Coastal River Otters in the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Region of Southwestern BC, Canada & Northwest Washington, USA

Examine marine foraging river otter health and population status relative to persistent contaminants in the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin.

0-328 - \$114,945 Mountain Goat/Helicopter Behavioural Research Project

Assess the short to longer term responses of mountain goats to helicopter activity using a treatment/control approach in the Kootenay and Skeena regions.

Information/Education/Stewardship

0-51 - \$130,000 Wild BC

Wild BC began as a provincial sponsor and distributor of the very popular environmental education program Project WILD, and has evolved to serve an important role in the management of a number of programs and resource materials.

0-94 - \$100,000 Public Conservation Assistance Fund

HCTF provides funding to volunteer public conservation projects and enhance opportunities for local conservation groups to participate in and contribute to fish and wildlife conservation projects in their communities.

0-151 - \$28,565 Explaining the Nature & Operation of Independent Power Projects (IPPs)

Explain the potential benefits & impacts of IPP projects as related to the activities & animals important to outdoor enthusiasts.

0-228 - \$28,800 Bear Aware Program

Reduce the number of bear-human conflicts through education, innovation & cooperation.

0-293 - \$83,276 Wildlife Tree Stewardship Initiative (WiTS)

Create, coordinate, and assist a network of community stewards committed to conserving coastal wildlife tree habitats through volunteer monitoring, landowner agreements, and community education in southern British Columbia.

0-334 - \$25,680 Priority Grassland Initiative: Identifying Priority Grasslands for Wildlife, Habitat Conservation & Stewardship

Identify high value, priority grassland areas in each of the major grassland regions across British Columbia.

0-335 - \$15,000 Investing in Conservation with Revenue From Creative Sentencing

Produce a reference/promotional document that describes the history of creative sentencing (Court Awards) and, where HCTF has invested this revenue.

GBCS

0-290 - \$75,000 Implementing the Grizzly Bear Scientific Panel's Recommendations

Address the outstanding recommendations from the independent Grizzly Bear Scientific Panel that reviewed grizzly bear harvest management and conservation in British Columbia.

0-315 - \$69,000 Grizzly Bear Population Density & Distribution in the Southern Coast Ranges

Survey grizzly bear occurrence using DNA hair-snag methods, & subsequent analyses to predict grizzly bear population density & distribution relative to habitat & human activity.

\$25,000 Bear Smart Program

Encourages communities, business, and individuals to work together to address the causes of bear-human conflicts.

Special Permits

0-317 - \$35,000 Fraser River/Cariboo Grasslands Restoration Plan

Develop restoration plan to recover California bighorn sheep, Sharp tailed Grouse, Blue Grouse and mule deer populations impacted by grassland habitat loss from Lillooet to Williams Lake.

Special Projects

0-229 - \$40,000 B.C.'s Family Fishing Weekend

Hold community-based events throughout BC to encourage participation in recreational fishing, no license required, and foster an appreciation for the aquatic ecosystems of the province.

0-247 - \$250,000 BC Wetland Partnership Program

Protect & restore important wetland & associated habitat throughout British Columbia.

0-338 - \$5,000 Market Development Plan for Recreational Fishing in BC

Create a broadly supported, customer focussed market development plan for the recreational fishing sector with objectives to both increase the number of anglers in BC and increase the number of license sales and revenue.

Vancouver Island

Fish

1-72 - \$17,425 O&M - (Fsh) - Vancouver Island

Operate & maintain aerators located in Glen & Langford Lakes, flow augmentation in Sandhill Creek & inspection & maintenance of fishways located in Loup & Colquitz Creeks.

1-161 - \$250,000 Vancouver Island Steelhead Recovery Plan

Stabilize and restore wild steelhead stocks, habitats and recreational angling opportunities in high priority watersheds on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

1-319 - \$100,000 Keogh River Steelhead Population Dynamics

Operate the Keogh River fish fence as part of BC's steelhead index system during a critical period of conservation concern and rehabilitation evaluation.

1-391 - \$37,000 Anadromous Cutthroat Trout Revitalization Strategy, SE Vancouver Island

Develop a strategy to revitalize wild anadromous cutthroat trout populations to levels for fishing in the heavily populated portion of Vancouver Island.

1-415 - \$2,320 Vancouver Island Blue-Listed Sportfish Recovery Plan

Remove culvert blockages in lower Campbell Lake watershed as part of the recovery plan.

Wildlife

1-115 - \$35,275 O&M - (Wld) - Vancouver Island

Meeting safety, legal & land management obligations on more than 30 conservation areas on Vancouver Island.

1-243 - \$37,750 Vancouver Island Broadcast Burns

Prescribed fire will be used to enhance wildlife habitat - primarily spring and summer forage for ungulates in areas of Vancouver Island with high habitat capability for both big and small game.

1-401 - \$13,965 Viewing Guidelines for Seabirds on Vancouver Island

Research disturbance distance and timing thresholds at seabird nest and roost sites on Vancouver Island.

Information/Education/Stewardship

1-42 - \$30,000 Vancouver Island Wetlands Management Program

Develop and implement management, securement and enhancement plans for over 30 conservation areas on Vancouver Island wetlands.

1-248 - \$12,000 Vancouver Island Wildlife Viewing Network

Link over 30 MOE Wildlife Reserves or Nature Trust properties through wildlife viewing and education tours to support sustainable land management programs.

1-367 - \$24,600 Tofino Mudflats Wildlife Stewardship Project

Promote awareness, build stewardship skills and create enthusiasm and commitment for monitoring critical wildlife habitat and recreational use of the Tofino Mudflats Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

1-405 - \$10,023 Cowichan Estuary - Eelgrass Restoration Project

Identify potential eelgrass restoration sites, assess these sites, identify donor beds & transplant eelgrass in those sites deemed suitable.

Special Permits

1-318 - \$18,800 Roosevelt Elk Prescribed Burns

Enhance Roosevelt elk habitat - primarily spring and summer forage - in areas of Vancouver Island with high habitat capability for this species through use of prescribed fire.

1-380 - \$13,100 Vancouver Island Roosevelt Elk Relocation Project

Capture, relocate & monitor the transplant of Roosevelt elk on Vancouver Island to enhance elk distribution & abundance, & address agricultural conflicts & human safety issues.

Lower Mainland

Fish

2-250 - \$250,000 Georgia Basin Steelhead Recovery (Lower Mainland)

Recover wild steelhead populations by restoring habitat capacity, monitoring stocks, developing partnerships, public consultation & providing angling opportunities.

2-264 - \$20,000 Stream Nutrient Enrichment Research for Fish Habitat Restoration

Conducted statistically-designed experiments comparing the efficacy of inorganic and organic nutrient additions versus controls (no nutrient additions) at the experimental research channels on the Chilliwack River in the Lower Mainland.

2-287 - \$4,500 Development of a Region 2 Coastal Cutthroat Trout Life History Profiling Project
Design and develop a Region 2 coastal cutthroat trout life history profiling project.

2-332 - \$3,200 Development of the Salmon River as a Key Index Stream for Cutthroat Trout

Assist in the further development and operation of a key index stream for monitoring trends in both marine (smolt-to-adult) and freshwater (adult-to-smolt) survival of sea-run coastal cutthroat trout in Region 2.

2-343 - \$5,000 Phelix Creek Side-Channel Restoration & Enhancement

Assess options to improve salmonid spawning habitat in a 100 meter long side-channel located in lower Phelix Creek.

Wildlife

2-97 - \$59,442 O&M - (Wld) - Lower Mainland

Operate & maintain the globally significant 28,402 hectares of prime avian habitat located within 10 wildlife management areas in the Lower Mainland.

2-127 - \$60,270 Lower Mainland Roosevelt Elk Recovery

Establish viable elk populations in priority areas of the Sunshine Coast & Lower Mainland region by trapping & translocating elk from urban areas to remote wilderness areas.

Information/Education/Stewardship

2-349 - \$10,000 Provision of Waterfowl & Raptor Habitat within Managed Grasslands on Lower Fraser River Farmland

Manage farm fields on private or leased lands under land stewardship agreements with farmers to provide important habitat for waterfowl and raptors on the Fraser River delta.

Thompson/Nicola

Fish

3-94 - \$49,850 O&M (Fsh) - Thompson-Nicola

Operate & maintain existing lake aeration, stream diversions, outlet fence, riparian fencing, open diversion ditches & dam structures that enhance the angling opportunities of high use lakes within Region #3.

3-112 - \$65,000 Thompson River Juvenile Steelhead Stock Assessment

Provide estimates of steelhead carrying capacity for the Thompson River watershed through multi-year, diver count assessment of steelhead parr standing stock.

3-154 - \$19,840 O&M - (Fsh) – Bonaparte

Operate and maintain of the Bonaparte Fishway and the Bonaparte Lake Dam to ensure optimum Bonaparte River flows via dam operation & to ensure unimpeded fishway water flows.

3-60 - \$7,650 O&M - Menzies Lake

Maintain facilities on the Menzies Lake property including the operation of the lake aeration system.

3-192 - \$53,800 Roche & Campbell Lakes Water Conservation Project

Plan and develop strategies for recovering or obtaining water conservation opportunities within the Roche and Campbell lake watersheds.

3-193 - \$39,900 Recreational Sport-Fishing Conservation Through Management of Spiny-Rayed Fishes

Research current methods available for spiny-ray fish eradication and control.

3-251 - \$59,000 Interior Fraser Wild Steelhead Conservation

Monitor escapement of Thompson (Deadman, Nicola, Bonaparte) & Chilcotin Steelhead.

3-252 - \$86,000 Shuswap Lake Rainbow & Lake Trout Stock Status & Their Recreational Fishing Potential

Continue tagging rainbow trout and lake char, conduct the angler questionnaire to estimate angler effort and harvest and collect tag return data for rainbow trout and lake char to estimate fishing mortality rate and sustainable exploitation rates.

3-257 - \$49,500 Marine Survival Assessment of Juvenile Thompson Steelhead

Capture steelhead smolts using RST traps & tag with hydroacoustic tags to monitor marine survival rate & migration pathways.

Wildlife

3-114 - \$8,900 O&M - (Wld) - Thompson-Nicola

Maintain & manage wildlife lands & restricted areas to ensure compliance with regulations & protection of resources & enhanced public enjoyment.

3-163 - \$16,000 Habitat Use & Population Demographics of Interior Blue Grouse

Determine seasonal habitat use, nest success and mortality rates of Interior Blue Grouse.

3-222 - \$14,800 Impacts of Pine Beetle Harvesting on Mule Deer Winter Range in the Merritt TSA

Study the impacts of Mountain Pine Beetle harvesting on wintering Mule Deer.

Information/Education/Stewardship

3-223 - \$25,000 Barnhartvale Greenspace Mapping & Wetland Enhancement

Expand local stewardship activities to include habitat and trail enhancements featuring the construction of several small ephemeral wetlands, follow-up monitoring, community mapping, and inventory.

3-224 - \$15,800 South Thompson Wolf Ranch Wildlife Stewardship

Develop a wildlife stewardship program for a ranching area along the South Thompson River that includes private and crown land under grazing lease and license.

GBCS

3-155 - \$40,000 Ecological Relationships Between Grizzly Bears & Forest Management in the Coast-Interior Transition of Southern British Columbia

Evaluate existing grizzly bear/forestry best management by conducting a scientific investigation of the ecology of grizzly bears.

Kootenays

Fish

4-64 - \$48,600 O&M - (Fsh) – Kootenay

Operate & maintain 3 kokanee spawning channels in the West Kootenay & a rainbow trout spawning/rearing channel in the East Kootenay.

4-248 - \$32,000 Kootenay Lake Gerrard Rainbow Trout Conservation

Monitor the conservation status of Gerrard rainbow trout by enumerating spawner numbers, estimating harvest, & monitoring critical spawning habitat parameters.

4-277 - \$13,015 Culvert Replacement & Habitat Restoration on Small Feeder Streams to the Lardeau River

Replace 3 culverts on Highway 31 & habitat modification to increase juvenile Gerrard rainbow trout rearing habitat.

4-330 - \$95,450 Implementation of a Conservation Plan for Gerrard Rainbow Trout

Implement priority tasks identified in the 2005 conservation plan required to ensure conservation of the Gerrard rainbow trout population by providing required data for more effective fisheries management.

4-346 - \$54,980 Kootenay Region Electronic Fish Counter Development

Develop a resistivity counter station for the enumeration of Gerrard rainbow trout in the Lardeau River, West Kootenay.

4-394 - \$20,790 Mobbs Creek Berm Extension

Extend an existing HCTF funded berm in Mobbs Creek 10 m to deflect Mobbs Creek debris floods downstream into the Lardeau River.

4-395 - \$16,882 Mobbs Creek Road Deactivation

Deactivate 500 m of old, large unstable road founded on rotting organic fillslope, recontour slope above Mobbs Creek and address local drainage issues.

4-404 - \$78,100 Haha Watershed Invasive Fish Species Action Plan Delivery - Phase 1

Evaluate and implement best options for pike control and/or eradication in the Haha Creek watershed.

Wildlife

4-121 - \$5,000 West Kootenay Ungulate Habitat Enhancement

Improve forage quality for deer, elk, moose and mountain sheep as well as reducing forest encroachment through prescribed burns.

4-223 - \$35,530 O&M - (Wld) – Kootenay

Conduct maintenance, planning, monitoring, habitat protection, enhancement & restoration activities on conservation properties in the East Kootenay.

4-299 - \$184,000 East Kootenay Grassland Ecosystem Restoration

Enhance ungulate winter range characteristics & restore overall ecosystem function through prescribed burns & slashing/piling activities in a fire maintained ecosystem.

4-399 - \$8,750 East Kootenay White-Tailed Deer Enhancement - Monitoring Update 2006-2007

Measure long-term trends in ungulate use of the winter range at Newgate by counting deer and elk pellet groups on 300 permanent plots that were established on the site in 1986.

4-402 - \$35,000 East Kootenay Landowner Enfranchisement Pilot (EKLEP)

Explore innovative ways to generate user based revenues in order to maintain resident and non-resident hunting opportunities and to provide hay producers with financial alternatives to exclusion fences.

Information/Education/Stewardship

4-345 - \$20,000 East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP)

Provide coordination & facilitation for partners to find win-win approaches to ecosystem conservation & stewardship on private land.

4-403 - \$17,877 East Kootenay Land Stewardship Program

Use on-site visits and public workshops to contact private landowners who have habitats on their lands that are considered a priority for the East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP).

GBCS

4-302 - \$35,000 Flathead & Southern Elk Valley Grizzly Bear Population Census

In conjunction with Alberta, conduct DNA based grizzly bear census/distribution study and test and discuss the accuracy of this method.

4-366 - \$35,000 South Selkirk Grizzly Bear Recovery Project

Determine the current status of the threatened south Selkirk grizzly bear & initiate recovery through habitat, connectivity, & mortality, management.

Special Permits

4-303 - \$12,000 Noxious Weed Control on Bighorn Sheep Winter Range

Improve the quality of bighorn sheep winter ranges by conducting an intensive & consistent noxious weed control program on documented sites within the East Kootenay Trench.

4-334 - \$20,000 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Transplant: Premier Ridge

Aerially monitor 16 radio-collared translocated sheep from initial transplant; to translocate another 20-25 sheep from Radium or Golden to Premier Ridge area.

Cariboo

Fish

5-44 - \$41,850 O&M - (Fsh) – Cariboo

Aerate four lakes, restore fish passage at four base streams & other high priority streams as needed, operate & maintain Tete Angela diversion works, maintain Cariboo/Chilcotin dams & weirs.

5-130 - \$219,000 Quesnel Lake Fish Restoration

Obtain sufficient biological data to implement tasks/actions that will restore Quesnel Lake kokanee & rainbow trout populations.

Wildlife

5-115 - \$5,985 O&M - (Wld) - Cariboo

Provide a 4 person field crew to maintain perimeter fences, water control structures and weed control on four TNT properties leased to the Crown and one crown owned Conservation Area (Chilanko Marsh) in the Chilcotin area.

5-194 - \$4,000 Knife Creek Land Reserve Habitat Restoration

Inhibit the encroachment of invasive non-native plant species within the grassland community, thus increasing the forage available to wildlife on the Knife Creek mule deer winter range.

5-200 - \$12,500 Managing Ingrown Douglas-fir for Biodiversity, Forage & Timber: the Farwell Canyon Project

Re-measure innovative treatments to reduce high densities of small stems common in IDF to determine the effect on wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

5-202 - \$30,000 Churn Creek Protected Area Grassland Restoration Project

Develop BC Parks ability to re-introduce fire as a management tool to restore grassland ecosystems and mule deer habitat. The major issue is conifer encroachment and ingrowth onto grasslands and subsequent loss of habitat for grassland species.

5-205 - \$10,000 Fraser River/Cariboo Grasslands Restoration Implementation Project

Focus on the recovery of bighorn sheep; Sharp-tailed Grouse and mule deer populations impacted by grassland habitat loss in the Fraser River valley and Cariboo.

5-207 - \$30,000 Chilcotin Fisher Maternal Denning Habitat Study

Use radio telemetry to identify maternal denning habitat for fisher in the SBPSxc zone, and determine habitat use patterns of fishers in mountain pine beetle impacted landscapes.

Special Permits

5-203 - \$4,000 Junction Sheep Range Provincial Park Prescribed Burn

Initiate a spring prescribed burn within an area called "the loop road".

Skeena

Fish

6-97 - \$68,000 Skeena Weirs & Steelhead Stock Assessment

Operate a fish enumeration weir on the Upper Sustut River, to determine the escapement of wild summer steelhead to this system.

Wildlife

6-60 - \$43,000 Telkwa Caribou Recovery Project

Monitor recovery status of the Telkwa caribou herd, monitor radio-collared caribou distribution to manage recreational access opportunities.

6-159 - \$5,000 BC/Yukon Gyrfalcon Productivity Monitoring for Falconry Harvest

Conduct & participate in productivity surveys & genetic sampling research activities for Gyrfalcons at aeries in the North Coast Mountain population of SW Yukon & NW BC.

6-179 - \$60,500 Population Ecology of the Swan Lake Caribou Herd

Determine the seasonal movements, distribution, habitat use and population ecology of the Swan Lake Caribou Herd to assist in the development of a caribou harvest plan.

Information/Education/Stewardship

6-193 - \$9,700 Bulkley Valley/Lakes District Sensitive Area Assessment

Document Off Highway Vehicle damage, and compare those results to similar documentation that will occur in future years to assess the success or failure of sensitive habitat protection measures, provide recommendations to minimize damage.

Special Permits

6-184 - \$39,830 Stone's Sheep Winter Habitat Suitability Mapping

Develop a map of Stone's Sheep winter habitat suitability for the western half of the species range in BC for use in managing heli-skiing and mineral development.

Omineca/Peace

Fish

7-98 - \$28,050 O&M - (Fsh) – Peace

Operate & maintain HCTF funded projects & assets, Inga, Sundance, such as spawning channels, aerators, weirs and fishways at Stewart and Swan Lakes.

7-264 - \$24,000 Walleye Migrations in the Petitot River

Collect telemetry data on walleye seasonal movement patterns and congregation areas to improve life history information and establish index sites for population monitoring.

7-318 - \$32,000 Omineca-Peace Lake Trout Status & Conservation Planning

Assess unexploited char lakes to attain a requisite information for provincial model development, benchmarks, and landscape char status comparisons. Assessment of urban exploited to allow comparative analysis of changes from unexploited.

Wildlife

0-1 - \$50,000 Fire Mop-Up

Prepare sites pre-burn and mop up sites post burn not approved HCTF prescribed burns in the Peace Region, in partnership with the Guide-Outfitters Association of BC.

7-139 - \$35,000 O&M - (Wld) – Peace

Ensure site habitat protection & implement management plans on wildlife conservation areas in the Peace Region.

7-266 - \$30,000 Status of Sharp-tailed Grouse in the Peace Region

Raise the profile of Sharp-tailed Grouse, identify critical habitat requirements and provide management options to land owners and managers that will protect or enhance the critical habitats.

7-322 - \$5,000 Range Delineation for Sharp-Tailed Grouse in the Peace Region

Compile historical information on the distribution of Sharp-tailed Grouse in the Peace Region and design a study that will confirm the occurrence and distribution of the Alaskan and Plains subspecies within the region.

7-324 - \$33,075 Habitat Ecology & Population Demography of River Otter in Central BC

Document the relationship between important habitat components, the distribution and demography of river otter which will allow predictions on long-term changes in distribution and abundance resulting from anthropogenic activities, environmental change and variation.

7-325 - \$10,000 Analysis & Identification of Critical Habitats Used by Northern Caribou in the South Peace

Conduct radio-telemetry and habitat analyses to identify and manage significant habitats used by Moberly, Kennedy-Siding, and Quintette caribou herds in the South Peace.

7-328 - \$22,400 Peace River Landowner Enfranchisement Pilot

Explore innovative ways to generate user-based revenues in order to increase resident and non-resident hunting opportunities in the Peace and provide agriculturists with alternatives to exclusion fencing, hunting leases and/or a lobby for cull hunts.

7-329 - \$30,000 Fisher Habitat Ecology in the Peace River Region

Conduct scientific research on fishers to determine their natal and maternal denning requirements and to identify other aspects of their habitat ecology that need to be incorporated into sustainable forest management plans.

Okanagan

Fish

8-73 - \$159,000 Okanagan Lake Action Plan Phase 3 - Year 1

Continue the comprehensive investigation of factors limiting Okanagan Lake kokanee that includes a suite of remedial measures designed to restore kokanee numbers and their habitat. (Conditionally approved, pending government approval of the scientific collection permit & business case for mysid fishing.)

8-124 - \$59,330 O&M - (Fsh) – Okanagan

Operate & maintain HCTF funded projects in the Okanagan region.

8-270 - \$35,030 Mabel Lake Rainbow Trout Stock Status & Maintaining Recreational Angling Opportunities

Maintain access to the Mabel Lake fishery by determining the stock status and exploitation rates of the rainbow trout population to determine if management interventions are required to maintain this regionally significant fishery.

8-276 - \$27,400 Kettle River Rainbow Trout Stock Assessment & Recovery Planning

Determine stock status of Kettle River rainbow trout via snorkel surveys and identify if low flows and high water temperature are responsible for apparent crash in numbers.

Wildlife

8-125 - \$35,530 O&M - (Wld) – Okanagan

Continue critical land management activities on conservation holdings in the South Okanagan including restoration of disturbed sites, noxious weed management & control, fence maintenance, signage, safety, security, maintenance & operations.

8-140 - \$10,000 Okanagan Bullfrog Eradication Project

Continue eradication of bullfrogs in wetlands of the South Okanagan.

8-264 - \$19,000 Vaseux Fire Restoration Demonstration Project

Increase knowledge and options for post-wildfire habitat restoration by land managers in the Southern Interior of BC and will provide opportunities for public awareness and involvement in habitat restoration.

8-271 - \$20,000 Habitat Needs of Breeding Listed Okanagan Birds

Use point-count surveys & measures of reproductive success to assess the habitat requirements of red-listed birds breeding in the south Okanagan.

8-282 - \$118,470 Habitat Restoration for Bighorn Sheep, Elk, Mule Deer & Mountain Goat in Southern Interior

Restore and/or enhance important bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk and goat winter, spring and fall ranges. This would be a multi year project for five years.

Information/Education/Stewardship

8-90 - \$45,000 SOSCP Habitat Stewardship (SOCS Stewardship on Private Land)

Encourage habitat conservation, restoration, enhancement & securement on private land in the South Okanagan - lower Similkameen area through landowner contact.

8-293 - \$21,030 Swalwell Park Kokanee Viewing Area & Educational Kiosk

Construct a kokanee viewing area and educational kiosk in Swalwell Park to highlight the HCTF projects completed by the Oceola Fish & Game Club.

Special Permits

8-272 - \$12,000 Okanagan Mountain Park Bighorn Transplant

Capture approximately 20 bighorn sheep, mostly ewes and lambs, from Crater Mountain near Keremeos and transport them to Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park to establish a new population of wild sheep in the Okanagan.

CLOA Conservation Lands Operations Account

8-219 - \$12,000 South Okanagan Ranchland Conservation Project

Support further implementation of HCTF-funded Management Plans on two Biodiversity Ranches in the South Okanagan.