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Foundation gives back \$6 million to BC wildlife.

Surrey – The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation announced today that it is investing over \$6 Million in 2011 to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their habitats across BC.

In her announcement, HCTF Board Chair Dr. Winifred Kessler acknowledged the Foundation stakeholders. “By making this multi-million dollar investment, BC’s anglers, hunters, guide-outfitters, and trappers continue their outstanding record as champions for conservation, habitat restoration and biological diversity across British Columbia. On their behalf, the Foundation will continue to invest in projects that sustain this priceless natural heritage for all British Columbians.”

Over 150 projects in communities across BC will be led by some of BC’s best qualified wildlife biologists, fisheries scientists, and volunteer groups. Project details were released today at the annual BC Wildlife Federation Convention in Surrey.

Some highlights of HCTF’s 2011/12 projects include:

- Over \$80,000 to increasing spawning and rearing opportunities for Steelhead on Vancouver Island.
- \$70,000 to take a proactive role in conserving bats by identifying and safeguarding essential habitats in the face of a lethal fungal disease that is sweeping across North America.
- \$69,000 pledged to restore fish habitat and improve overwintering survival for salmonids in 10 lower mainland streams.
- Over \$60,000 invested in Boreal Caribou conservation projects designed to increase our ability to assess specific environmental impacts and protect this rare and threatened species.



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Since its creation in 1981, HCTF has provided more than \$130 million in project funding to more than 2,700 conservation, enhancement, and educational projects across BC. As most HCTF projects are partnered with other organizations, the total invested is almost \$400 million.

HCTF receives 90% of its revenue from hunting, fishing, guide-outfitting and trapping license surcharge fees. The Foundation issues an annual call-for-proposals to re-invest this money back into fish and wildlife conservation projects.

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Note to Editors

Full project backgrounder attached. Go to www.hctf.ca to view new [interactive project map](#) and [online project backgrounder](#).

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