

## Public Conservation Assistance Fund APPROVED PROJECT LIST Fall 2013-2014 12 Approved Projects = \$59,386 in Grants

Project Name	Project #	Project Description	Sponsor	Location
Procter Fishing Wharf	895	Construction of a fishing platform located on the West Arm of Kootenay Lake located at Procter BC.	West Arm Outdoors Club	Nelson
Robin Lane, Phase 2	976	The ecological restoration of the southeast portion of the Robin Lane boulevard involves the wider community in a project to enhance and protect an accessible corridor of public land, allowing the native species to thrive and thus greatly increasing the biodiversity of the area. With over 190 native plants established in the Robin Lane site, there is a need for ongoing care and protection.	Sylvia Samborski	Victoria
<u>New Hunter Boot</u> <u>Camp</u>	994	The B.C. Wildlife Federation assists the Provincial Government with the management and delivery of the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) program to ensure that British Columbians meet acceptable standards of knowledge and skill for safe and ethical participation in hunting and outdoor recreation activities. On many occasions, BCWF members have been asked to teach certified CORE participants the practical side of hunting. New hunters are keen to learn how to setup camp, operate a GPS, scout and track an animal and field dress. Region 2 of the B.C.	BCWF Region 2	Lower Mainland

<u>Go Wild: Youth</u> for Conservation	1001	Wildlife Federation will be running a pilot project aimed at satisfying the growing demand for a practical field course for new hunters addressing the above previously noted activities. This project will not only help recruit new hunters (young and old, male and female) but also ensure safe and practical hunting experience for all. Connecting the next generation to nature is essential for protecting our environment. The Go Wild: Youth for Conservation program expands upon the B.C. Wildlife Federation's	BCWF	Surrey
		children's programs by providing action-oriented stewardship opportunities geared towards individuals between the ages of 13-18. The program will establish new youth conservationists through leadership workshops in order to build conservation stewardship capacity at the community level and to conserve and protect the province's fish, wildlife, and habitat resources.		
West Kettle Spring Deer Counts	1007	The project counts deer utilizing spring green up along multiple transects (n=20) in the West Kettle. The count is highly organized and 2013 is in its 11th year. Each transect is counted multiple times per spring to capture peak abundance periods for each species. Counts are completed by volunteers who follow a set protocol each spring. The count information is shared with wildlife managers and other interested individuals upon request.	Kettle Wildlife Association	Rock Creek
Educational Poster for <u>Inga</u> <u>Lake Spawning</u> <u>Channel</u>	1010	The purpose of this project is to produce a poster highlighting the educational and other important values of the Inga Lake spawning channel. The plan is to prompt the school kids who visit the channel every spring to encourage them to provide us with writings and drawings about what the experience at Inga Lake means to them. With the cooperation of the schools, we would	North Peace Rod & Gun Club	Ft. St. John

		select a sample of these submissions		[          ]
		and produce a poster, which would also have additional information provided by Ministry fisheries biologists highlighting relevant biological information about this project.		
Bird, Bat, and Frog Habitat Management on Salt Spring Island	1011	The restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat on a 32.6 acre parcel of land surrounding half of Blackburn Lake on Salt Spring Island.	<u>Salt Spring</u> <u>Island</u> <u>Conservancy</u>	Salt Spring Is.
Education about Western Toad, and Migrating Duck & Geese in Quesnel Area	1012	The purpose of this project is to educate and increase awareness and knowledge about duck and geese migration in the Quesnel area and the life cycle of the Western Toad in the general population. The Western Fraser Timber Park is a well used park close to the down town core of the city accommodating walkers, bikes, joggers, and dog walkers. Increased signage in the area as well as an educational and awareness campaign will facilitate the coexistence of wildlife and human populations.	Sally Hofmeier	Quesnel
M.V. Beattie School Wetlands Project	1013	Wetlands are one of the most threatened, undervalued, and misunderstood ecosystems in B.C. By recreating a wetland system on the playground, classes will study its evolution, and come to know its beauty and ecological benefits. Present and future decision makers will be better equipped to make informed decisions for fish and wildlife. The community at large, will also develop a better and understanding and appreciation of the function a beauty of wetlands. A community trail which is being constructed will go right past the wetland for all to enjoy.	Kim Fulton	Enderby
Peace Bat Conservation	1015	This project will address a knowledge gap associated with bat conservation in Northeast BC. The Peace is home to eight species of bats, of which little is known. The spread of White Nose Syndrome (WNS), an invasive fungus	<u>Charlie Lake</u> <u>Conservation</u> <u>Society</u>	Charlie Lake

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		that has killed millions of bats since it was first detected in 2006, has now become a concern for biologists in the western provinces. Enhancing bat habitat and monitoring current bat populations is critical. This project aims to engage community stewardship groups and residents of the Peace by providing funds for bat house materials. In return, citizens will build, install and monitor bat houses on their properties to test bat house designs, effective locations and gain information on bat population trends over the long-term.		
Avatar Grove Boardwalk	1016	The Ancient Forest Alliance has formal approval from the provincial government and the Pacheedaht First Nation band to work on ensuring the protection of the ecological integrity of majestic Avatar Grove via boardwalks, bridges, and stairs. This protected stand of monumental, lowland old-growth Western Redcedar, some with fantastic shapes, is only a 20 minute drive from Port Renfrew on Vancouver Island and has attracted visitors from all over the world. But the forest vegetation and root systems of these incredible trees are extremely vulnerable to trampling and must be protected. Teams of volunteers began the initial construction at the start of this summer on the first phase of the trail work, and we are now seeking assistance to finish the much-needed second phase.	Ancient Forest Alliance	Victoria
<u>Fishing Forever -</u> <u>Nanaimo</u>	1017	The Nanaimo & District Fish & Game Protective Association Club of the BC Wildlife Federation sponsors a one-day fishing event that is designed to provide the opportunity for physically and mentally challenged people to catch a fish. Caregivers transport the participants to the fishing pond in Nanaimo where the Nanaimo & District Fish & Game Protective Association Club volunteers	Nanaimo & District Fish & Game Protective Association	Nanaimo

provide assistance with setting up fishing rods with rod holders and assist with casting fishing lures, landing a trout, and often untangling	
fishing lines. The capacity for our	
annual event is 200 participants.	