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1. Potential Funding

Traditional Funding Opportunities

- Pacific Salmon Foundation – Community Salmon Program (PSF-CSP)
- BC Hydro Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP)
- Pacific Salmon Commission
- Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MOTI)

Non-Traditional or New Potential Funding Sources

- Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program (RFCPP)
- Habitat Conservation Trust Fund
- Environment Canada - Environmental Damages Fund
- Environment Canada - EcoAction Community Funding Program
- RBC Bank Blue Water
- BC Real Estate Foundation





Pacific Salmon Foundation

Changes

- PSF share of conservation stamp sales increased from \$1.00 to \$6.00 in 2013.
- Contribution Agreement - funds must be spent by the end of the agreement so unspent money can be carried between years within a multiyear agreement.

Program Response

- The increase in funds will require Region and Area to review more projects than in the past - increased coordination between Region and Area project review
- For the DFO, must operate at arms length as per TB and does not make decisions regarding funding though provides technical advice.

Eligible Projects – restoration, enhancement, assessment, stewardship and some maintenance.

Restrictions – 50% leverage, volunteer component not essential but highly valued by PSF. Will not fund ongoing operational costs





BC Hydro Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP)

- Three Programs (Coastal, Peace and Columbia)
- Interest on BC Hydro's Notional Fund is allocated to the Coastal Program
- Unspent money can be carried over
- Projects must be located on a watershed with a footprint impact to fish or wildlife and should align with priorities outlined in FWCP Watershed/Basin and Action plans.
- DFO is a partner, involved in reviewing proposals, and has a vote on the Management Board meeting where funding is allocated.
- Seed Funding of up to \$5K can be award for project development.
- Funding can be provided for Multi-year projects or land purchase





Pacific Salmon Commission

Changes

- Southern Boundary Fund – Used to be a major funder of restoration projects. Now focused on priorities of Fraser and Southern Panels (monitoring, improvements to tagging programs and escapement estimation)

Program Response

- Process has been set up for DFO/PSC Collaborative Agreements
- Southern Boundary Fund project eligibility- presently no response.

Eligible Projects – Restoration , low technology enhancement, assessment, projects can be funded over multiple years

Restrictions – projects must be consistent with priorities outlined in the PST





Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MOTI) Environmental Enhancement Fund

Changes

- Projects must have a direct benefit to highway infrastructure to be eligible for funding from the Environmental Enhancement Fund.

Program Response

- Area staff have worked with Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (MOTI) to develop projects that meet the objectives of MOTI and DFO.

MOTI developed projects which were submitted to RCFPP in the name of PSF





Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program (RFCPP)

- New Program led by DFO Fisheries Protection Program, now officially closed but there will be a two year \$15M extension.
- Final Decision regarding funding made at NHQ
- Pacific Region approved for 28 projects totaling \$1.9M in Round 1. Expect to hear decisions on Round 2 proposals in the next 2 weeks.
- Program success will be measured through indicators such as total funding allocated to restoration (from all sources, such as federal, provincial, industry and project proponents), leveraging ratios, square metres/kilometers of habitat restored and number of partners involved in restoration activities.
- expect a call for proposals in May and then last call in the Fall of 2014.





Habitat Conservation Trust Fund

- Projects that focus on freshwater wild fish, native wildlife species and their habitats, have the potential to achieve a significant conservation outcome, while maintaining or enhance opportunities for fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing and associated outdoor recreational activities.
- The rehabilitation of McKay Creek estuary was funded in part by HCTF and the Pacific Salmon Foundation through an application submitted to the District of North Vancouver.
- Next deadline November 2, 2014.





Environmental Damages Fund

- Environment Canada
- follows the **Polluter Pays Principle** to help ensure that those who cause environmental damage or harm to wildlife take responsibility for their actions.
- The EDF is a specified purpose account, administered by Environment Canada, to provide a mechanism for directing funds received as a result of fines, court orders, and voluntary payments to priority projects that will benefit our natural environment.
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EcoAction Community Funding Program

- encourages action focused projects that will protect, rehabilitate or enhance the natural environment, and build the capacity of communities to sustain these activities
- supports projects that address the following four themes:
 - Clean air: to reduce emissions that contribute to air pollutants
 - Clean water: to divert and reduce substances that negatively affect water quality or to focus on water conservation and efficiency
 - Climate change: to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change or to deal with the impacts of climate change
 - Nature: to reduce biodiversity loss, protect wildlife and plants, and protect and improve the habitat where they live
- Application deadline has already passed but may be extended?





RBC Blue Water Program

- Must be CRA registered charity
- Normally funds programs and projects not brick and mortar
- May fund up to 20% of project budget
- Eligible projects located in cities and towns with pop > 10,000, globally, urban focus
- Eligible projects (infiltration galleries, rain gardens, riparian restoration)





Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC)

- The Foundation's overall aim is to transform land use attitudes and practices, thus contributing to resilient, healthy communities and natural environments. Grant programs support progressive initiatives that address current challenges and plan for the future.
- Research and experience show that fresh water, sustainable food systems, and well-planned built environments are integral to sustainable communities. Accordingly, the Foundation applies these focus areas to its General Grant Program.
- Grant requests up to \$20,000 – Quarterly deadline and decision
- Grant requests over \$20,000 – Bi-annual deadline and decision





2. DFO Habitat Restoration, Protection, and Creation update

- Two units of the Salmonid Enhancement Program are the Community Involvement Program (CIP) and the Resource Restoration Unit (RRU)
- CIP/RRU will continue to work with individuals, groups, and partners (e.g. PSF, PSC, MOTI, BC Hydro FWCP, etc.) to develop projects that are consistent with the priorities of DFO and partners.
- PSC – Southern Boundary Fund appears less interested in restoration work as in the past – we will try to engage
- CIP/RRU will work with new programs (RFCPP) by developing projects with community partners
- Non traditional partners may fund projects when there is a shared interest with others (e.g. Habitat Conservation Trust Fund)





CIP/RRU Accomplishments 2013/14

- Worked with over 30 partners – individuals, groups (e.g. FN, BC Cattlemen, SLIPP, ENGO's), other agencies (e.g. MOTI)
- Funds totaled more than \$1.25M
- Created, protected, or restored over 452,000 m³ of habitat
 - a banner year

