

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



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Vision: Healthy salmon populations in functioning watersheds co-existing with thriving communities in the Fraser Basin

Who are we?

FSWP was created and is managed by the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) and Fraser Basin Council (FBC), working with the Living Rivers Trust Fund and Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Fraser Basin Initiative.

What do we do?

FSWP strategizes to "inspire changes in human behaviour for the benefit of salmonids and the watersheds on which we all depend."

How do we do it?

Operating in an annual cycle, FSWP draws on a variety of perspectives in setting priorities, funding proponent-led projects that respond to priorities, and developing FSWP-led projects to fill strategic gaps and leverage existing capacity and local solutions. Our four program areas are Fisheries, Habitat, Governance and Engagement.

Through a strategic mixture of projects led by proponents and by FSWP, we collectively move towards this vision.



Sustainable fisheries

Fisheries resource management is challenged to maintain biodiversity and viable fisheries in a context of climate change, loss of habitat/ ecosystem function, user conflict and limited resources.

In response, FSWP

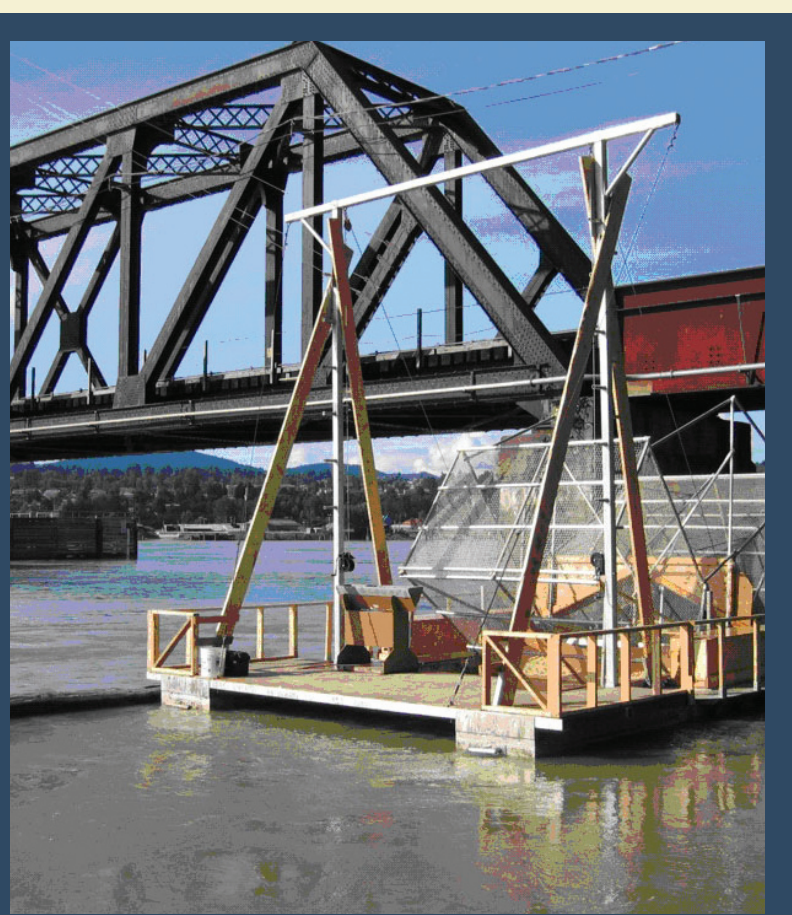
- supports the development of collaborative frameworks to address key challenges.
- supports programs to improve the scientific basis for in-season management and stock assessment.

For example,

Fraser Salmon Legacy Project

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Building on conclusions from fish wheel and tagging studies funded by FSWP in 2007 and 2008, this project continues to adapt and combine technology needed for effective in-season processes and practical methods for annual surveys and studies of abundance and migration.



Continuing to Build a River Community

Fraser River Salmon Table Society

Building a River Community (BARC) continues to convene First Nations, commercial and recreational sectors to resolve regional issues about fisheries access and allocation.



Habitat stewardship

The protection of salmon habitat and ecosystems is hindered by information gaps about the status of and threats to various sub-basins and by capacity to deliver effective stewardship and restoration programs throughout the Fraser Basin.

In response, FSWP

- Increases availability of information to improve decisions about habitat protection and restoration
- Supports the development of capacity and approaches that will protect and restore salmon habitat.

For example,

Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program

BC Cattlemen's Association

The agricultural and ranching community receives advice and support for beneficial management practices including riparian restoration, and streambank stabilization.



BC Aquatic Information Partnership

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A multi-agency partnership is developing a salmon habitat knowledge base.



Water stewardship

Sound decisions about water and waterways should consider the entire watershed, yet no single authority has jurisdiction over this natural feature.

In response, FSWP

- Convenes province-wide partners to work towards a common vision of sustainable watershed governance.
- Supports inclusive planning and governance bodies that address regional water issues.

For example,

Collaborative Watershed Governance Initiative

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All four orders of government (federal, provincial, First Nations and municipal) and the private sector are exploring watershed governance principles and their implementation.

Watershed Fish Based Sustainability Plan Completion - Stages 3 and 4

Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society

Bonaparte stewards continue to implement and improve watershed based fish sustainability plan.



Behaviour change strategies

Individuals recognize the need to act to protect salmon, but often have no "doable" first step or grasp of how they can make a difference.

In response, FSWP

- Supports watershed champions to develop regional strategies for human behaviour change.
- Supports watershed education that leads to increased action.

For example,

Enabling Regional Behaviour Change Strategies

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Three groups were coached to initiate efforts to identify and promote priority behaviour changes for their region, partnering with FSWP to offer social marketing workshops for organizations basin-wide and to conduct attitude and awareness research.



Water Wise: Water Conservation & Watershed Health Education

Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society

Working with gardening centres, CCCS promotes drought resistant plants to decrease household water consumption in the Williams Lake watershed.

What can we do for you?

FSWP can

- Collaborate on issues of common concern
- Fund projects critical to salmon and watershed sustainability in the Fraser Basin

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