

September 28, 2022

Polar Coachman Flyfishers
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of The B.C. Wildlife Federation (BCWF) Board of Directors and staff, I would like to extend a sincere thank you for your recent donation in supporting the charity's mission: to protect, enhance and promote the wise use of the environment for the benefit of present and future generations.

Your gifts have helped ensure that several important BCWF initiatives and conservation stewardship programs continued despite the ongoing global pandemic.

- The Southern Interior Mule Deer Project, the largest collaborative mule deer research project in B.C.'s history, continued to maintain nearly 200 collared does and fawns, investigate mortalities, and manage over 150 trail cameras across 3 study areas. The goal of the project is to learn how to restore mule deer populations by studying how landscape change and predator-prey communities are affecting current populations.
- The Southern BC Cougar Project continued to capture and collar cougars and investigate kill sites.
- Youth Programs ran 5 virtual summer camps and 4 in-person camps for 75 campers. The National Archery in the Schools Program engaged 2,814 students at 35 schools and we reached 332 students through the Virtual Classroom Education program.
- The Fish Habitat Restoration and Education Program ran 3 Juvenile Sturgeon Conservation workshops, 2 Fish Habitat and Riparian Stewardship workshops, and engaged seniors through the Fishing in Later Years program. At Reel Fishing workshops, 65 volunteers planted over 650 native riparian plants and removed invasive species.
- Our Wetlands Education Program hosted 27 events, trained 384 participants, and engaged an additional 420 students. We restored a total of 30.68 hectares of wetland and floodplain habitat in 2021.
- The BCWF, as part of the BC Watershed Security Coalition, presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, and was encouraged that they recognized our recommendations on increasing watershed security. The Coalition represents over 250,000 people, and has been advocating for watershed security, focusing on flood mitigation, water purification, and restoring high-value fish and wildlife habitat.
- The BCWF and The West Arm Outdoors Club launched year 2 of the Kootenay Lake Angler Incentive Program, building on the first year's success, and adding a kid's category. The program protects the future of kokanee by encouraging anglers to catch and retain Kootenay Lake trout, allowing juvenile kokanee to grow.
- Continued advocacy on behalf of hunters, anglers, and conservationists in British Columbia for access to fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreation resources.

Once again, thank you for your help in protecting and conserving British Columbia's fish, wildlife, and habitat. We look forward to the year ahead and having a positive impact in British Columbia.

Yours in conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Zeman', written over a horizontal line.

Jesse Zeman
Executive Director

Thank you so much for your contribution to the
Steelhead program!