

Nature's Voice

THE PERIODICAL NEWSLETTER FROM BCnature

TO KNOW NATURE AND TO KEEP IT WORTH KNOWING

Upcoming Events

Club Support Grant Deadline

If your club has not yet downloaded the Club Support Grant Application for 2026 - Please do so soon. The deadline is fast approaching. [LINK](#)

Resolutions for voting on at the 2026 AGM

Download Guidelines for Resolution Submission: [LINK](#)

Scholarship Applications now Available

[BERT BRINK 2026 FILLABLE SCHOLARSHIP](#)

[APPLICATION – DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2026](#)

[RENE SAVENYE 2026 FILLABLE SCHOLARSHIP](#)

[APPLICATION – DUE JUNE 15, 2026](#)

We Did it (Collectively)



Thank You for an Exceptional 2025 – Building Momentum for 2026

Thanks to your generosity and commitment, we are pleased to share that our **\$70,000 donation goal for 2025 was fully achieved by December 31**. This is a significant accomplishment and a direct reflection of the strength and dedication of our membership. Simply put: **you made this success possible**.

As we enter 2026, our focus shifts from celebrating what we achieved together to **building on that momentum**.

To grow our impact, strengthen our programs, and ensure long-term sustainability, we must now take an important

next step. At present, our fundraising efforts are carried out by dedicated volunteers and program staff. While this speaks to the passion behind our organization, it also limits our capacity. In 2026, our priority is to **raise the funds to hire a professional who can coordinate and manage our fundraising** –someone who can expand our donor base, pursue grants more effectively, and allow our volunteers and board to focus on governance, advocacy, and mission delivery.

This means that **2026 is a year to go further, together**. Continued and increased donations will directly support the transition to a professional model that positions us for greater reach, stability, and impact in the years ahead.

Thank you for everything you helped accomplish in 2025—and for standing with us as we work to make 2026 even more transformative.

[**DONATE TODAY**](#)

BC Nature 50/50 Draw Fundraiser



Please help us to kick off 2026 with our first ever 50/50 raffle. Our goal for our first 50/50 is \$16,000.00 of which the winner would win half! We are off to a slow start, however, we know that you will rise up to the occasion and support this raffle! Buy your \$20.00 package before they sell out (there are only a limited about of each purchase packages.) Just think if you won this raffle and we sold out - you would have \$8000.00 to go buy yourself that scope

you always wanted or travel to some awesome birding place! Like the commercials say "Dream to the Max".

Due to BC Gaming Commission Rules: We have signed up with a third-party vendor to use the approved software to host our raffle. You will be re-directed to Rafflebox and the BC Nature 50/50 raffle.

Gaming Licence # 167291.

[**LINK here to purchase**](#)

Glimmers of Hope: 2026 Endangered Rivers List Released

From the Outdoor Recreation Council:

The Outdoor Recreation Council of BC released the **2026 Endangered Rivers List**, recognizing recent progress while calling for government action to address ongoing issues affecting some of British Columbia's most important rivers.

Tied for the top spot this year are two iconic waterways: The **Cowichan River** on Vancouver Island and the **Heart of the Fraser**, the stretch of the Fraser River between Mission and Hope.

"These are both iconic waterways," says Mark Angelo, ORCBC's Rivers Advisor and founder of BC and World Rivers Day. "The Cowichan is an important salmon stream, culturally significant to the Cowichan people, and a recreational asset for anglers and paddlers. The Fraser is one of the most productive rivers on the planet. All this is at risk, but on both rivers we are seeing glimmers of hope."

For the full list of endangered rivers see: [**LINK**](#)

Calling on the Province to Protect BC's Forests – Please sign!

From our Friends at Westcoast Climate Action Network:

From Dr. Suzanne Simard and Dr. Rachel Holt: We are calling on the province to finally follow through on long-promised commitments to protect old growth, support First Nations stewardship, and shift forestry policy toward ecosystem health ... and to direct a smaller, sustainable harvest into local, value-added producers that create more jobs for less harvest, keeps profits and jobs in BC - and more. We need 20,000 signatures! Please share with all your friends and contacts. [**Sign here**](#)

Applications for the Young Leaders in Conservation Program 2026 Cohort are now OPEN!

From our Friends at CPAWS

Applications for the Young Leaders in Conservation Program 2026 Cohort are now OPEN!

Calling youth aged 18-30 who are interested in turning a passion for nature into meaningful action! Apply to our free youth conservation program by January 31, 2026.

We are so excited to launch another year of our Young Leaders in Conservation Program - a 6-month long learning and advocacy journey that gives youth the opportunities to become advocates for nature in their communities.

What this program offers:

- Brings together like-minded youth with a shared passion for Nature
- Unique opportunities to connect with conservation experts and elected officials across BC
- In-person summits and retreats
- Workshops related to conservation advocacy and campaigning skills

The program runs from March 2026 - August 2026.

We know that by empowering youth to shape the conversation around climate and nature, we'll have a stronger impact together!

[**Visit our website for full details here.**](#)

H.C.T.F. Funding Available to BC Nature Clubs/Groups



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Three grants that just opened – the application deadline for all three is February 28, 2026, at 4:30pm (PST).

Action Grants support projects that result in measurable changes in the behaviours and practices of a defined target audience (community, user group or practitioners) to create solutions or implement sustainable practices that mitigate, prevent or reduce human-caused impacts on fish, wildlife, and habitat.

Funding up to \$50k
2-year term

More info: <https://hctf.ca/grants/action-grants/#overview>

Capacity Grants provide funding to support activities that build skills, foster collaboration, and advance planning to enhance future conservation outcomes.

Funding up to \$25k
2-year term

More info: <https://hctf.ca/grants/capacity-grants/#overview>

Community Grants provide funding to organizations and individuals who need financial help to implement a conservation project. Since 1974, the Province of BC and HCTF have provided approximately \$150,000 each year to help implement on-the-ground conservation work, with a particular focus on hands-on, community-based, and public awareness initiatives.

Funding up to \$10k per year, \$20k total for the lifetime of a project
Up to 5 years to complete

Requires volunteers and matching funds

More info: <https://hctf.ca/grants/community-grants/#overview>

