15 Years of Investing in B.C.’s Freshwater Fisheries for the Benefit of the Public.

The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC was formed as a non-profit organization on March 26, 2003. Working in partnership with government, industry, and anglers, our goal is to make fishing in B.C. even better through the enhancement and conservation of B.C.’s freshwater fish resources.

30 new docks
Working with municipal, regional, and provincial partners, we’ve been creating easy-to-access fishing around B.C.

100+ million trout, char and kokanee released into more than 800 lakes around the province.

240,000 Learn to Fish participants since inception of the introductory program in 2006.

$50,000 in scholarships awarded to 31 fisheries students since 2008.

45% reduction in annual energy consumption (kWh) via Society-developed innovations and staff practices since 2008.
2003-18 HIGHLIGHTS

Reducing genetic risk to wild fish

Our development of triploid (sterile) kokanee, trout, and char has not only reduced genetic risks to wild stocks, but improved the catch rate for anglers.

2,281,000 white sturgeon eggs and juveniles raised and released for recovery efforts in the Kootenay, Columbia, and Nechako rivers.

YOUR LICENCE DOLLARS AT WORK.

Under an agreement signed between the Province and the Society in 2015, 100% of the revenue generated from fishing licence fees directly benefits recreational fisheries. The Society invests every penny into research, conservation, and educational programs; improving angler access; and our stocking program.
On behalf of the Board of Directors and our senior management team, we are pleased to present the 2017-18 annual report for the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC.

This report details our fifteenth year as the private non-profit organization responsible for delivering a diverse range of public fisheries services to the Province of British Columbia and other partners. We are extremely proud of our organization and our employees, and of the work we continue to do to make fishing in B.C. even better.

In 2017-18, we released a five-year strategic plan for our organization. The plan highlights our ongoing vision of having the best freshwater fisheries in North America. It details the three core values of our organization: passion, innovation, and agility. The plan also captures the five strategic objectives we are pursuing to further our vision:

1. To increase and maintain a satisfied angling community
2. To support diverse and thriving recreational fishing in B.C.
3. To lead in the implementation of innovative and responsible freshwater fish culture
4. To foster a work environment that engages, inspires, and satisfies employees
5. To ensure the long-term success of the Society as a non-profit organization

As you read through the annual report, you will see that it has been structured around these five objectives, and the work we have undertaken in 2017-18 to achieve them.

Another marked achievement for 2017-18 was our hosting of the 8th World Recreational Fishing Conference (WRFC) in Victoria, B.C. from July 16 to 20, 2017. This conference brought together a breadth of international specialists to share their expertise and ideas about recreational fisheries. Nearly 400 delegates from 22 different countries attended the conference – the best-attended WRFC to date. We achieved our objectives to raise the profile of the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC and the work we do, and to showcase the province’s recreational fisheries, with an international audience. We ended the conference with a $10,000 budget surplus, which the Society contributed to the Wolfgang Haider scholarship to fund students to attend the 9th World Recreational Fishing Conference in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, in 2020.

While we once again were successful in delivering our recreational and conservation services to the Province, 2017-18 was not without its challenges for our Society. The year started off with a cold, wet spring, then transitioned into a very dry summer dominated by unprecedented wildfires and backcountry closures. These environmental factors turned people away from fishing, resulting in a loss of licence revenues. We were required to run our first deficit budget since the 2008 economic crisis. By postponing several projects and initiatives, we were able to manage the deficit. However, this setback reinforced the need to be diligent in our work to recruit and retain anglers in the province, and further break down barriers to people being able to get out and fish. Having a robust recreational fishery in the province, with stable to increasing angler numbers, will ensure that the considerable social and economic benefits that these fisheries provide will continue into the future.
In the Society’s core business areas of fish culture and stocking programs during the past year, we are pleased to report that we met 100% of provincial stocking requests by producing 5.7 million trout, char, and kokanee, and stocking 787 lakes and streams.

With over 30,000 children and families participating in our flagship Learn to Fish program, our sport fishing development division continued to deliver the core of our angler recruitment and retention initiatives.

We also note that our research and biological staff made great strides in improving our understanding of key issues facing provincial freshwater sport fisheries through an ever-expanding network of partnerships with universities, government, and private industry. Our collaborative work with regional fisheries biologists from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development continues to result in improved stocked lake fisheries.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge the cooperation and support of our valued partners in the provincial government: the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, and the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy. In addition, we wish to thank the other government agencies, business sector, fish and game clubs, angling associations, non-profit societies, academic institutions, and hundreds of individuals who help to make the Society and its programs a success. We also commend the many new anglers (especially the young people – the future generation of anglers – and their parents) for their enthusiasm and support of our programs: Learn to Fish, Fishing in the City and Rod Loan. Encouraging young anglers to take up fishing will ensure a continuing interest in recreational fishing and habitat conservation, as well as contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude to our Board of Directors and all the employees of the Society. Your dedication, professionalism, and creativity are a significant source of the Society’s success – you make us very proud.

Andrew Wilson, President
Jon Pew, Chair
Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC
OUR VISION
The Best Freshwater Fisheries in North America
The Society at a Glance

Board of Directors

The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is governed by a Board of Directors. Our Board is comprised of up to five independent members, two members appointed by the Province, and the Society's president. The Board sets policy, provides strategic direction, and monitors the financial and operational health of the organization. The president is a non-voting director responsible for the ongoing operations and management of the organization. New independent members are selected by the Board of Directors. Board members for 2017-2018 are:

Jon Pew, Chair
Gord Argue, Vice-Chair
Bill Camden, Secretary/Treasurer
James Gordon, Director
George Iwama, Director
Scott Barrett, Director (government appointment)
Tom Ethier, Outgoing Director (government appointment)
Mike Ramsay, Incoming Director (government appointment)
Andrew Wilson, President

Senior Management Team

The President and senior management team are responsible for all operations and programs delivered by the Society. We currently employ 72 full-time staff and 46 seasonal staff across our four divisions. Senior management team members for 2017-2018 are:

Andrew Wilson, President
Tammy Longbottom, Director, Human Resources
Melina Barnes, Chief Financial Officer
Adrian Clarke, Vice President, Science Division
Tim Yesaki, Vice President, Operations Division
Dana Atagi, Vice President, Sport Fishing Division
The Society at a Glance

Locations

★ Hatchery locations
○ Corporate office
● Research and Marketing

BUSINESS DIVISIONS

Corporate
business oversight

Science
research and technical expertise

Operations
stocking program delivery

Sport Fishing
marketing and outreach
Revenue Sources ('000)

- Freshwater Fishing Licence Fees $10,563 (79%)
- Partners and Sponsors $1,694 (13%)
- Province of B.C. Conservation Grant $1,147 (9%)

TOTAL $13,404 (100%)

Program Costs ('000)

- Recreational Stocking Program $5,066 (36%)
- Administration $1,844 (13%)
- Conservation and Restoration $1,785 (13%)
- Facility Upgrades and Innovation $1,752 (12%)
- Fisheries Committee Projects $1,651 (12%)
- Outreach, Marketing and Development $1,476 (10%)
- Research $673 (5%)

TOTAL $14,246 (100%)

For a complete set of audited financial statements and the audit report, please contact the Chief Financial Officer at (250) 414-4212.
Our primary and contractual partner is the Province of B.C. through the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development. We work closely with and support the province’s Fish and Wildlife Branch and regional fisheries biologists on many initiatives. Many of the research, outreach, and conservation initiatives we are involved in rely upon the financial support of multiple partners and sponsors to deliver.

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
- Carleton University
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Genome BC
- Genome Canada
- MITACS Accelerate Program
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council
- Simon Fraser University
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Calgary

**LEARN TO FISH AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS**
- Columbia Basin Trust
- Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
- Ram Trucks Canada
- Rapala
- Teck Highland Valley Copper
- Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd.
- BC Wildlife Federation
- BC Parks
- Canada Summer Jobs
- City of Victoria
- Pacific Salmon Foundation
- Province of B.C.

**FISHING DOCKS PROGRAM**
- BC Parks
- Capital Regional District
- Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development
- Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

**ROD LOAN**
- Rapala

**RECOVERY PROGRAMS FOR STURGEON AND KOKANEE**
- BC Hydro
- Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council
- District of Vanderhoof
- Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy
- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development
- Rio Tinto Alcan
2017-18 marked the third year of supporting three joint provincial-Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC fisheries committees. Each spring, fisheries biologists from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy, and the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC identify and prioritize projects that benefit recreational fishing around the province.

To be eligible for funding, projects must benefit recreational fishing by meeting one or more of the following objectives:

1. Enhance the fishing experience
2. Attract and maintain public participation in recreational fishing
3. Maintain and improve the variety of fishing options available to the public
4. Maintain and restore healthy wild and enhanced fish stocks to support freshwater fisheries
5. Seek opportunities to support shared stewardship initiatives
6. Improve delivery of the freshwater fisheries program

The fisheries committees recommended 60 projects, and approved funding of $1.4 million by the Society for 28 Small Lakes projects (with a $458,135 budget), 16 Large Lakes projects (with a $474,765 budget) and 16 Rivers projects (with a $478,374 budget).
Spotlight on 2017-18 Funded Fisheries Committee Projects

**Meziadin Lake Bull Trout Management**

In 2017, a five-year study was initiated on Meziadin Lake in the Skeena region to better understand the bull trout population. This large lake supports the most significant bull trout fishery in the region, and a fishery which is growing in popularity. Results from the study will help form management decisions to maintain a quality recreational fishery for the species, while ensuring that conservation needs are met.

In year one, 74 bull trout were tagged: 42 with acoustic tags to track movement and behaviour in the lake, and 32 with high-reward tags to be reported by anglers when caught. The reward tags will help biologists understand catch and harvest rates, as well as natural mortality. Seven of the reward-tagged fish were subsequently re-caught and reported by anglers in 2017. Tagging and tracking will continue during the remainder of the study.

**Coquihalla River Summer Steelhead Barrier Removal**

This multi-partner initiative was undertaken in 2017 to address a migration barrier for summer steelhead in the Coquihalla River. The new barrier was created in spring 2014 when large boulders shifted in the canyon at Othello Falls. Because of this, most summer-run steelhead have been unable to access upstream spawning beds for the past four years.

The impacts of the barrier were a major concern from both conservation and recreational perspectives. Biologists moved migrating fish above the slide each year while a more permanent solution was sought. In September 2017, drilling and blasting were successfully undertaken to modify the stream channel. Starting in the summer of 2018, the summer steelhead migration will be monitored to determine the success of the project.

**Access Improvements for Thompson Region Small Lakes**

The goal of this project was to manage small-lake access, providing new or improving existing opportunities for anglers seeking to fish one of the Thompson Region’s 1,100 small lakes. The six lakes selected were Andy, Hadlow, Monte, Nicola, Roche, and Sullivan. Access improvements included road deactivation to maintain walk-in-only angling; modifying highway access to enable easier access; and boat-launch modifications and upgrades.

**Supporting River Guardians around the Province**

River Guardian programs have been successfully implemented on numerous priority watersheds around the province. River Guardians monitor compliance with angling regulations, and provide on-the-water outreach and education for anglers. Some River Guardians also collect key information on target species to help understand fish abundance and catch rates – information critical for conservation. In 2017, we supported River Guardians on non-classified waters in the East Kootenays, on the Kettle River in the Okanagan, several rivers and lakes in the Thompson region, and on the Lower Fraser River. In all cases, the long-term goals of the River Guardian activities are to improve compliance rates, and maintain quality angling experiences for anglers targeting B.C.’s wild fish populations.
Growing B.C.’s Angling Community

Improving Access to Fisheries

Working with provincial and regional governments, partners, and anglers, we help improve access to fisheries by investing in trails, boat launches, and fishing docks, ensuring that everyone – from avid anglers to beginners – can go fishing. We supported the installation of five additional docks around the province in 2017: Weaver Lake (Lower Mainland region); Idlewild Lake in Cranbrook and Alces Lake near Canal Flats (Kootenay region); Spectrum Lake in Monashee Provincial Park (Okanagan region); and the Power To Be site at Prospect Lake near Victoria (Vancouver Island region). The latter helps people living with a barrier or disability have access to the lake.

Learn to Fish and Rod Loan Programs

The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC works with various partners to remove barriers and, through its outreach programs, engage and inspire a whole new generation of anglers to take up fishing. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and funders, most of the programs are delivered to new anglers for free.

Learn to Fish is an introductory program that teaches youth and their families the basics of how, when, and where to catch fish in fresh water. In 2017, 902 Learn to Fish programs were delivered to 30,853 participants at 98 different locations across the province. The program has now reached over 240,000 participants since 2006.

In addition, 13,572 youth and their families were able to try fishing without having to purchase gear. Through our Rod Loan program, they were able to borrow spinning rods with reels, and a basic box of tackle for a day or week. Rod Loan locations are found at Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC hatcheries and 17 tourism visitor centres. And during the summer months, mobile Rod Loan locations are set up at various lakes throughout the province.
Improving the Opportunity to Learn at our Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery

The trout hatchery celebrated 40 years in 2017, with the current Abbotsford facility rearing fish for local lakes since 1977. In 2017-18, the fishing ponds and visitor centre (which annually welcome 10,000 visitors) also underwent some big improvements. The fishing ponds were dredged to improve water quality for the fish and improve catch success for new anglers. The ponds’ banks were re-shaped and stabilized to improve access and safety. In addition, we overhauled all the display signs inside the visitor centre, providing current and informative content about our hatchery and angling in B.C.

Fishing BC – Co-operative Partnership to Market B.C.’s Fishing Tourism Sector

2017-18 marked the second year of a new partnership between the BC Fishing Resorts and Outfitters Association, Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, and Sport Fishing Institute of BC to market the fishing tourism sector under Destination BC’s Co-operative Marketing Partnership Program. The intentions of the program are to drive industry collaboration, align industry marketing efforts to provincial and regional strategies, and connect industry to the provincial brand. This partnership builds brand equity through all provincially funded marketing initiatives.

Sport fishing is one of B.C.’s pioneering tourism sectors. It continues to be a key economic driver for rural and coastal communities. In 2017-18, nine community tourism partners joined the initiative, and Destination BC provided full funding and additional marketing exposure for fishing as one of five passion-based sectors it supported. The creation of Fishing BC has enabled a new leveraged network to more effectively market sport fishing provincially, nationally, and internationally; to raise the profile of the sector; and to increase angling-related economic activity throughout rural B.C.
A Stocking Program to Meet Changing Environmental Conditions

Our research scientists are using the best available science to assess our broodstock, adapt our stocking strategies, and develop or maintain strains of fish to meet changing environmental conditions. In 2017, we established a new partnership with Genome Canada and Genome BC to examine the resilience of rainbow trout populations. This project has been funded for $5 million from partners, and the Society is contributing with in-kind support to raise fish for stocking experiments and subsequent genetic analysis.

New Fish-Aging Lab Established

For over 10 years, the Society and the Province have been looking for a solution (in a consistent and long-term approach) to fulfill fish-aging needs. The BC Provincial Aging Lab, located at the Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery, officially opened on June 5, 2017. Serving as a highly skilled facility that provides aging data to B.C. biologists, the aging lab will help managers make timely decisions regarding the conservation and enhancement of B.C. fisheries.

Whirling Disease

The first documented case of trout whirling disease in Canada was detected in August 2016 at Johnson Lake, in Banff National Park. In 1956, the parasite responsible for the disease, *Myxobolus cerebralis*, which is native to Europe, was introduced to North America in Pennsylvania. Transferred primarily by equipment and gear used for fishing and boating, it has subsequently spread westward across the continent. In response to this imminent threat to wild fish stocks, the Freshwater Fisheries Society supported the Province’s multi-faceted defense to prevent the spread of whirling disease into B.C.

In 2017-18, the Society helped fund a provincial whirling disease coordinator. The coordinator implemented a public education campaign, and started collecting fish samples from the Columbia Basin, which borders Alberta. Fish samples came from six sites: the Elk River, Premier Lake, Lower St. Mary River, Koocanusa tributaries, the Kootenay River near Creston, and the Columbia River near Castlegar and Trail.

The Freshwater Fisheries Society’s fish health lab was also involved in the surveillance program for whirling disease. Our staff conducted an internal testing program for whirling disease on all Society broodstock and Learn to Fish ponds. We also worked jointly with the Province and the
Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to test the 880 fish collected in the Kootenay Region. To date, all samples have tested negative.

Enhanced Compliance and Enforcement

2017 marked the third year of an agreement between the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC and the B.C. Conservation Officer Service to deliver enhanced compliance and enforcement on key waterbodies in the Kootenay-Boundary, Thompson-Cariboo, Okanagan, South Coast, and Skeena regions.

Between April 2017 and March 2018, Conservation Officers spent an additional 2,743 hours ensuring that anglers respect the rules while enjoying freshwater lakes and rivers across the province. Of 5,998 anglers checked, 987 were found to be in non-compliance. 696 warnings and 256 violation tickets were issued, with one angler receiving a court appearance to face charges. Provincially, non-compliance rates were 16.5%, an improvement over the 20.9% rate in 2016-17. The highest non-compliance rate (at 29.3%) was again in the Okanagan Region, although many of those were related to vessel safety. Thompson-Cariboo (19.5%) had the second highest non-compliance rate, followed by Skeena (19%), Kootenay-Boundary (15.7%), and the South Coast (9.3%).

10 Million Kokanee Eggs for Kootenay Lake Recovery

Historically, adult kokanee populations in Kootenay Lake have fluctuated between 250,000 to nearly 2.2 million spawners. Over the past five years, kokanee populations have collapsed, with only 18,000 fish returning to spawn in 2017. Kootenay Lake is also home to the legendary Gerrard rainbow trout, which in the past has supported close to 40,000 angler-days a year. Trophy-sized Gerrards rely on kokanee as a food source, and while the Gerrard population is stable, their sizes have declined as a result of the kokanee population crash.

In response to the kokanee declines, the Ministry formed the Kootenay Lake Advisory Team in 2015. The team includes biologists and specialists from the provincial government, Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, BC Hydro Fish and Wildlife Compensation, First Nations, and the BC Wildlife Federation. For a second year in a row, the Freshwater Fisheries Society was asked to collect an additional seven million eggs for the recovery effort. As part of the Action Plan, the additional eggs are being used to seed Meadow Creek, prime kokanee spawning grounds for Kootenay Lake.

We successfully collected just over 13 million eggs from six spawning locations, with 10 million eggs going towards the Kootenay Lake recovery efforts. Eyed eggs released into Meadow Creek are expected to return to the stream to spawn in two to three years, which means we expect to start seeing the results of the 2016 recovery efforts in the fall of 2018.

Supporting Student Employment at the Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre

Thanks to support from Rio Tinto Alcan, the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC was able to hire two interns and two summer students to assist with operations at the Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre in 2017. The employment program focusses on the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative objectives of conservation, research, monitoring, and education, while creating opportunities for local employment in Vanderhoof. This program will be offered again in 2018.
Clearwater Trout Hatchery Celebrates Two Decades of Raising Fish

On August 26, the Clearwater Trout Hatchery celebrated its 20th anniversary by inviting the public to an open house. Tours showcased the recent upgrades to the facility, and the hatchery’s history of raising and releasing rainbow trout, brook trout, and kokanee into local lakes.

A self-contained solar panel battery storage trailer was constructed for use at our field stations. The solar panel system provides 24-hour power at the field site, improving staff safety. And eliminating the need to run a gasoline generator has decreased our environmental footprint.

In 2017 we also installed new feeding systems at three facilities. The automated, computer-controlled feeders have improved the delivery of feed to our fish, resulting in better feed conversion rates.

Energy Conservation

2016 saw us wrap up an eight-year partnership with BC Hydro to implement energy-conservation projects across all of our hatchery facilities. With a legacy of those capital investments, and staff buy-in to energy conservation, we continued to realize energy savings in 2017 with a decrease of 2.9% over 2016.

New Diagnostic Tools for the Fish Health Lab

Our Fish Health Unit maintains year ‘round diagnostic assessments on all hatchery-reared fish, and diagnostic support for B.C.’s wild fish stocks. Investments in new diagnostic equipment in 2017-18 have improved the efficiency, capacity, and service delivery of the lab. A new thermocycler, qPCR machine, and Epoch Spectrophotometer improved our ability to test for IHNv, while a new Coulter Counter increased efficiencies in determining ploidy for our stocking and white sturgeon conservation programs.

Facility Upgrades

Production at the Clearwater Trout Hatchery has increased significantly since the 2016 conversion to round airlift tanks. In 2017, a new well was drilled, and efficient frequency-controlled motors and pumping equipment were installed to meet the current and future water requirements for the hatchery operations, and provide a back-up water source in the event of mechanical failures.

At the Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery, another phase of converting early rearing tanks from shallow troughs to round tanks was completed. Four of our six facilities have now converted to round-tank early rearing rooms. The Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery also received a new fish pump for use with the electronic counter. The fish pump, used to load fish into trucks for transport to release sites, reduces handling of fish with nets, improves inventory accuracy, and reduces manual lifting of buckets by staff.
Raising and Releasing Fish

In 2017-2018, our hatcheries raised and released 5.7 million trout, char, and kokanee – from juvenile fry to catchable-sized fish – for the delivery of the provincial recreational stocking program.

Small Lakes Recreational Stocking

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Conservation Stocking

The Society also operates conservation hatchery programs to bolster the numbers of juvenile fish for recovery initiatives. In 2017-18, we raised and released:

- 11,510 juvenile Nechako white sturgeon into the Nechako River
- 2,389 juvenile Columbia white sturgeon into the Upper Columbia River
- 8,701,893 kokanee eggs and 79,599 kokanee fry for the Kootenay Lake recovery initiative
- 26,420 kokanee fry into Penticton and Ellis creeks
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Your licence dollars at work.
100% of freshwater fishing licence fees go toward making fishing in B.C. even better.