# BCWF

**BC WILDLIFE FEDERATION** 

# Working together to protect and preserve



Strong numbers for change



43,000

PASSIONATE MEMBERS

ROD & GUN AND FISH & GAME CLUBS REPRESENTED

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10,000

YOUTH REACHED THROUGH OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS











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Gerry Paille BCWF Region 7B President and Provincial Wildlife Committee Chair

### Chuck Zuckerman

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### **BC Wildlife Federation Advocacy**

















## BC Wildlife Federation Advocacy





"I think this is the Government of Canada trying to send a signal to the public that they're going to take care of these issues through this legislation, despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of the guns that are being used in violent crimes are being used by gangsters, who don't follow the rules, and they're getting guns that are being smuggled in from the states, which are already illegal." - Jesse Zeman

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B.C. First Nation questions federal gun ban Tsilhqot'in First Nation says Bill C-21 would infringe on hunting rights









25 Organizations | More than 1000 Businesses | Representing > 300,000 British Columbians

## Hunting & Wildlife Conservation







- Represent Residents at the Provincial Hunting and Fishing Advisory Teams and Regional Advisory Groups and Roundtables (water, fresh and saltwater fisheries)
- PHTAT Subcommittees on Hunting Methods and Access Management
- Two Reps on the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation Board
- Together For Wildlife (Ministers' Wildlife Advisory Council and First Nations–B.C. Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Forum)





### Hunting & Wildlife Conservation





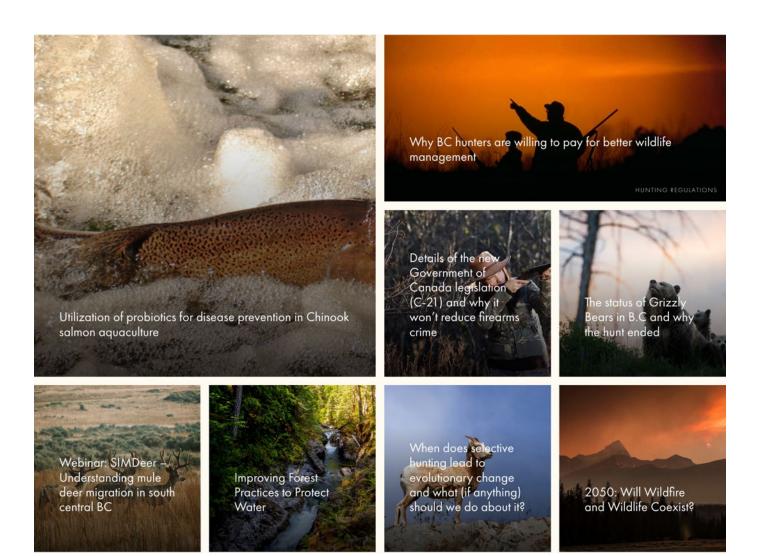
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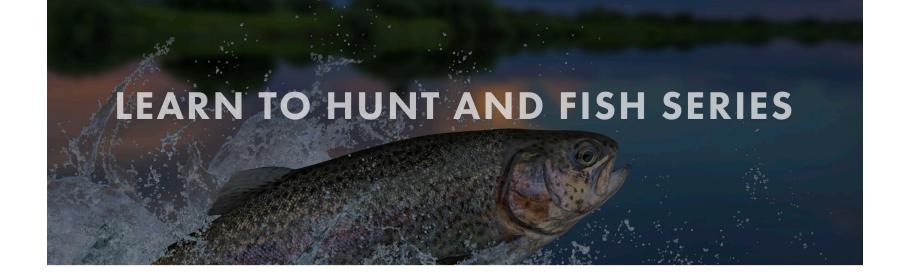
### Working with academics and scientists at UBC, UBC-O & UNBC on Wildlife, Habitat & Sustainability issues.





### **Conservation Webinar Series**











### Southern Interior Mule Deer Project Southern BC Cougar Project





SOUTHERN INTERIOR MULE DEER UPDATE













## Chronic Wasting Disease Provincial & Regional Working Groups





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Chronic Wasting Disease is a degenerative neurological disease that affects deer. Submitting samples for testing is mandatory in high-risk areas.

Learn more about CWD and how to participate in testing here: https://bcwf.bc.ca/initiatives /chronic-wasting-disease/







### **Network of Elected Officials**









### Dialogue With MLAs/Ministers and MPs First Nations' Governments







- BCWF Works closely with and support BC COS provincially and regionally
- COS routinely represented at the BCWF's Region 7B Annual General Meetings
- Officer of the Year Recognized at the BCWF's Provincial AGM



Conservation Officer of the Year – Blake Parker

The Conservation Officer of the Year award recognizes and honours conservation officers who have demonstrated exceptional service and commitment, bringing credit to the COS.





### **Conservation App**







## British Columbia Conservation Foundation





#### Founded by the BC Wildlife Federation





### **BCWF Programs**



A Program of the BC Wildlife Federation









### **BCWF Programs**













### Wild Kidz

#### WILD KIDZ IV: AUGUST 15-19

The fourth Wild Kidz camp took place at the Dawson Creek Sportsmen Club, where we had our most successful fishing day! This week of camp had 25 youth in attendance.



#### WILD KIDZ V: AUGUST 22-26

The fifth and final Wild Kidz camp of the summer was located at the North Peace Rod & Gun Club in Fort St. John. This exciting week was the perfect way to end the summer with 27 youth in attendance.



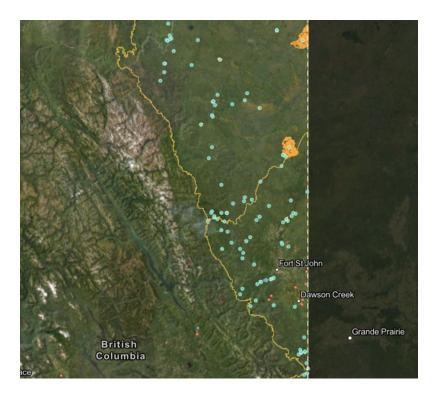






### Wetlands

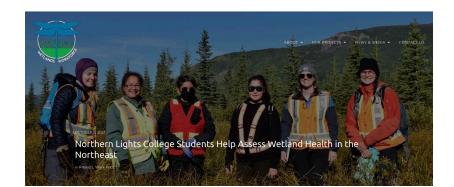
#### Award Winning Program — Lots of Projects in the NE







### Wetlands









#### **BC's Trend**







#### **BC as a global leader in FWH Management: Meeting the Public's Expectations**

- Objectives for FWH, all management levers being applied
- Funding is dedicated and spent on-theground
- FWH are enshrined in legislation
- Resource extraction is balanced with FWH
- Jobs are created in the sustainable economy
- Reconciliation moves forward through shared values



Food security is improved





#### **Short-term Priorities**

- Regional Wildlife Advisory Committees
- Dedicated Funding
- Increased conservation (30x30/Nature Agreement)
- Land-Use Planning and linkages to Regional Operations
- Reduce the Annual Allowable Cut
- FRPA regulations strike "not unduly reduce the supply of timber"
- Controlled burns and post-fire management





#### **Long-term Priorities**

- Ecosystem Health legislation that applies to all sectors per OGSR – combined with enabling updates to other laws, policies and regulations
- Legislated objectives for fish, wildlife and habitat. Objectives included in the Service Plan
- Collaborating on the creation of Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas
- Dedicated, permanent and coordinated funding mechanisms



