

Approved Capacity Grant Projects

Project Name	Project #	Project Description	Grant Amount *	Proponent
Salmon Parks Guardian Program	CAP-0174	The Mowachuht/Muchalaht First Nation (MMFN) Salmon Parks Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) is an Indigenous-led conservation initiative focused on protecting and restoring critical salmon ecosystems in terrestrial, marine and estuarine environments. A Community Advisory Council has been established within MMFN to provide input and guidance regarding the implementation of the Salmon Parks vision. This project will support the advisory council to identify key community values and goals and provide detailed recommendations for the establishment of a Guardians program within the terrestrial portion of the overall Salmon Parks region.	\$19,000	Salmon Parks Stewardship Society
Simpchw Ungulate Management Framework Development	CAP-0136	Estsek' Environmental Services LLP and Simpcw Natural Resources Department, in consultation with Simpcw Chief and Council, aim to develop a comprehensive Ungulate Management Framework for the sustainable conservation and management of mule deer, elk, moose, and caribou populations. This initiative seeks to assess current ungulate populations, identify potential threats, and establish an Ungulate Management Committee in collaboration with neighboring Secwepemc campfires, such as Skeetchestn and Tk'emlúps. This project will support the development of a regional, Indigenous-led ungulate management plan.	\$24,991	Estsek' Environmental LLP
Northern Goshawk Territory Restoration Treatment Planning	CAP-0165	The project will be focused on 2 adjacent active goshawk territories and developing management strategies to sustain territory viability including utilization of restoration treatments in second growth. The goal is to develop working examples of appropriate goshawk territory management that can be shared with other First Nations and land use stakeholders. The objectives are to: 1) Develop restoration strategies that are implementable for these territories. 2) Build the internal capacity of the Gitksan to identify appropriate territory management for goshawk and their forage species. 3) Build the internal capacity of SERNbc to work with the Gitksan Hereditary Chiefs within their Ayook (law) and cultural values.	\$23,140	Society for Ecosystem Restoration in Northern B.C.
Creating an Indigenous-led conservation initiative for a mountain at risk in S'ólh Téméxw	CAP-110	This program will support the development of an Indigenous-led conservation and protection project on Sumas Mountain in Abbotsford. It takes place on the traditional territory of the Semá:th people. Fraser Valley Conservancy (FVC) will partner with Sumas (Semá:th) First Nation (SFN) to collect more information about the environmental and cultural impacts of planned housing developments in this area. This project will support SFN and FVC in engaging in conservation planning in the first year, resulting in conservation action implementation in the second year.	\$20,000*	Fraser Valley Conservancy
Capacity Building Training within Nlaka'pamux Homeland	CAP-101	A partnership between AEW LP and the Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council (NNTC) aims to bolster capacity within the environmental and forestry sectors. With the support of the HCTF Capacity Grant, the project seeks to conduct a series of specialized training courses and acquire essential field equipment necessary for upcoming projects. These resources will play a crucial role in enhancing expertise and facilitating the successful execution of upcoming environmental and forestry initiatives.	\$24,906*	AEW LP

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Supporting Capacity-Building for Indigenous-led Bat Conservation	CAP-130	Bats, vital to both ecosystems and the economy, confront an array of threats that include climate change, white-nose syndrome, wind energy development, timber harvest, and other sources of habitat loss. With 17 species, BC hosts the highest diversity of bats in Canada, all with long life spans and low reproductive rates, which poses challenges for population recovery due to slow replacement rates. Supporting the development of Indigenous-led community bat conservation programs is increasingly important as more bats become species at risk.	\$10,000	WCS Wildlife Conservation Society Canada - Western Canada Bat Conservation Program
Adams Lake Indian Band Breeding Bird Atlas	CAP-126	The Adams Lake Indian Band Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA) aims to provide a current evaluation of the distribution, relative abundance, and status of birds that breed within the Adams Lake Watershed. This project will support ALIB in obtaining important baseline breeding bird data, more accurate information on location and abundance of significant species (including species at risk), and will help inform conservation needs of bird species within the Adams Lake Watershed. This project is integral in supporting ALIB's larger Species at Risk program.	\$9,000	Adams Lake Indian Band
Caribou Habitat Restoration within the Kitselas Traditional Territory	CAP-091	This project will train and provide experience to Nation members in conducting site assessments for prescription development on linear features within the Telkwa Caribou herd range, building on Wai Wah Environmental's previous success in verifying high-priority linear features for restoration.	\$24,630*	Wai Wah Environmental GP Ltd
Empowering BC Conservation Organizations to Acquire Lands from US Owners	CAP-164	This project is focused on building capacity in BC conservation organizations including land trusts, Indigenous-led organizations, and parks agencies to acquire conservation lands and conservation covenants from US-based landowners. American Friends of Canadian Conservation (AFCC) will deliver training workshops to these organizations that will impart knowledge and skills that will promote success in receiving land donations. The project will be focused on the Salish Sea region of BC, home to the imperiled Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem, and will include the identification of high-conservation-priority private lands that are owned by US-based entities, to enable immediate land protection action by BC conservation organizations using their new knowledge and skills.	\$14,000	American Friends of Canadian Conservation
Grizzly Bear Management Plan	CAP-092	The Tsilhqot'in National Government is leading a Territory-wide Grizzly Bear Management Plan for the Chilcotin Region of BC starting in winter 2024/25. This plan will focus on creating an in-depth management plan to guide grizzly bear management in the Chilcotin as the next step from the Provincial-level plan. The TNG plan would incorporate input from various individuals and organizations with an emphasis on including all six Tsilhqot'in communities.	\$10,000	Tsilhqot'in National Government

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Tsilhqot'in National Government Moose Management Plan	CAP-133	The Tsilhqot'in National Government is leading a Territory-wide Moose Management Plan for the Chilcotin Region of BC starting in winter 2024/25. This plan will focus on creating an in-depth management plan to guide moose management in the Chilcotin as there currently is no plan for moose. It will incorporate input from various individuals and organizations with an emphasis on including all six Tsilhqot'in communities.	\$10,000	Tsilhqot'in National Government
Tsilhqot'in National Government Fisher Management Plan	CAP-139	The Tsilhqot'in National Government is leading a Territory-wide Fisher Management Plan for the Chilcotin Region of BC starting in winter 2024/25. This plan will focus on creating an in-depth management plan to guide fisher management in the Chilcotin as there currently is no plan for fisher. It will incorporate input from various individuals and organizations with emphasis on including all six Tsilhqot'in communities.	\$10,000	Tsilhqot'in National Government



Yuma Myotis bat in Alice Lake Provincial Park
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