



Ineligible Project Activities

Fish & Wildlife Grant

The following activities and types of projects are ineligible for funding under the Fish & Wildlife Grant:

Project Types

- Projects that are focused on [federally managed salmon species](#) that do not also benefit provincially managed fish species or their habitats;
- Marine projects, except for activities that occur in estuary habitat;
- Mapping only projects that are not a component of a larger eligible HCTF application;
- Stand-alone inventory studies that are government responsibility;
- Stand-alone environmental quality monitoring projects (not tied to larger conservation initiatives or projects); or,
- Non-applied research, projects of interest, or academic in nature, without informing clear conservation or management outcomes.

(Note that research focused on understanding population baselines and conservation status of species, and/or research that identifies key opportunities for restoration, enhancement, maintenance, or acquisition is eligible for HCTF funding.)

Rehabilitation and Rearing Activities

- Fish rearing, farming, stocking, or hatchery projects;
- Wildlife rescue or rehabilitation centers;
- Captive breeding and rearing, except for activities or circumstances that will result in clear and positive outcomes for recovery of native species populations; or
- Feeding of wildlife species, with the exception of activities that are part of population recovery projects.

Training, Wages, and Materials

- General staff training costs for project personnel for activities not directly related to project objectives (i.e. First Aid, Boat Operators, ATV, etc.);
- Salaries for regular Provincial government employees (Provincial employee time should be listed as in-kind)

(Note that wages for auxiliary employees dedicated to the proposed project are eligible);

- Purchase of capital assets (physical or intangible property or items used by the organization with a useful life extending beyond one year that provides a lasting benefit or service potential).
 - Includes vehicles, boats, ATVs, quads, trailers, snowmobiles, computers, drones, etc., and any equipment or technology not dedicated solely to the project;
- Construction, purchase, or improvement of infrastructure (the basic physical structures and facilities that support an organization's operations or program delivery)
 - Includes buildings, docks, campsites, roads, bridges, utilities (such as hydro poles and hydro lines), office spaces, storage facilities, and similar fixed physical items providing a public or organizational service, usually permanent or long-lasting; or,
- Repairs and maintenance of aerators (Ministry proponents should apply to the Fisheries O&M program).

Communications and Events

- Projects that only focus on the development or production of communication or marketing materials
 - Includes general education publication or outreach, interpretive signs, electronic databases, websites, file systems, and/or collecting data for maps. Material that is not part of a larger eligible HCTF project; or
- Production or sponsorship of commercial programs, events (i.e. fishing derbies, guided tours), or hosting or organizing of conferences,

(Note that presenting/speaking at conferences may be an eligible activity if it is clearly tied to the management of the species/habitat in your project, and it is a cost-effective way to share project results.)

Other

- Law enforcement activities, site security costs, or legal fees/insurance costs;
- Work that takes place outside of the Province of BC: All project activities must occur in B.C. for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and habitats; however, project leaders or staff may reside outside the province; or,
- If an admin fee is claimed, extra charges for overhead (e.g., photocopying, supplies, office space) are not eligible. No admin fee for government staff.

Please note that all Fish & Wildlife proposals have the same eligibility restrictions, application requirements, and review criteria unless otherwise specified.