



HABITAT CONSERVATION  
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# Quality Waters Fund

Project Number 4-444

Year 1 Project Report: 2024-2025

Kootenay Region

## Project Summary

The Kootenay River Guardian Program included angler education, angler compliance checks and angler (Creel) surveys on 8 classified waters as well as stream temperature monitoring during the summer period. WCT inventory (density/abundance estimates) was conducted on 2 systems and BT inventory (primarily redd counts) were conducted on >27 indexes in 7 systems. Habitat evaluations were conducted in both WCT and BT systems where inventory projects were completed. Audits were conducted on angling guides to confirm compliance with AMP's angler day quotes. Finally, RG's presented data to stakeholder clubs/groups, peers, etc. to educate the public and promote both the benefits of the program and long-term management objectives for species viability and angler opportunity. All of these components played a vital part in informing proactive management decisions with the goal of balancing diverse and sustained quality angler opportunities with long term conservation of wild stock WCT and BT fisheries.

## Summary Funding Table

	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Spending	Variance
<b>Kootenay (8 Classified Waters)</b>	\$103,670	\$103,731	\$61
<b>Horsefly River</b>	\$11,750	\$11,740	-\$10
<b>Dean River Stock Assessment</b>	\$15,080	\$15,030	-\$50
	<b>\$130,500</b>	<b>\$130,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Progress and Challenges in Achieving 2024-25 Project Outcomes

Project completed as planned. No significant challenges hindered outcomes.

## Capital Asset Purchase Information

N/A

## Additional Supporting Information

1 year Draft summary report completed. Region produces 3 or 5 year summary Final reports, as they are more effective in analyzing trends and comparing data to previous report cycles.

## Photos

N/A