

2026-2027 Fish & Wildlife Application Worksheet   
New, New Phase and Continuing Proposals

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| Please note this form is intended to be used as a worksheet only. Any information entered in this form will need to be entered and submitted through the [**Survey Apply online system**](https://hctf-grants.smapply.ca/prog/). Once this form has been completed, you can then copy and paste directly from this document to the online form. **Note**: Survey Apply does not keep any formatting such as bolded text, indents or italics. It will retain copied bullet points, but we advise you to limit your formatting until you have tested it in the Survey Apply system. Please keep a copy of this worksheet for your records.  Please refer to the ‘Guidance for Applicants’ and ‘Survey Apply Application Guide’ on the [HCTF Resources](https://hctf.ca/grants/fish-and-wildlife-grants/#hctfresources) tab for helpful tips on getting started and using the Survey Apply application system*.*  *Note: This Word worksheet shows all questions for F&W proposals; however, some questions are dynamic and may not trigger (be applicable to you) in the online system depending on your answers.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Information | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Name: Applicants will be required to name their applications when they begin; this title will appear here.  *Use a name that concisely identifies the project (e.g., species, habitat, and/or location) (max. 75 characters).*  *Please see the Survey Apply Application Guide for instructions on how to edit your project name after you have started your application.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Amount Requested from HCTF (for this project year 2026-2027):  *Number must match total amount requested on HCTF budget spreadsheet. If the amount differs from the budget spreadsheet, the spreadsheet will be considered correct.*  *Please note: The maximum amount of funding allowed for a Seed Grant is $10,000.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | **$** | | | | | |
| **Project Leader Contact Info**  *This will be the primary contact for all project-related correspondence and email notifications. Pending approval, the name listed here will be the main contact for the Conditional Grant Agreement. Please ensure that the email address listed here has been verified in the Survey Apply system to receive notifications. Please see the Survey Apply Application Guide for how to verify your email address.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Leader Name: | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Email Address: | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Cell Phone *(optional):* | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Recipient Organization and Billing Address**  *The name and address listed here will be used to issue payments. Pending approval, the organization listed here will be legally responsible for this project.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Applicant Sector | | | | | | | [dropdown selection]:   * Academic Institution * First Nation * Individual * Industry * Municipal/Regional Government * NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) * Provincial Government * Other | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Leader Title/Qualifications:  Provide a brief description of the Project Leader’s role and qualifications as they relate to the proposed project. | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional Proponents: *(optional)*  Please include the name, email, qualifications, and a brief description of their specific role on the project. Additional proponents listed here must have full knowledge of all aspects of the proposal and have agreed to be involved in the project. | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **Project Overview** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Project Status**  **Please select the appropriate status for your project from the options below:** **Seed** -Planning and preliminary work ONLY. See the link below for further explanation. **New** - Projects that are developed from an HCTF Seed grant or projects not previously funded by an HCTF Fish & Wildlife Grant, including New projects that were not approved in previous application cycles. See the link below for further explanation. **Continuing** -Projects that were approved previously, within the last 2 years, and are now applying for year 2 or 3 of funding (grandfathered projects, years 4 or 5). See the link below for further explanation. **New Phase** - Projects previously funded by an HCTF Fish & Wildlife Grant that are now entering a new funding cycle, projects approved for One Year Only in previous application cycle, projects that have paused for more than one year. See the link below for further explanation.  **Extended explanation:** [**Project Status**](https://hctf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2026-27-FW-Guidance-for-Applicants.pdf) (section 3, page 5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | **[dropdown selection]:**   * **Seed** * **New** * **Continuing** * **New Phase** | | | | | | |
| **Short Project Description:**Briefly describe the goal of your project (what you will accomplish and how your activities will benefit fish, wildlife and their habitats and ecosystems). HCTF will use this summarized description for communications about successful projects (max. 3 sentences). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Conservation Challenge:** Please provide more details about the specific conservation pressure that your project will address.   * Explain the specific conservation challenge on the land (threat to ecosystem, habitat and fish and/or wildlife) and why it is important to address it for this species/habitat/location. * Describe the urgency and/or need for this work and the risk if the proposed project objectives are not achieved. * Maximum 250 words. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Conservation Pressures:** From the list below, select the primary pressure that your project will address. If there is no option available that exactly matches your project criteria, please select one that is most relevant.  *Refer to the* [*CMP Conservation Pressures*](https://hctf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/HCTF-Conservation-Pressures-.pdf) *for more detailed information and examples specific to each category type.* | | | | | | | [dropdown selection]:   * 1. Residential & Commercial Development * 2. Agriculture & Aquaculture * 3. Energy Production & Mining * 4. Transportation & Service Corridors * 5. Biological Resource Use (e.g., logging, fishing) * 6. Recreation & Disturbance * 7. Natural System Modifications (e.g., fire suppression, dams) * 8. Invasive & Problematic Species * 9. Pollution * 10. Geological Events (e.g., earthquake, landslides) * 11. Climate Change (e.g., effects of drought) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Conservation Action:** Please select the primary action of your project (i.e. what types of activities will be conducted to reach the project goal?). If there is no option available that exactly matches your project criteria, please select one that is most relevant.  *Refer to the*[*CMP Conservation Actions*](https://hctf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/HCTF-Conservation-Actions.pdf)*for more detailed information and examples specific to each category type.* | | | | | | | [dropdown selection]:   * 1.1 Site/Area Management * 1.2 Ecosystem & Natural Process (Re)Creation * 2.1 Species Management * 2.2 Species Re-Introduction & Translocation * 2.3 Ex-Situ Conservation * 3.1 Outreach & Communications * 5.2 Better Products & Management Practices * 5.4 Direct Economic Incentives * 6.1 Protected Area Designation & Acquisition * 6.2 Easements & Resource Rights * 6.4 Conservation Planning * 6.5 Site Infrastructure * 7.2 Policies & Guidelines * 8.1 Applied Research & Status Monitoring * 8.2 Evaluation, Effectiveness Measures & Learning * 9.2 Training & Capacity Development * 10.3 Partnership Development | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Project Region:** Please select the region in which your project will occur. Note that HCTF uses the Provincial region designations (e.g., the [Wildlife Management Units](https://hctf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WildlifeMgmtUnitsMap.gif)). | | | | | | | [dropdown selection]:   * 0-Province Wide or Multi-Region * 1-Vancouver Island * 2-Lower Mainland * 3-Thompson-Nicola * 4-Kootenay * 5-Cariboo * 6-Skeena * 7-Omineca/Peace * 8-Okanagan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Project Location:** Provide a one-line description that includes distance to the nearest town or other known feature. This helps to orient the reviewers to your project’s location. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Map Location - Latitude & Longitude:** Provide the latitude/longitude coordinates of your primary project site. If your project spans multiple sites, please select only one for this map location. To find the latitude/ longitude coordinates of your project using Google Maps:  1) Open Google Maps in your browser.  2) Right-click the approximate area on the map where your project activities are taking place.  3) Select “What's Here”?  4) Under the search box, an info card with coordinates will appear (e.g., .48.422627 / -123.384803)5)  4) Copy the coordinates and paste into this Field | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Latitude:** *(e.g., 48.422627)* | | | | | | | **Longitude:** *(e.g., -123.38480)* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Project Group:** These project groups correspond to the different HCTF funds and/or different technical review committees. Select the group that most closely describes the primary species or project type. If aquatic and terrestrial focused, select all that apply. Contact HCTF if you are not sure | | | | | | | [Check all that apply]:   * Fisheries [except white sturgeon] * Wildlife [except wild sheep] * Bighorn / Thinhorn Sheep Only | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Target Species Names(s) (for Applied Research or Population Monitoring or Assessment projects): Provide the name of the target species that your project activities will assess, monitor, or enhance; OR,  Type of Habitat or Ecosystem (for Enhancement or Restoration focused projects): Provide a brief description or classification of the type of habitat the project is focused on.  Monitoring (Measures of Success) should be linked to the(se) species or ecosystems to assess conservation outcomes. Common names are preferred. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Project Type: Please identify the type of work your project will focus on. | | | | | | | [dropdown selection]:   * Applied Research * Habitat Restoration and Enhancement * Population Monitoring & Assessment | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **If Project Type is ‘Habitat Restoration and Enhancement’ you will be asked the following questions (u):** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| uWhat habitat type do you plan to restore or enhance? (describe if multiple types) | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| uWhat restoration outcomes do you expect your project to achieve? Please be specific in how you will know your project has been successful. Ex: area of target habitat restored in hectares, hydrological success, indicators that the habitat has been successfully restored or improved. Provide a list of metrics and a sentence for each describing how you will measure it.  1-2 paragraphs or bullet points | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| uIn your habitat restoration and enhancement project, what unknowns will you be managing? Ex: aspects of the restoration project that are outside of your control, such as population movements from outside the restored area, annual rainfall, etc. | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| uDoes your project address the root cause of the problem (ongoing conservation challenge or threat)? If not, why?  1-2 paragraphs | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| uWhat are the biggest barriers to your project succeeding? How will you mitigate for or risk-manage this? List barriers in bullet points and 1-2 paragraphs for risk management. | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| uIf multi-year funding is available for this project, how would you monitor and implement adaptive management to the site? List the metrics you would use to determine this and provide one or two sentences for each describing how you would monitor it. | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **uSecurity of Conservation Investment:** The HCTF Board wants to invest in projects that have long-term, broad-scale conservation benefits. That is, restoration activities will not be undone in the short term (e.g., riparian plantings removed by the landowner the following year). How will the benefits of your project be protected in the long term? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Please confirm the status/ownership of the project site (i.e., public or private) and any designation (e.g. Provincial Park, Indigenous Community Territory): | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Describe what measures are in place to ensure that your restoration efforts will not be impacted by others, or the benefits undone in the short term (e.g., recreational users, resource extraction activities, adjacent landowners): | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **uInvasive Species:** Does your proposal include any mapping, treatments, or management of invasive plant or animal species? | | | | | | | **Yes No** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If yes, what invasive species will be targeted? Common names are preferred. | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If yes, what methods will be used for each species? | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **uDoes your proposed target species fit into any Provincial priority invasive species lists set by the Provincial government?**  [*Click here for the Priority Invasive Species List*](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/priority-species) | | | | | | | **Yes No** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If not, does your proposed target species fit into any regional priority lists developed by local governments or non-profit organizations that focus on invasive species management? Please list the other priority lists which apply. | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Project Status** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Project Status:** Yourselection from the ‘Project Status’ question at the beginning of the Project Overview section will appear here. This will trigger specific questions to appear depending on the status you have chosen. | | | | | | | | | Questions that will appear for each status will be indicated by the status name:  **New  Continuing New Phase** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **New, Continuing** and **New Phase**  **This is Year \_\_ of \_\_Year(s) of HCTF funding:**  If you are applying for a New single-year Fish & Wildlife proposal, select Year 1 of 1 Year(s). If your proposal is connected to a funded Seed project, the Seed project is separate and does not count as Year 1. The maximum duration for New Multi-year proposals is 3 years (Year 1 of 3)\*.  *\*Please note, existing multi-year Continuing Projects approved in March 2022 or before will be grandfathered for their originally proposed duration up to 5 years. Continuing projects that have been approved for multi-year funding are not allowed to self-extend longer than the duration approved in Year 1.*  *(dropdown options are between 1 and 5 only)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year \_\_ of \_\_Year(s) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **New** Did this project previously receive seed funding from HCTF? | | | | | | **Yes No** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| v If yes, provide the previously assigned HCTF project number and a summary of the seed project activities and outcomes. | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **New** Have you submitted a similar proposal previously and were unsuccessful? (i.e., was the project not approved last year and you are re-applying to HCTF). | | | | | | **Yes No** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| v If yes, provide previous HCTF project number (e.g., 1-234): | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **New** Does this proposal build on another previously funded HCTF project (Previous phase of funding, or as a related proposal)? | | | | | | **Yes No** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| v If yes, provide previous HCTF project number (e.g., 1-234) and describe how this project is linked. | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Continuing** and **New Phase** HCTF Project Number.Please provide the same HCTF project number (e.g., 1-234) that was assigned to your project in its initial year(s). | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **New Phase** How many years of continuous HCTF funding have you received since the start of this project? | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **New** v and **Continuing** **Response to Technical Committee and Board Comments:**  Response to any comments, feedback or suggestions provided by the Technical Review Committee or the HCTF Board in previous years is imperative in the evaluation of the application. These comments were sent to you as part of the approval notification email you received in March.  Use this section to explain how you have addressed those concerns by providing further information, or by incorporating these suggestions in your project (if it was not possible to incorporate them, provide an explanation for why). Provide your response in a list so that it is clear how you addressed each comment (max 3-5 paragraphs). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Continuing Progress Update:** Provide a detailed summary of your results from previous years (5-10 paragraphs). **Note: The** **Technical Review Committee or HCTF Board do not see Annual Grant reports.**   * Describe your summary results (data), targets achieved (e.g., # samples collected, # collars deployed, # workshops held), trends, outcomes, challenges encountered, etc. * You should include information previously submitted in your Annual Grant Report to HCTF and any results from this past summer/fall. * If this current proposal builds on a larger project that is not funded by HCTF, please explain how this proposal is linked to other activities. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Continuing Project Changes:** Any changes in project activities/objectives, or budget reallocations (greater than 30%) must be approved by HCTF. If you submitted a project change request for this project in a previously funded year, please describe the approved project changes (1-3 paragraphs). *(optional)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Continuing Does this project currently have a Contract Extension(s)?** | | | | | | **Yes No** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If yes: Please provide an update on any results or information that has been gathered during that extension time. Specifically, a comprehensive presentation of results (with analysis if complete), an explanation of how the work will inform conservations and/or management, and how that work has factored into this current application. | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If yes: Describe how the extension has impacted the overall timeline and/or objectives and how that has been factored into this project application. | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **New Phase Synthesis of Results to Date**  Provide a synthesis summary of the results (to date) of this project for (all) previous funding cycle(s).  If the project was multi-year or results are broad or extensive, please upload a supplemental written document (synthesis) for review. Note this is not a Technical Report but rather a succinct summary including a comprehensive presentation and analysis of results, an explanation of how the work will inform conservation and/or management, and recommendations that would guide any future work. Max. 5-10 paragraphs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **New Phase** If your project was previously reduced to 1 year only funding, or continued funding was not renewed, please describe the Technical Review Committee and/or Board concerns and feedback and how this feedback was addressed in this application. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **New Phase** What are the main lessons learned from the work completed thus far? How have you applied what you have learnt to this year's project application? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **New Phase** **Additional Information for Synthesis of Results**  Please upload any additional documents or information related to your results here. (optional) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **New, Continuing** and **New Phase HCTF-funded projects take place on the territories of Indigenous communities and involve partnerships with Indigenous communities or First Nations. Please select from the dropdown the most applicable description of First Nations or Indigenous community involvement in the project.**  Description:   1. **Indigenous Led** - Lead in project direction, design, implementation, dissemination, and follow-up work. 2. **Full Partner** - Equal partnership in project direction, design, implementation, dissemination, and follow-up work. 3. **Partial Partner** - Involved in some key milestones, in key elements of project design, but may not be involved in all operational activities. 4. **Engagement** - Involved in engaging the community, sharing info, seeking and transmitting community input on project implementation. 5. **Info-Sharing** - Capacity, time limitation, or other constraints not allowing for full participation in project, but Nation wishes to be kept informed of activities and progress. 6. **Other** - If the above descriptions do not fit, please describe your Indigenous partner’s role | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **[dropdown selection]:**   * Indigenous Led * Full Partner * Partial Partner * Engagement * Information Sharing * Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If the project is not Indigenous led: Please describe any communication you have had with Indigenous communities about your proposal and include details and a summary of any feedback you received. If you have not communicated with Indigenous communities about your proposal, how do you intend to engage with Indigenous communities? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| The BC Ministry of Forests (and, in some cases, the BC Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship [including the Together for Wildlife Strategy]) has the mandate for managing fish, wildlife, and habitat resources in the province. It is important that the relevant provincial government biologist (fish, wildlife, and/or ecosystems biologist) in the region where your project will be implemented be aware of your proposed activities and have the opportunity to provide input.  *If your proposed activities will involve invasive species assessment or treatments, you must discuss your project idea with a provincial government invasive species management professional (e.g., Invasive Plant Specialists, Members of the BC Inter-Ministry Invasive Species Working Group, Provincial Invasive Fauna Specialists, Regional Ecosystems Biologists with the Ministry of Forests).* [Click here](https://dir.gov.bc.ca/) to visit the BC Government Directory. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Are you a BC Regional Ministry Biologist? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Yes No | | | | |
| If No:  Have you discussed this project with a BC Ministry Fish/Wildlife/Habitat Biologist working in the area of your project? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Yes No | | | | |
| If No: If applicable, provide the name of the BC Ministry Biologist you contacted and describe your attempts to contact them to seek support (phone, email, etc.). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
| If No: Has the BC Ministry Biologist provided specific input on your proposal or provided a letter of support? Provide the comments you received (positive or negative). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
| Describe how the proposed project fits into priorities and current actions being undertaken by the Province (i.e. Strategy, Implementation plan, Recovery plan, Management plan) or within Nation-led or Indigenous community priorities, actions or stewardship plans for this species and/or habitat*. (BC Regional Ministry Biologists must also provide an answer.)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
| **Objectives, Activities, Measures of Success, and Timelines** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The summary table below should focus on the Objectives, Activities, and Measures of Success for the funding year in this proposal.  **To see an example of an Objectives, Activities, Measures of Success, and Timelines table, download the** [**Example Proposals**](https://hctf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/FW-Example-Proposals.pdf) **document from the** [**HCTF Resources**](https://hctf.ca/grants/fish-and-wildlife-grants/#hctfresources) **page.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How many objectives do you want to complete?  *(Max. 5 objectives)* | | | | | | [dropdown selection]:   * 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Summary Table of Activities** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Objective 1** - **Statement**  *Each****Objective******Statement*** *should describe what you want to accomplish, not what you have to do (example: “To assess movement and habitat use patterns of elk” or “To establish connectivity for wildlife species across two degraded wetlands”).* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **\*Objective 1 - Summary Table of Activities**  **Activities** are the specific actions taken to achieve the objective (example: “Deploy 12 GPS collars on elk” or “Use an excavator to apply rough and loose soil treatments”). If you have more than 5 activities, you will need to lump them.  *For each activity, include a specific* ***Measure of Success*** *(MOS) that will be used to track progress and success of the project. MOS are an indicator and should include quantitative targets that can be easily measured (example: Successful capture and tagging of cutthroat trout [target 100 fish tagged]). These same MOS will be used in your Annual Grant Report to track progress and evaluate success. Assessing conservation success also depends on evaluating higher-level outcomes (e.g., reduction in mortality of sheep, increases in fish abundance).*  *The table should also include a proposed Timeline of activities. This can be a range if it will span several months (example: May – June 2026).*  **Note: Please only include those activities in this year’s proposed project (not multi-year).** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Activity #** | **Activities** | | | | | | | **Measures of Success** | | | | | | | | | | **Timeline\*[[1]](#footnote-1)** | |
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| **Objective 1 – Detailed Methods (2-4 paragraphs):**  Provide a detailed explanation of methods (equipment to be used, sampling protocol to be followed, lab analysis, data analysis approach, etc.), sampling design (# of sample sites, locations) and timing (2-4 paragraphs for each Objective):   * The specific methodology for each objective, including parameters to be measured and, if applicable, animal care procedures. * The rationale for your chosen approach, with specific relevant citations of scientific literature and references to any previous work related to this project. (Note: In the Other Information section, there is a place to list the ‘Literature Cited.’) * The intended outcome for each objective. The outcome is a longer-term desired state and speaks to the impact your project will have. (Example: “Improve the understanding of threats facing wolverine populations and develop best practices to increase survival.”) * For habitat enhancement and restoration activities (excavation, fire, thinning, invasive plant management), provide the proportion of the species range that will be treated. (Example: We are planning to treat 10% of Bighorn sheep range in the Bull River area with invasive plant management.) * If your project requires sampling or surveys, describe the sampling design (sample size, locations, etc.) and standard protocols that will be followed. * Explain how data or information will be shared, including submitting data to provincial databases. * If your project involves data collection by volunteers (e.g. Streamkeepers), explain the training methods to be used and identify who will provide the training.   *\*****IMPORTANT*** *Wildlife habitat restoration projects should clearly indicate metrics like the specific area of habitat to be restored (i.e., m2)- Fisheries habitat restoration proposals should clearly indicate additional metrics like how much you expect fish production to increase (# fish, or %). These metrics can be copied from Section 3, as applicable.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Objective 2** - **Statement** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Objective 2 – Detailed Methods**  **(2-4 paragraphs):** | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Objective 3** - **Statement:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Objective 3 – Detailed Methods:**  **(2-4 paragraphs):** | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Objective 4 - Statement** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Objective 4 – Detailed Methods:**  **(2-4 paragraphs):** | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Objective 5** - **Statement** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Objective 5 – Detailed Methods:**  **(2-4 paragraphs):** | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Executive Summary:** Summarize the overall project goals, significance, approach and expected outcomes planned for the current year of your project and specifically address the following:   * The main objectives of the project, including the measurable outcomes the project aims to achieve. * A high-level description of how the project will be carried out and why you have chosen the specific approach/methods to address the conservation challenge. * For multi-year Continuing and New Phase proposals, how will this next year build on your previous work. * Concisely describe the specific positive benefits for fish, wildlife, and/or their habitat that will result from this project and explain how the project may lead to larger ecosystem benefits. * For applied research or population monitoring and/or assessment projects, explain how your results will be used to inform conservation or management action. * Maximum 3-5 paragraphs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Multi-year Objectives and Activities:** For multi-year proposals, please provide a brief summary of the objectives and activities planned for each future year with a general timeline (e.g., Year 2 (2027-28). *Note that you will need to provide further details in your proposal next year. A bulleted list for each year is acceptable.* *(optional)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Financial Information** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Multi-Year Budget**  The Multi-Year Budget Summary table is an “at-a-glance” view of the projections for your project.   * Enter each Funding Year for the project (this should be consistent with the funding year for each application, i.e. years 1 - 3). * For each Funding Year, list the amount requested from HCTF. Estimates are acceptable for future years; however, note that your estimates will be referred to for continuing applications/continuing years and if they deviate significantly in future applications (i.e. >20%), you will be expected to provide detailed justification. * Ensure the amount you enter for the current year matches the Total HCTF Budget amount from the Total Project Costs table in Section D of the budget spreadsheet. * Identify Total Other Funding based on the Partner Contributions in Section E (Cash plus In-kind) on the budget spreadsheet.   *Please note,* ***the maximum number of years you can apply for is 3 years****. Years 4 and 5 are provided for Continuing applications approved in March 2022 or before.*  This question is directly related to the lifespan of the project (total number of years) as indicated in the Year \_ of  \_Years question in the Project Status section. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | **Funding Year** | | **HCTF Requested ($)** | | | | | | | **Other Funding ($)** | | | | | **Total Funding ($)** | |
| **Year 1** | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | |
| **Year 2** | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | |
| **Year 3** | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | |
| **Year 4** | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | |
| **Year 5** | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | |
| **Totals** | | |  | |  | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | |
| **Multi-Year Budget Comments** (Optional).  If you are applying for multiple years of HCTF funding provide any comments in addition to the table above **and/or** if your estimate for this year and future years vary significantly from the previous application for this project, please provide justification here (1-3 paragraphs). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Partnership Funding Confirmation:** If unconfirmed partnership funding is not available, will the project proceed? | | | | | **Yes No** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If yes, describe if/how the project will be scaled back and if any objectives/activities will be dropped and if so, which ones (e.g., Objective 1, Activity 1.4, etc.). | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Other Information** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Permitting Requirements:** List the permits/authorizations required for the activities you have proposed and explain your timeline for obtaining them. Refer to the [Front Counter BC](https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/application-list) application list for more info. If your project will involve any wildlife handling include these permits as well as any required for the restoration and enhancement activities.  ***Note:*** *It is the proponent’s responsibility to obtain all required statutory and regulatory approvals. Project planning should account for the necessary timelines to apply for and receive permits and approvals before commencing work.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Jurisdiction** | | **Permit (Name/Type) *List all that apply*** | | | | | | | | | **Approx. Timeline to Obtain** | | | | | **Current Status** | | |
| **Federal** | |  | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | | |
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| **Other** | |  | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |  | | |
| **Literature Cited:** Please list literature that has been cited throughout the proposal such as Management Plans, Recovery Plans, peer-reviewed articles, sampling protocols and include website links if available*.*  *Please clearly state author, title, publication (website or hard copy publication) and date.*  ***Note:*** *The technical reviewers will not refer to cited literature in lieu of stating the activity or methodological details in the proposal body itself.* ***Please do not rely on attachments or references for pertinent project information****.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Certification:**  By submitting this application, you certify that all the information presented is true and accurate and that all partners and additional proponents have agreed to participate in this project. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Recognizing HCTF's Contribution:** Please see [*HCTF’s Communications page*](https://hctf.ca/media/) for guidelines, logos, and other details on how you should clearly acknowledge HCTF’s support. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I have read the above guidelines and understand that I will be required to acknowledge HCTF’s support of this project, if approved for funding. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Attachments to upload with your application form:**   * **HCTF Budget Spreadsheet** * It is mandatory to upload the HCTF Budget Table along with your online application form. * *Please download and complete the*Budget Spreadsheet (Excel template) *from the* [*HCTF Resources*](https://hctf.ca/grants/fish-and-wildlife-grants/#hctfresources) *page and then upload it as part of your application.* * *For Continuing projects,* ***please note that the technical review process will compare the amount requested in this proposal to that forecasted in previous proposals****. It is expected that requests will be reasonably close to the Multi-Year budget approved in Year 1.* * *For further details, refer to the* Budget Instructions *on the* [*HCTF Resources*](https://hctf.ca/grants/fish-and-wildlife-grants/#hctfresources) *page.* * *If you made recent changes to your budget in this section, be sure to navigate back to the "Total Amount Requested from HCTF" on the first page of your application form to ensure both totals match.* ***IMPORTANT****: If there is a difference between the amount listed on the application form and the submitted Excel file, the amount on the budget spreadsheet will be considered correct.* * **Map Upload Guidelines** * *It is required that a map be included for all projects.* * *Maps should be detailed enough to indicate where the project site is, but at a scale that also includes a known geographic location such as a town or major feature.* * *Maps should include the direction (i.e., North arrow) and scale bar. If there are multiple sites, please clearly mark each site.* * **Supporting Documentation *(optional – max. 3 files****)* * *Attachments can be letters of support (on the supporting organization’s letterhead or a copy of an original email), restoration plans, or diagrams.* * *Letters of support (LOS) can now be combined into one document/attachment (PDF or MS Word only).* * *For non-government applicants, a letter of support from the provincial fish/wildlife/ecosystem biologist in the region of your project is recommended. The letter should be specific to your project and explain how the results will be used in the region.* * *Do not send reports or other long documents unless requested by the TRC or Board.* * *Please do NOT attach .png images, html links to Google Maps, or PDFs with protected signature fields.* * *Supporting documents submitted separately by email will not be processed with your application.* * *Please note that reviewers may not have time to read additional documents in detail;* ***do NOT rely on attachments to provide critical details of activities or methodologies****.* * **Requested Report *(optional - only upload if requested for continuing project) Maximum 2 files*** * *If your March Notification email indicated that the HCTF Board specifically requested to see a technical report, an Effectiveness Evaluation, or a Synthesis of Results, upload it here. Do not upload other publications that were not specifically requested.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. This current year only (i.e. 2026-2027) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)