

Together for Wildlife

Together for Wildlife HCTF Conservation Scholarship Recipient 2025



Robyn Stack

Robyn Stack is an environmental professional and researcher dedicated to advancing reconciliation and ecological restoration in British Columbia. With a background in forestry, restoration ecology, and community engagement, she specializes in building respectful and collaborative relationships between First Nations and natural resource professionals. Her work aims to weave Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and scientific ecological knowledge (SEK), to guide restoration projects toward more ethical, reciprocal, and sustainable outcomes.

Robyn's research explores how relationships between First Nations and natural resource professionals are initiated, maintained, and adapted within the Nicola Watershed of British Columbia. She seeks to identify effective communication practices that support collaboration across cultural contexts, while also developing strategies that place reciprocity, accountability, and cultural respect at the center of ecological practice. Ultimately, her research contributes to the broader decolonization of science by highlighting how ecological restoration can also restore relationships.

Her study employs qualitative, community-centered methods rooted in an Indigenous Research Paradigm. Through semi-structured interviews and reflective thematic analysis, she prioritizes relational accountability and reciprocity. Participants are engaged as co-creators, with results shared back to communities through talking circles and collaborative feedback. By weaving TEK and SEK approaches to restoration in the Nicola Watershed, Robyn's methodology emphasizes trust, mutual learning, and the co-production of knowledge.

At the heart of Robyn's work is the goal of reciprocal restoration—restoring not only ecosystems but also the relationships between people and the land. She is committed to producing practical frameworks that guide natural resource professionals and Indigenous rights holders in building partnerships that are ethical, culturally appropriate, and resilient in the face of climate change.

Beyond her academic work, Robyn has led Indigenous engagement and training initiatives for Cariboo Carbon Solutions, participated in Indigenous-led stewardship through Qwelminté Secwépemc, and co-founded the student led event, Land and Nature Discussions: Circles with Knowledge Holders. Her personal journey reflects a deep respect for both Western science and Indigenous worldviews, and her professional path is guided by the values of respect for elders, community connection, and responsibility to land. She aims to continue developing her ability to walk with “two legs”—bringing ways of knowing together, to shape a more just and sustainable future for restoration efforts in Canada.



HABITAT CONSERVATION
TRUST FOUNDATION



BRITISH
COLUMBIA