



Quality Waters Fund

Project 5-239

2025-26 Report

Cariboo Region

Project Summary

The Dean River Guardian program was successfully completed in 2025/2026 thanks to HCTF funding. On the Dean River, the creel census was conducted from June through September and the resulting information was used to assess the steelhead population and implement the Angling Management Plan.

Summary Funding Table

	2025-26 Budget	2025-26 Spending	Variance
Dean River	\$94,101.00	\$91,333.56	-\$2,767.44
Horsefly River	\$11,750.00	\$0.00	-\$11,750.00
Dean River Stock Assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$105,851.00	\$91,333.56	-\$14,517.44

Progress and Challenges in Achieving 2025-26 Project Outcomes

The Dean River Guardian Program continues to run successfully. Challenges include staying on top of aging equipment and infrastructure, and using all means possible to get as close to 100% creel card return rate. We continue to be able to manage these challenges and implement a successful program. The Horsefly River creel survey was not able to be implemented as we were

unable to secure a competent contractor. We believe we have overcome this constraint and plan to conduct the survey in 2026.

Capital Asset Purchase Information

We were able to replace an aging outboard motor this year with a new 30 hp four-stroke Yamaha outboard.

Additional Supporting Information

Thomas, G. 2025. Dean River Guardian Program Summary Report. British Columbia Conservation Foundation. Williams Lake, B.C. 21p.

Photos

N/A