



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 species or their habitats;
- Marine environment and/or species focused projects* (see page 3);
- Mapping only projects that are not a component of a larger eligible HCTF application;
- Stand-alone inventory studies that are considered 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.

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.);
- Wages 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) over \$3,500.
 - Includes vehicles, boats, ATVs, quads, trailers, snowmobiles, computers, drones, etc., and any equipment or technology that could theoretically be used for activities 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 B.C.: 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.

**Exceptions to marine projects include projects focused on/activities that take place in estuary habitat, so long as they focus on conservation of species and/or restoration of habitat that supports provincially managed species.*

A Note on Marine/Federally Managed Species:

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is responsible for federal fisheries management activities, many of which are marine (saltwater) focused and are outside of HCTF's mandate to conserve and restore provincially managed freshwater species and habitats.
- Ineligible project examples include:
 - **Pacific salmon** focused projects (excluding freshwater Kokanee). If your project includes focus on Pacific salmon, it must clearly identify the benefit to provincially managed fish and/or wildlife species.
 - **Green crab** invasive species work. The green crab is solely a marine species where removal and management is a federal initiative.
 - **Clam/sea garden**, shellfish, eel grass, or other marine-based projects.

We encourage you to reach out if you have any questions on eligibility for your project topic. Thank you for your interest in HCTF's granting programs!