



SALMON SOCIETY

# Annual Report 2022

Standing Up for B.C.'s  
Wild Salmon

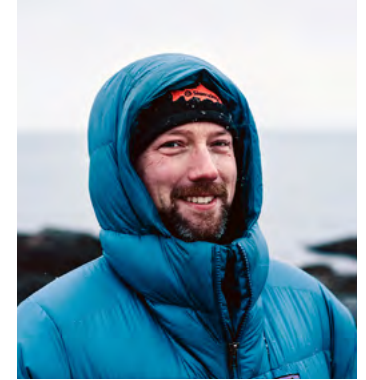


*NB. This annual report covers November 2021 to October 2022. November and December 2022 will be included in our 2023 annual report.*

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## Message from the Executive Director



*Aaron Hill*

This summer my family and I did something that made us happy: we smoked lots of fish with zero guilt. My wife, Amanda, and I loaded up the pickup with coolers and drove three hours from my parents' place in Terrace to where Talok Fisheries—Lake Babine Nation's commercial fishing company—were harvesting this year's abundant Skeena sockeye run, as they have in that same spot for centuries. Watershed Watch has supported and promoted this fishery for several years because it's a model that's inspiring more sustainable approaches to salmon fishing across the province. We happily bought our fish (and some for other family members) and spent the next two days smoking them and making fresh caviar from the eggs.

It was wonderful to see many salmon runs come back strong after years of record-low returns. Thanks to cold La Niña ocean conditions over the past couple years, sockeye runs in the Skeena, Nass and Somass Rivers came roaring back at twice their pre-season forecast. Several other populations came back in healthy numbers, too. It shows that our salmon are resilient: if we give them safe passage to healthy habitat, they can still thrive.

It wasn't good everywhere. Fraser sockeye, for example, fell well short of their pre-season forecast. This year's autumn drought killed fish in many rivers, as did last fall's catastrophic flooding. Global warming is causing more extreme weather events, more often, exacerbating all the other threats our fish face. We also know these good ocean conditions won't last.

More and more, our work at Watershed Watch can be viewed through a climate lens: giving salmon every chance to survive the ravages of global warming. This year we made gains in all our key campaigns. Working with our allies, we launched a historic initiative to reduce Alaska's interception of B.C.-bound salmon, saved critical habitat from being destroyed in the Heart of the Fraser, exposed more bad deeds by the factory fish farming industry and their enablers at DFO, helped unlock millions of dollars for habitat restoration, and many other things described in the pages ahead. Our plans for next year include holding the federal government to their promise to get ALL fish farms out of the water, protecting and restoring more habitat, cranking up the heat on Alaska, and much more.

My deepest gratitude to our hard-working team, volunteers, allies, and supporters for making all of this possible. Let's keep these amazing creatures coming back to our rivers and streams forever.



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# Safe Passage

## Getting fish farms off wild salmon migration routes

We're winning the battle against destructive open net-pen salmon farming on the B.C. coast. Over the past four years, 36 factory fish farms have been removed or slated for removal.

Nineteen farms were ordered to be removed by June 30, 2022 from the Discovery Islands (a key salmon migration choke point near Campbell River) by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. After her decision, the salmon farming industry launched a legal challenge. We were intervenors in that challenge and in April 2022, the judge ruled in the industry's favour, saying the minister didn't adequately consult with the farming companies before she made her decision. It was a setback, but after further consultation the minister stuck to her guns and one of B.C.'s most important wild salmon migration routes is now farm-free.

**17** farm licences not renewed in the Discovery Islands  
**832** calls to the fisheries minister  
**7,342** emails to decision-makers

In early 2022, we went all-out to alert the public that the vast majority of B.C. salmon farm licences were set to expire June 30, 2022, and mobilized people to demand the licences not be renewed. Our creative volunteers plastered several elected officials' offices (including those of the federal fisheries minister and the premier) with giant paper salmon lice which provided stunning images. The images made the news and this attention allowed us to direct thousands of citizens to write and call the Minister of Fisheries, urging her to not renew fish farm licences. We also helped organize a technical workshop for allied First Nations

fighting salmon farms in their territories and provided them with technical briefings on salmon farming issues.

The federal government then announced:

- Discovery Islands licences would not be renewed and a final decision on the fate of this area in relation to salmon farms will be made in January 2023; and
- the remaining salmon farm licences in B.C. were only renewed for two years (instead of a standard six-year term).

It wasn't everything we hoped for but it kept the government on track with their promise to transition from open net-pen salmon farms by 2025.

Unfortunately, the feds are now backsliding on this promise. After we met with the minister in October, she said minimizing the interactions between farm and wild salmon was now the focus of the transition, not removing factory farms. We are now challenging this unacceptable evasion by the federal government, and rallying our allies and supporters to do the same.

### Looking ahead, we will:

- empower our allies and supporters to keep pressuring the federal government to fully meet their commitment to transition from open net-pens by 2025;
- engage citizens and organize other NGOs to provide feedback to the federal government during their public consultation period;
- continue to support allied First Nations with communications and technical support to protect wild fish from salmon farm impacts;
- keep seizing opportunities to publicize government mismanagement and salmon farm risks to wild fish; and
- continue engaging and mobilizing citizens online through our popular Safe Salmon campaign.





# Fishing Smarter

*Juvenile salmon, before and after fish farms were removed from the Discovery Islands.*

## Lice-free salmon in the Discovery Islands!

In May, the Watershed Watch team met up with researchers studying juvenile wild salmon in the Discovery Islands. Fish farms in the area had been fallow for some time following the minister's decision to remove them. The researchers noted there had been a dramatic decline in the number of parasitic lice per fish since the nearby farms stopped operating, and we got an opportunity to see hundreds of healthy juvenile salmon that were free of sea lice.

## So our grandkids can fish, too

We continue to be a strong and trusted voice for sustainable fisheries management, leading the Marine Conservation Caucus' engagement in DFO's annual fishery planning processes. After years of record-low returns and unprecedented fishery closures, this year's strong returns of some salmon populations breathed new life into our work on harvest management reform.

**1,029** petition signatures

**1,300** citizen emails to decision-makers



## Salmon News

With nearly 5,000 subscribers, the *Salmon News* is the best weekly media round-up of stories about salmon and their habitats. Visit [watershedwatch.ca](http://watershedwatch.ca) to subscribe today.



## Alaska's Dirty Secret

In January 2022, Watershed Watch and Skeena Wild Conservation Trust released a technical report showing Alaskan fishers are harvesting millions of B.C.-bound salmon every year. The report generated significant media coverage. Alaskan interceptions threaten food security for First Nations, reduce opportunities for commercial and recreational fishers, and reduce food availability for wildlife. Through our joint campaign with Canadian and U.S. allies – [AlaskasDirtySecret.com](http://AlaskasDirtySecret.com) – we are calling for immediate changes to the Canada/US Pacific Salmon Treaty. Over 1,300 letters have been sent to the fisheries minister asking her to address Alaskan interceptions. We are just getting started.





## Shifting from mixed-stock to known-stock fisheries

The most sustainable fisheries only take the harvestable surplus from identifiable stocks, but too much fishing is still occurring in mixed-stock fisheries that unintentionally kill salmon from depleted populations. We are pushing hard to change this. The Lake Babine Nation's known-stock sockeye fishery, which we have been supporting for many years, achieved a major milestone this year by becoming B.C.'s largest commercial sockeye fishery. We are celebrating their success and showing government and industry how sustainable fishing can be an economic powerhouse.

## Illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fisheries

IUU fisheries are a major conservation concern, particularly in the Fraser River watershed, where there were many reports this year of illegal fishing, illegal sales and dumping of salmon. Confronting this serious issue requires tact and courage. We raised concerns in the news, online and to decision-makers. Following Watershed Watch and our allies raising the issue, IUU fishery catch estimates were included in DFO's 2021 post-season review for the first time ever.

## A better approach to hatcheries

As threats to our salmon increase, so does pressure from salmon harvesters to increase our reliance on artificial salmon hatcheries, and DFO is considering a shift to American-style mass-marking of hatchery fish. While hatcheries can help rescue endangered salmon runs from extinction, they can also lower the genetic fitness of wild populations through inbreeding, compete with wild salmon for limited food, draw harmful fishing pressure and spread disease. This past year we continued to educate the public and politicians on the risks, demanded DFO follow their own scientists' advice on safe levels of hatchery production and provided expert feedback on DFO's proposed expansion of hatchery-based fisheries and mass-marking of hatchery fish.

## Keeping the public informed

We appeared in dozens of media stories this year on salmon returns and fishing, and our seasonal updates continue to be the most-read item on our website. Our media releases in response to the Fraser sockeye run collapse and American fishing generated significant coverage. We also hosted a well-attended webinar in July 2022 on salmon returns to B.C.'s major river systems.

## Looking ahead, we will:

- keep turning up the heat on Alaska until they reduce their impacts on B.C.-bound salmon;
- continue supporting the transition from mixed-stock to known-stock salmon fishing across B.C.;
- keep advocating for better monitoring and enforcement of B.C.'s salmon fisheries;
- continue keeping the public informed about salmon returns and key salmon fishery issues; and
- keep demanding our governments take a science-based approach to hatcheries that puts wild salmon first and refocus attention on more effective recovery strategies.

## The Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative

### Improving the impact of Canada's historic \$647M investment

Our most important overarching policy objective is the implementation of science-based recovery plans for endangered salmon populations. Putting these plans in place could help address the full suite of threats we are tackling. Last year the federal government launched the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative (PSSI), which has four main pillars: "conservation and stewardship, salmon enhancement, harvest transformation, and integration and collaboration."

Experience tells us this opportunity could be squandered by DFO, and they are off to a shaky start. We are working with our allies through the Pacific Marine Conservation Caucus to keep that from happening. We are particularly focused on ensuring the PSSI prioritizes recovery of endangered populations, leads to meaningful harvest management reforms, and minimizes hatchery impacts on wild salmon. We are:

- holding monthly meetings with PSSI leadership;
- developing an annual audit to publicly measure DFO's performance against their commitments; and
- providing technical and policy information and support to Indigenous allies.



# Water for Fish

## Defending our watersheds for wild salmon

Extreme, global warming-related weather hit B.C. salmon hard this year. Following last year's record heatwave, heavy rains in November 2021 caused intense flooding that scoured

spawning gravels and left salmon stranded in farmers' fields. In the fall of 2022, drought caused overheated streams and low flows, killing salmon before they could spawn and delaying the migration of other runs. Poor watershed management, destructive resource extraction, pollution and unregulated water use are further degrading salmon habitat across B.C. We are working hard with our allies to provide the antidote: defending and restoring habitat, getting more clean, cool water flowing in our streams and getting funding and authority to First Nations and communities to look after their home waters.

**13,283** emails to decision-makers

**29,266** CodeBlue BC Facebook followers

**\$30M** unlocked for watershed security projects

### CodeBlue BC

Our flagship watershed defence campaign, CodeBlue BC, continued to grow and get results in 2022. This year we continued to push for provincial level changes to watershed management and supported water champions in B.C. communities with local issues.

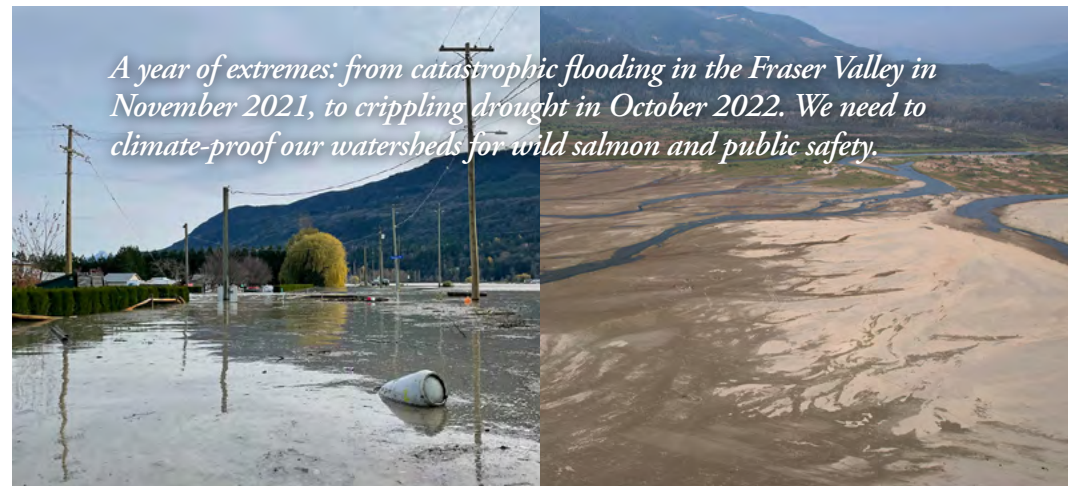
## The CodeBlue BC Plan

- Get tough on water wasters and polluters.
- Give local people the power to restore and manage their local water sources.
- Establish a permanent source of watershed security funding for B.C.



### Highlights included:

- publicly connecting the dots between watershed management, drought, flooding and wild salmon in dozens of media stories;
- calling the province out for their failure to invoke legal water protections for fish during the latest drought;
- 1,196 citizen emails sent to successfully halt the destruction of Strawberry Island, key salmon habitat in the Heart of the Fraser River;
- generating 1,000 citizen submissions to the B.C. government during their public consultation period informing the direction of a B.C. Watershed Security Strategy;
- 600 citizen letters successfully calling on the Minister of Forests to halt logging in Vernon's Duteau Creek watershed that provides drinking water to 50,000 residents;
- 430 citizens emailing Metro Vancouver and the City of Coquitlam, calling on them to address sewage overflows that pollute salmon-bearing Stoney Creek;
- spurring over 1,900 emails and 120 citizen phone calls to the province asking them to include a Watershed Security Fund in the 2023 B.C. budget; and
- reaching over 836,500 British Columbians through our CodeBlue BC Facebook page.



*A year of extremes: from catastrophic flooding in the Fraser Valley in November 2021, to crippling drought in October 2022. We need to climate-proof our watersheds for wild salmon and public safety.*



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photo: Lichen and Troy Moth

## The B.C. Watershed Security Coalition

Watershed Watch is proud to be a member of the BC Watershed Security Coalition. In 2022, the coalition helped secure an additional \$30 million in funding from the province for the Indigenous Watersheds Initiative and other watershed security projects. This builds on the \$27 million we helped secure for the Healthy Watersheds Initiative in 2020.



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## The Freshwater Stream Podcast

In 2022, we produced the second season of The Freshwater Stream podcast in partnership with the Canadian Freshwater Alliance. This season, the podcast team interviewed guests, including Watershed Watch's Lina Azeez, on topics including the November floods, groundwater licences, water bottling and salmon in a changing climate. The podcast has been downloaded 2,740 times and has a five-star rating on Apple podcasts. We are now planning a third season.



## Linking clearcut logging and flood risk

Watershed Watch is supporting a study by Dr. Younes Alila, a forest hydrologist at UBC, on the relationship between clearcut logging and catastrophic flooding. Dr. Alila was featured prominently in the news following the November flooding and was recently a key witness in a lawsuit between the provincial government and a B.C. couple whose property suffered severe flood damage after the surrounding watershed was extensively clearcut. The province settled this case out of court, raising hopes that others will hold the government and timber industry accountable for excessive logging in our watersheds.

## Looking ahead, we will:

- continue advocating for improved watershed governance in B.C.;
- keep pushing the province to create a permanent \$75M/year watershed security fund;
- continue to drive public support for watershed security through the CodeBlue BC campaign;
- support communities by raising awareness on local threats to watershed security; and
- elevate stories about water champions in B.C. through The Freshwater Stream podcast.



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# Coquitlam



## Watching out for wild salmon in our hometown

Watershed Watch's roots are in Coquitlam, where the organization was founded back in 1998. Since then, we have continued to play an active role in the community as a member of the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable. The goal of the roundtable is to improve collaboration and problem-solving amongst the many stakeholders in the Coquitlam watershed.

**18** roundtable member organizations

**40** cubic metres of trash removed

### Highlights from 2022 include:

- hiring Georgia Ohm, a Watershed Watch volunteer, as the new Roundtable Coordinator;
- producing six videos on topics including invasive species, illegal dumping and the Coquitlam watershed;
- hosting What's Up in Our Watershed?, an in-person event for community members to get updates on the work of the roundtable and its partners;
- leading two streamside cleanups along the Coquitlam River; and
- securing several multi-year funding commitments that will provide long-term stability for the roundtable.

Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable



photo: Jason Macrair

## Kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem) Salmon Restoration Project (KSRP)

Kʷikʷəłəm means 'red fish up the river', in reference to the once thriving sockeye run on the Coquitlam River that was extirpated following the completion of the Coquitlam Dam in the early 1900s. The dam prevented migrating sockeye from reaching their spawning grounds in Coquitlam Lake, but a remnant population of landlocked sockeye persisted. When a few managed to migrate out past the dam and returned to the river several years later, hopes for restoring the run led to the creation of the KSRP.

For the last few years, Kʷikʷəłəm First Nation, DFO, BC Hydro, Watershed Watch Salmon Society and others have undertaken efforts to restore the sockeye run, from trap-and-truck of salmon past the dam, to the development of a conservation-based hatchery. For a second year, a lone sockeye was trapped below the dam, in addition to two Chinook and six pink salmon. Efforts to rebuild the run will continue in 2023 and beyond.



# Connected Waters

## Restoring habitat and improving flood control

Not only is B.C.'s flood control infrastructure needlessly blocking vast areas of fish habitat; it is also failing to keep people safe. The intense rains of last November caused extensive flooding and billions of dollars in damage. In response, the governments of B.C. and Canada are spending billions of dollars to repair the damage and beef up our flood defences.

We are seizing this moment to advocate for changes to flood management that will better protect communities and wild salmon. This year we:

- were interviewed for dozens of news stories around the 2021 flood events;
- reached international audiences with on-the-ground reporting from Watershed Watch teammate and Search-and-Rescue volunteer, Roxanna, during three intense days of rescues in the flood zone;
- attended the annual meetings of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of B.C. Municipalities, and helped get resolutions passed calling for improvements to funding and technical guidance for First Nations and municipalities impacted by floods; and
- met with key decision-makers, including Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship, Josie Osborne.

**8,969** emails to decision-makers

**700+** hours of field work

**6 of 25** high-priority flood control upgrades complete or in-progress

## Build Back Better, Together

We joined forces with First Nations, local government and technical experts following the November floods to create the Build Back Better, Together Collaborative. The collaborative helped kickstart conversations around flood recovery and management reform for the lower Fraser floodplain. We organized two major conferences in Abbotsford that were attended by B.C. and Canada's ministers of public safety, along with elected officials and staff from local, provincial and federal governments and numerous First Nations. The collaborative is pushing at the highest levels of government to ensure that over \$6 billion in flood recovery money is spent wisely, with strong environmental criteria in place.



## Fish-friendly floodbox performs during flooding

One week prior to the November floods, construction of a new floodbox on the Lower Agassiz Slough was completed; one of 25 sites identified by our partner project, Resilient Waters, as being a high priority for fish-friendly upgrades. It performed beautifully during the record flooding, reducing flood risk in the community. When flood risk is low, the flood gate remains open, maintaining connectivity to over 75,000 square metres of salmon habitat that was previously blocked. This flood gate will stay open 90 per cent of the time (i.e., when flood risk is low), allowing fish to move freely to overwintering and rearing grounds. The project was funded through the Healthy Watersheds Initiative, a provincial funding program Watershed Watch helped secure. In May, the District of Kent, Xwchíyò:m (Cheam) First Nation, Watershed Watch and others participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and partnered with students from a nearby school to plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs on the banks of the slough. We also created a short video about the project.



## Community Connections

In 2022, we hosted the following events online and in communities along the Fraser:

- An online premiere of Resilient Waters—a short film about our partner project of the same name—attended by over 100 people, featuring MLA Fin Donnelly as a panelist.
- Our annual Paddle the Slough event in Chilliwack. Over 200 groups registered and local businesses donated over \$1500 in prizes.
- Bike the Dike: Pitt Meadows, a self-guided tour with maps and points of interest created by Watershed Watch. Over 170 people signed up to participate.
- Friends of Bell Slough, supported by Watershed Watch, hosted several events, including educational training, planting events, and invasive species removals.

## Resilient Waters

We continued to make large strides with our partner project Resilient Waters, a collaboration with MakeWay Canada. In 2022, the project secured \$2.5 million from the B.C. Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund for flood infrastructure upgrades at several of our high priority sites. A second year of monitoring and assessment was completed in 2022, led by Pearson Ecological and supported by First Nations guardians, and Watershed Watch staff and volunteers.

## Looking ahead, we will:

- advocate for fish-friendly and nature-based flood control upgrades across the lower mainland;
- push the B.C. government to ensure their new Flood Strategy, Watershed Security Strategy, and Emergency Protection Act better protect wild salmon and communities;
- support communities on local fish habitat and flood control improvements;
- keep restoring habitat and upgrading high-priority flood control structures through Resilient Waters;
- engage the public through science, stories, events and action; and
- engage the agricultural community in fostering a transition to fish-friendly flood control.

# Defending the Heart of the Fraser

## Securing long-term protection for vital salmon and sturgeon habitat

The battle to protect the Heart of the Fraser continued in 2022 with some small victories and new threats.

Following a tip from a local ally, we took action to defend Strawberry Island, one of the last remaining undiked islands in the lower Fraser. Strawberry Island floods during spring freshet, providing extensive habitat for out-migrating juvenile salmon to feed and rest. Without any permits, the island's owner built a road across Strawberry Slough and was trucking in fill to build a dike around the island. The unpermitted road was blocking fish passage and diking the island would have been devastating. We joined a professional biologist in documenting the damage and launched a letter writing campaign, with over 2,140 people urging key decision-makers to stop the destruction. Our legal advisors also wrote decision-makers on our behalf, urging them to investigate and halt further activities. The destruction of Strawberry Island is now stopped and we are working with allies on options to restore and permanently protect the island.

Many other areas in the Heart of the Fraser continue to be at risk. We are working with First Nations, conservation groups and engaged citizens to push for a broader protected area and better management of this ecological jewel.

## Looking ahead, we will:

- continue to work with allies, including local First Nations and NGOs to defend the area from new threats; and
- pursue long term protections for habitat in the Heart of the Fraser.



# Mobilizing people to stand up for wild salmon



## Getting people involved: in the field, in the community and online

We continue to expand our community of wild salmon supporters through field work, public events, restoration planting, social media and more. In 2022, we focused on engaging with youth about the importance of salmon and their habitats and supported local champions who took initiative in their communities. We also significantly increased our presence on social media, using our platforms to educate, advocate and reach new supporters. Some highlights from the year include:

- Our social media following has increased across our various channels (Watershed Watch, CodeBlue BC, Safe Salmon and Defend the Heart of the Fraser) growing to over 75,500.
- Over the past year on Instagram we increased our reach by 679 per cent and our followers by nearly 2000.
- Our volunteer Facebook group grew by 140 members and we now have 950 subscribers for our volunteer newsletter.
- We launched a group on Meetup.com which has quickly grown to over 190 members and increased our volunteer communication and retention significantly.
- Our volunteer program reached new heights as we identified and focused on training new volunteer leaders. These leaders went on to successfully obtain over \$90,000 in grants benefiting their local waterways and wild salmon.

**80+** events hosted or supported

**1,154** volunteer hours

**450** shrubs and trees planted along streams

- We hosted a salmon drawing webinar with artist and Vancouver-based scientist Dr. Julius Csotonyi that reached over 100 students and had many other hands-on educational experiences for students in the field.
- Following the success in 2021, we hosted another Salmon Spawn Watch in 2022. This contest has already provided important storytelling content for social media posts and is creating a picture of salmon health across the province. For a second year running, REO Rafting and Yoga Resort provided our grand prize worth over \$1000.
- We worked with SFU professor and Watershed Watch supporter Dr. Cher Hill and ḱičəy (Katie) First Nation Councillor Rick Bailey to host several cleanups and invasive plant removals at Katie Slough with elementary and post-secondary students.
- We produced a short video on the impacts of climate change on wild salmon and how we can help them survive.
- Other volunteer activities included monthly training workshops, shoreline garbage clean-ups in Vancouver and in the Gulf Islands, volunteer restoration-themed webinars, hands-on training and more.
- Our 2021 Year End Appeal was the most successful to date raising over \$40,000.

## Getting the word out

Getting important information about wild salmon out to British Columbians is a big part of our job. Over the past year we:

- appeared in 550 news media stories including major outlets like CBC, CTV, Global News and the Vancouver Sun; and
- made 2,661,197 unique impressions through our social media channels.



*We had a blast connecting with salmon supporters in communities across B.C. this year. We promised not to tell who tipped their canoe, and we're still laughing about getting stuck in thigh-deep mud while pulling out fish traps! Check out some of our favourite snapshots from our events.*



## Watershed Watch Team

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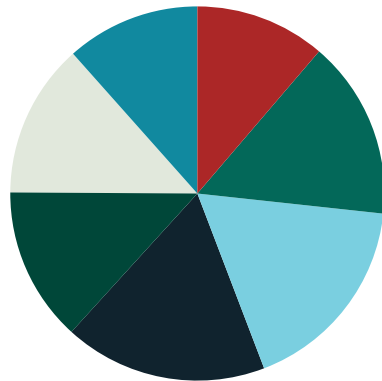
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,064,869.94</b>

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Jacqueline Jacobs	Niels Bols	William Mikaloff
James Boyde	Norman Dreger	Willie Mitchell
James Horner	Olive Dempsey	Yani Mitchell
James Leslie	Pasquale Balletta	

## Businesses & Organizations

1% For the Planet  
33 Acres Brewing Company  
Abe Books  
Aboriginal Eco Tours (Talaysay Tours)  
Aqueduct Foundation  
Arcteryx Victoria  
Badger Earthworks Ltd.  
BC Federation of Fly Fishers  
BC Ferries  
BC Hydro  
Best Hikes with Kids  
Canada Summer Jobs Program  
Canadian Outback Rafting  
Canadian Pacific  
Clif Family Foundation  
Commission for Environmental Cooperation  
Donner Canadian Foundation  
Endless Biking  
Farmland Advantage  
Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program  
Fish-Kissing Weasels Environmental  
Flowerstone Soap  
Foamers' Folly Brewing Co.  
Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival Society  
Global Salmon Farming Resistance  
Hook and Vice  
Horne Coupar Lawyers  
Jack Cewe Construction Ltd.  
Kumsheen Rafting  
Let's Go Biking  
Liber Ero Foundation  
MakeWay Canada  
McLean Foundation  
Mead Foundation  
Montridge Advisory Group Ltd.  
Mt. Waddington's Outdoors  
Nikki Rekman Sales  
Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort  
Old Yale Brewery  
Osprey Flyfishers of BC  
Pacific Rivers Outfitting Co.  
Pacific Salmon Watersheds Fund  
Patagonia  
PayPal Charitable Giving Fund  
PickEco Refills  
PRADO Cafe  
Precision Gutters Ltd.  
Pure Life SUP  
Purple Hayes School of Kayaking  
Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia  
REO Rafting Resort  
Ridge Wilderness Adventures  
Rotary Club of Vancouver - Arbutus Chapter  
Salt Water Digital  
Sea to Sky Adventure Company  
Sitka Foundation  
SkeenaWild Conservation Trust  
Squamish Rafting Company  
St. Louis Community Foundation  
Stomping Grounds Café  
Stratapro Contracting Ltd.  
Surf Sister Surf School  
Suskeena Lodge Ltd.  
Swallow Tail Canada  
Sweet Tooth Creamery  
Talok Fisheries  
The Baltoro Trust  
The Bike Zone  
The Hive PoCo  
The Robert Bateman Centre  
The Strongholds Fund  
Valhalla Pure  
Vancouver Foundation  
Victoria Foundation  
Victoria Molloy Artist  
Western Canoe and Kayak  
Whole Soul Wisdom  
WildPlay Parks - Victoria

## Lobbying Report

It's no secret that industry has deep pockets and lobbies hard for their interests. That's why the Watershed Watch team is also standing up for wild salmon in the halls of power. Here are some of the key officials we met with over the past year. (Note: this is not an exhaustive list and does not include the many First Nations and local government officials we also met with).

### Government of British Columbia

Hon. Josie Osborne, Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship  
Hon. Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Affairs  
Hon. Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Don Bain, Deputy Chief of Staff | Office of the Premier  
Fin Donnelly, Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries and Aquaculture | Land, Water and Resource Stewardship  
Renee Merrifield, MLA for Kelowna-Mission and B.C. Liberal Environment Critic  
Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands and Caucus Chair, BC Greens  
Dan Coulter, MLA for Chilliwack  
Jennifer McGuire, Assistant Deputy Minister | Emergency Management BC | Public Safety and Solicitor General  
James Mack, Assistant Deputy Minister | Land, Water and Resource Stewardship  
Tom Ethier, Assistant Deputy Minister | Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD)  
David Muter, Assistant Deputy Minister | FLNRORD  
Andrew Giles, Manager, River Forecast and Flood Safety | FLNRORD  
Laura Plante, Executive Director, Natural Resources | FLNRORD  
Ted White, Director and Comptroller of Water | FLNRORD  
Jennifer Davis, Director, Fish and Aquatic Habitat | FLNRORD  
Perry Giltz, Executive Lead, Emergency Management BC  
Allan Johnsrude, Regional Executive Director, South Coast | FLNRORD  
Kevin Chisholm, Manager, First Nations Relations | FLNRORD

### Government of Canada

Hon. Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard (DFO)  
Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Emergency Preparedness  
Jason Rondeau, Director of Policy, Office of the Minister | DFO  
Neil Macisaac, Director of Operations, Office of the Minister | DFO  
Mike Fraser, Area Chief, Conservation and Protection | DFO  
Sarah Murdoch, Director of Policy, Pacific Region | DFO  
Miariam Gennaro, Senior Director | Infrastructure Canada  
Annie Geoffroy, Senior Director | Infrastructure Canada  
Lisa Marie Barron, MP and NDP Fisheries Critic



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