



# Contribution Programs

Transfers to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party that do not result in acquisitions by the government

- Recipient- and citizen-focused.
- Delivered to address government priorities.
- Designed to achieve results for Canadians.



## Closely Administered

- Governed by Terms and Conditions approved by Treasury Board, including:
  - maximum contribution amounts
  - stacking limits
  - assessment criteria
  - purpose of the funding
  - eligible recipient types
  - eligible activities and expenses
- Delivered via legally-binding Contribution Agreements.
- Monitored over their duration to ensure terms are being respected.
- Subject to audit by the Department.



# Contribution-based Restoration Programs in Ecosystems Management Branch

## **Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (RFCPP)**

- Launched in 2013 under Canada's Economic Action Plan

## **Fish Habitat Restoration Initiative (FHRI)**

- Launched in 2014 under the Aboriginal Economic Development Strategic Partnerships Initiative

## **Coastal Restoration Fund (CRF)**

- Launched in 2017 under Canada's Ocean Protection Plan

## **Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk (HSP-SAR)**

- Launched in 2000 under Canada's national strategy for the protection of species at risk.



# RFCPP

- Allocated \$53M over 6 years (2013-2019)
- Supports projects that restore, rebuild and rehabilitate recreational fisheries habitat
- Open to angling/fishing groups, conservation organizations and Indigenous groups
- Program is ending and there are no further funding opportunities



Little Qualicum River, Vancouver Island





# RFCPP

To date, has funded 245 projects in BC (\$17.3M) and 731 projects nationally (\$43.2M)

## Nicola River Bank Stabilization Project - Steelhead Society of BC

- \$55,000 over 1 year for streambank stabilization / sediment reduction in the Nicola River. (\$72,289 in matching support)



Nicola River, BC Interior





## FHRI

- Allocated \$25M over 5 years (2014-2019)
- Supports aboriginal participation in restoring fish habitat in areas potentially affected by energy development in BC
- Open to a broad spectrum of aboriginal groups, including:
  - aboriginal communities
  - tribal councils
  - governments of self-governing First Nations
  - aboriginal for profit and not-for-profit corporations, partnerships, associations, co-operatives and institutions which are majority owned and controlled by aboriginal people
  - aboriginal businesses, partnerships and joint ventures
- Program is ending and there are no further funding opportunities



# FHRI

To date, has partnered with over 8 Indigenous groups / 54 First Nations in BC and provided ~\$20.8M in funding to support fish habitat assessment and restoration at various project sites

## Daudette Creek Diversion - Haisla First Nation

- Stream returned to original channel, recovering thousands of metres of salmonid habitat
- Complex structure added to stream and a fish-friendly road crossing installed





# CRF

- \$75M over 5 years (2017-2022) to supports coastal aquatic habitat restoration projects including strategic planning, rehabilitation of historic impacts, and capacity.
  - To date, 13 projects have been funded in BC (\$18.6M) and 39 projects nationally (\$55M)
  - The remaining funds will be allocated from proposals submitted during the recent call that closed December 27, 2018.



Field workers conducting baseline monitoring for the Maa-nulth Treaty Society on the Sarita River causeway breaching project.



# CRF

- Open to Indigenous organizations, community-based organizations, non-profit organizations and academic researchers/institutions
- DFO Pacific Region Contact:
  - Adam Silverstein ([adam.silverstein@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:adam.silverstein@dfo-mpo.gc.ca))
  - A/Regional Manager, Community Involvement and Resource Restoration
- CRF Program Website:
  - <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/crf-frc/index-eng.html>



Field workers conducting baseline monitoring in the Cowichan Estuary for Cowichan Tribes in preparation for causeway breaching.





# HSP-SAR

## HSP-SAR (Aquatic Projects)

- ~\$780K per year allocated to BC and Yukon since 2000-2001 (~\$3M nationally)
- Supports projects that:
  - secure, protect, restore, enhance or manage habitat to benefit SAR;
  - enable Canadians to become actively and concretely involved in stewardship projects for SAR that will result in tangible and measurable conservation benefits; and,
  - improve the scientific, sociological and economic understanding of the role that stewardship has as a conservation tool
- Open to non-governmental organizations, Indigenous organizations and communities, individuals, private corporations and businesses as well as provincial, territorial, and municipal governments and provincial Crown corporations
- **DFO contact in Pacific Region:**
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/programs/habitat-stewardship-species-at-risk.html>



# HSP-SAR

Typically, supports 7-32 projects in Pacific Region per year (~\$780K).

## Riparian Restoration of Lower MacKay Creek - Echo Ecological Enterprises

- \$47,750 over one year to restore and monitor riparian habitat for salmonids, invertebrates, native terrestrial mammals and bird populations and increase public awareness of the importance of riparian areas and the need for restoration

