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Executive Summary

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) and the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) are partners in delivering a healthy environment for residents and communities of the East and West Kootenay. KCP and FWCP have a common understanding that fish and wildlife populations thrive in ecosystems that are functioning and sustainable. Similar to the FWCP, KCP supports partners in maintaining and improving the integrity and productivity of ecosystems and habitats. Through our collaborative relationship, priority conservation lands are secured, landowner's knowledge of how to care for their land is improved, overall conservation efforts are coordinated, and access to additional financial and technical resources are increased.

KCP contributes to the FWCP goals of the *Upland and Dryland Action Plan* and *Riparian and Wetlands Action Plan*. Specifically, KCP identifies opportunities to secure priority upland/dryland habitats in the Kootenays. As well, we identify threats to habitat connectivity and support opportunities, including but not limited to land securement, in order to secure and steward lands with high conservation values for upland, dryland, wetland and riparian areas.

KCP continues to coordinate communication between land trust organizations in the region. During this period, KCP completed six property evaluations with restricted FWCP funding and also supported three property appraisal reports. In 2019/20, FWCP contributed to the purchase of one conservation property, the Kootenay River Ranch expansion which included two parcels along the Kootenay River valley bottom that were acquired by the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Combined with NCC's Kootenay River Ranch and Griffiths Nature Reserve (covenant), creates a contiguous area under conservation that now totals almost 1,711 hectares (4,228 acres). As well, the property acquisition that FWCP contributed to in 2018/19, Columbia Wetlands – Edgewater Conservation Area which was acquired by the Nature Trust of BC closed during this 2019/20 fiscal year.

In 2019, KCP was awarded an Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canada Nature Fund grant for Kootenay Connect, a four year project that aims to enhance, restore, and manage important valley bottom habitats to support the recovery of 16 listed species at risk, such as American Badger, Grizzly Bear, Little Brown Myotis, Western Screech-owl, Lewis's Woodpecker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Bobolink, and Northern Leopard Frog, and over a dozen species of concern.

In May 2019, KCP hosted its fourth Conservation Action Forum in the Elk Valley (Fernie), which was inspired by interest on the part of the Sparwood Fish and Wildlife Association and a fifth Conservation Action Forum in January 2020 in Creston, co-hosted with the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. This Conservation Neighbourhood Action Forum approach brought together a broad range of partners to work collaboratively towards conservation. In addition,

KCP heavily promoted the Stewardship Solutions landowner outreach hub among KCP Partners and the general public, and revised the KCP Stewardship Framework with new priorities to reflect the Stewardship Solutions Toolkit, KCP's new Kootenay Connect Initiative and local government stewardship of private land.

KCP continues to engage a wide range of stakeholders through a variety of tours, partner events, and presentations. We provided a valuable professional development and networking experience for our partners at our Annual Gathering on the theme of *"Biodiversity Hotspots of the Kootenays"*. We continue to utilize our website, Facebook and monthly eNews, which is distributed to over 700 recipients, as well as host our four-part Winter Webinar series.

KCP continues to administer and deliver the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF) in partnership with the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) and the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF) in partnership with the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) which in combination awarded almost \$240,000 to stewardship projects in 2019 as well as support towards the acquisition of the Nature of Conservancy Canada's Next Creek Property Acquisition, the last missing piece in a vast conservation landscape puzzle of inland temperate rainforest that extends over 1,100 square kilometres. KCP is also actively exploring expansion of Local Conservation Funds in the Kootenays to further build financial capacity of partner organizations.

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1. Introduction

The Columbia Basin of southeastern British Columbia is a unique landscape of global ecological significance. The East and West Kootenay still function as natural ecosystems with a full complement of ungulates and carnivores and are home to a variety of both common and rare plants, wildlife and fish species.

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KCP works towards the FWCP goals of the *Upland and Dryland Action Plan* and *Riparian and Wetlands Action Plan*. Specifically, KCP identifies opportunities to secure priority upland/dryland habitats in the Kootenays. As well, we identify threats to habitat connectivity and support opportunities, including but not limited to land securement, in order to conserve and steward lands with high conservation values for upland, dryland, wetland and riparian areas.

Over the past decade, KCP has helped partners conserve over 240,000 hectares of land and invest \$65 million into conservation projects across the Kootenays. World-class conservation efforts include Darkwoods, Pine Butte Ranch, Wycliffe Wildlife Corridor, Lot 48, Hoodoo-Hofert, The Frog Bear Project and The Big Ranch. However, development pressures throughout the region continue, leading to significant and irrevocable loss of wildlife habitat and the loss of other natural capital including clean water, clean air, food production, timber production, and carbon storage and sequestration.

Although valued habitats occur throughout the East and West Kootenay, the valley bottoms have the richest diversity and possess the greatest biodiversity values. Many of these important habitats are located on private land. There remains a viable opportunity to conduct private land securement and stewardship activities that conserve and enhance these lands within the East and West Kootenays.

2. Goals and Objectives

The vision of the Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) is to have landscapes in the East and West Kootenays that sustain naturally functioning ecosystems that can in turn support economic and social well-being. We envision vibrant communities that demonstrate the principles of environmental stewardship for future generations. This vision relates directly to the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program's vision of ensuring that fish and wildlife populations thrive in watersheds that are functioning and sustainable.

KCP is a partnership of over 80 conservation, industry, government and business organizations involved in conserving natural areas for Kootenay communities. The KCP partnership coordinates and facilitates acquisitions, covenants and stewardship projects on private land. In addition, we work to build the organizational capacity and serve as a network for our partner organizations. We are strategic and focused on bringing organizations together for the greatest long-term return on investment.

KCP aims to achieve the following:

- 1) Increase the effectiveness, collaboration and coordination of private land **securement**;
- 2) Increase the effectiveness and coordination of **stewardship** activities taking place on private lands;
- 3) Build and provide technical, financial and internal **capacity** for KCP and partner organizations to undertake securement and stewardship activities; and,
- 4) Strengthen the **network** of conservation organizations through communications to achieve efficiencies, synergies and ultimately greater effectiveness.

3. Study Area

The KCP Service Area extends across the Kootenays including the RDCK, RDEK, Area A of the CSRD and Areas A and B of the RDKB (Figure 1). KCP also maintains connections with regional, national and international conservation collaborations.

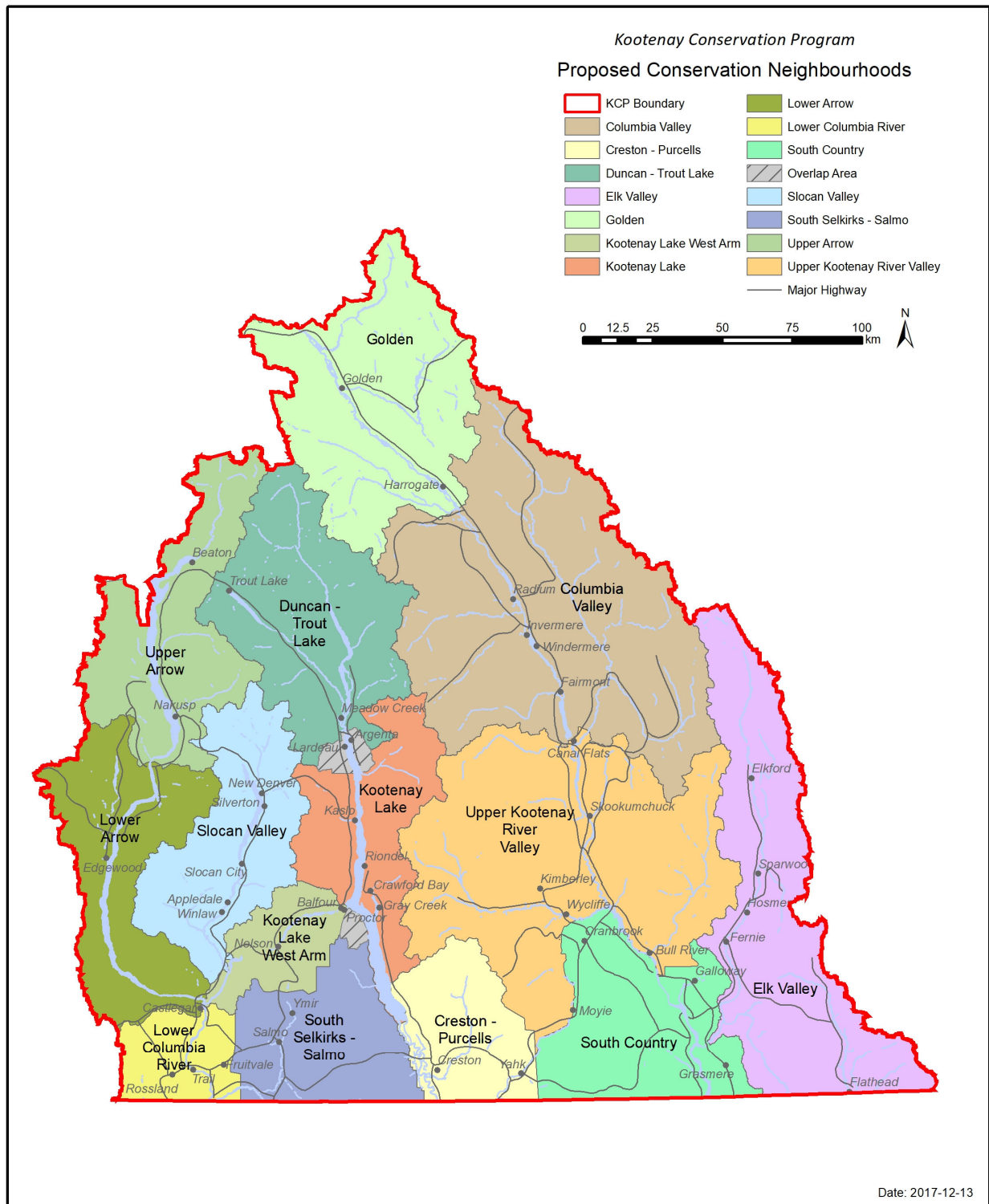


Figure 1: Map of KCP Service Area including Conservation Neighbourhoods.

4. Methods

Membership and participation in KCP is open to any organization that aligns with, and signs off on, our Governance and Participation Charter. Four KCP committees guide the organization (Figure 2). The Board provides general guidance and strategic oversight of KCP operations, initiatives and priorities. The Securement Committee leads the prioritization process for securement projects and further coordinates communication amongst all of the land trust organizations working in both the East and West Kootenays. Both the East and West Kootenay Stewardship Committees are composed of partner organizations interested in and/or involved in private land stewardship. Collectively, they assist individual partners in engaging communities, landowners, businesses and individuals in voluntary private land stewardship.

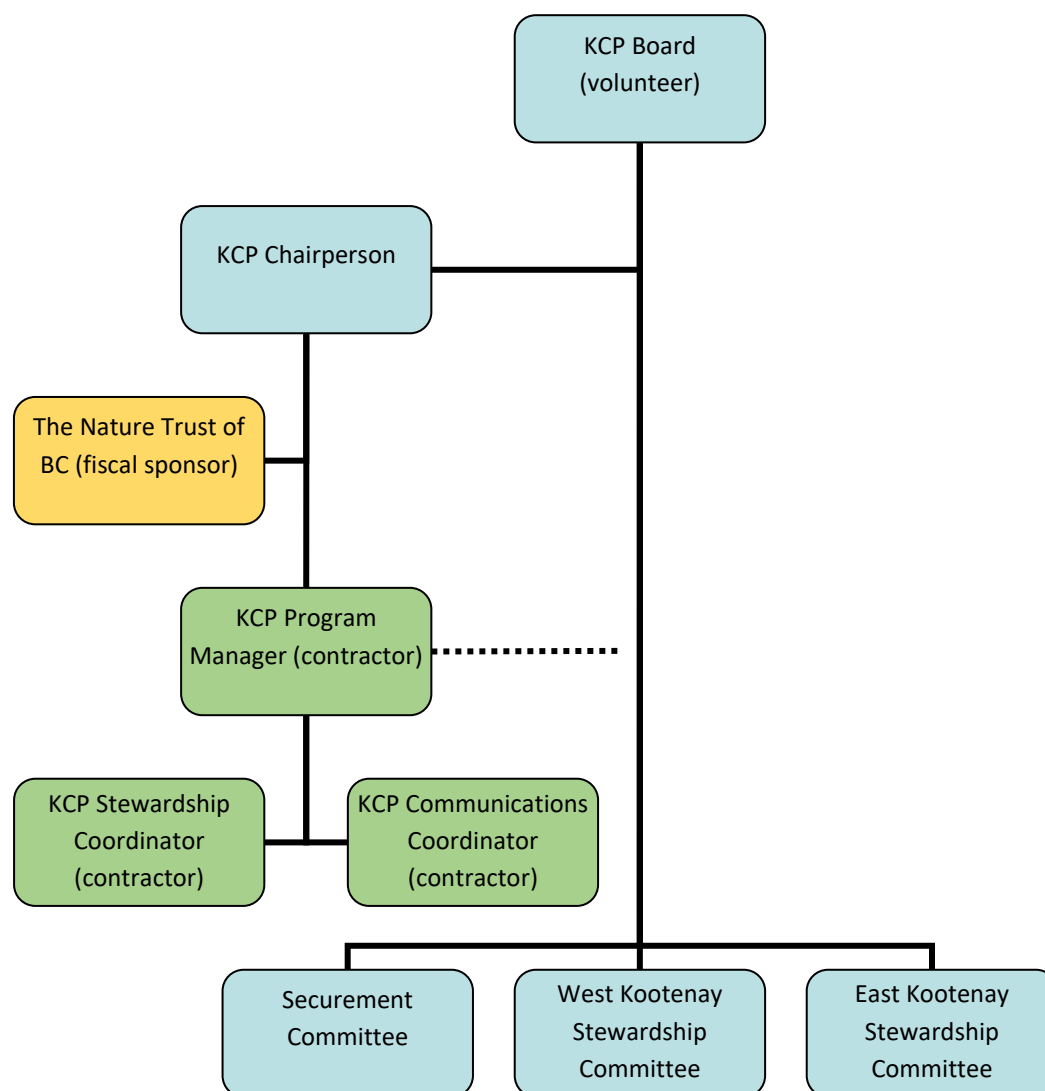


Figure 2: KCP Governance Structure

KCP committees are supported by three part-time contract positions; Program Manager, Stewardship Coordinator, and Communications Coordinator. The role of the Program Manager includes organizational development, fundraising, overall program administration, coordination of securement activities, partnership building, increasing capacity building efforts and management of the local conservation funds. The role of the Stewardship Coordinator is to focus on stewardship activities including setting goals and objectives for both stewardship committees and moving priority stewardship initiatives forward. The role of the Communications Coordinator is to coordinate KCP capacity building and communication functions. The KCP team this year was comprised of Juliet Craig (Program Manager), Adrienne Shaw and Marcy Mahr (who shared the Stewardship Coordinator role) and Nicole Trigg (Communications Coordinator).

5. Results, Outcomes and Discussion

The 2019-20 year was an extremely productive one for the Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP). This year focused on *Biodiversity Hotspots of the Kootenays* and this theme was carried through the workshops, Fall Gathering and webinars. Highlights of 2019-20 include:

- ✓ Receiving a federal Environment and Climate Change Canada Nature Fund grant to fund “*Kootenay Connect*” conservation and stewardship projects in four priority areas in the Kootenays over the next four years: Creston Valley, Columbia Wetlands, Wycliffe Corridor, and Bonanza Corridor.
- ✓ Facilitating two Conservation Action Forums: one in the Elk Valley and one in the Creston Valley
- ✓ New promotion and ongoing improvement of the Stewardship Solutions Toolkit for landowner outreach materials
- ✓ Continued coordination of land securement amongst land trust organizations in the region with two major properties acquired through this collaborative approach
- ✓ Hosting a spring tour of Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF) projects for RDEK Columbia Valley Directors with the CVLCF Technical Review Committee
- ✓ Hosting engaging spring East and West Kootenay Stewardship Committee meetings and a spring tour at the Fort Shepherd Conservancy Area near Trail
- ✓ Successful hosting of a Fall Gathering including a field tour in the Columbia Valley featuring the Nature Trust’s new Columbia River Wetlands – Edgewater conservation property and Columbia Valley Local Conservation Projects

- ✓ Ongoing promotion of the concept of “*Kootenay Connect*” which identifies high priority landscape connectivity and biodiversity hot spots in the Kootenays
- ✓ Hosting a webinar series on the theme of “*Biodiversity of the Kootenays*”
- ✓ Administration and delivery of the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF) with over \$95,000 being disbursed to eight conservation projects as well as a contribution towards Edgewater Columbia Wetlands property
- ✓ Administration and delivery of the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF) with over \$65,000 awarded to six local conservation projects as well as a contribution to Next Creek
- ✓ Initial delegations to Slocan Valley local governments to share information from the market research results regarding expansion of Local Conservation Funds
- ✓ Finalization of the *Case for Conservation* stewardship brochure for private landowners.

The following list of activities aligns with the workplan provided to FWCP for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year and with the KCP Strategic Priorities.

5.1 Securement

Securement Committee Coordination

KCP assists with identifying opportunities to secure priority habitats in a number of ways. We coordinate the Securement Team comprised of The Nature Trust of BC (TNTBC), the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD), the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP), and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). This Team has been extremely successful in ensuring dialogue, coordination and prioritization of securement properties in the region. During this period KCP conducted five Securement Committee meetings. We updated both the East Kootenay and West Kootenay Securement lists and received three land securement referrals from KCP partner organizations, or directly from interested landowners.

Property Evaluations

The KCP also acts as a "one window" approach to land securement. Landowners contact the KCP to discuss securement opportunities for their property. In addition, any funding proposals for securement to the FWCP are reviewed and recommended by the Securement Team. KCP also plays an important role in providing an independent evaluation of candidate properties for securement based on biological and administrative criteria (e.g. landscape connectivity, Ungulate Winter Range, species and habitats at risk, urgency of acquisition, etc.). The

properties are then added to the database to determine their priority/rank in the region. The ranking number is used as part of the evaluation of funders as well as among the Securement Team to identify securement priorities.

The FWCP Restricted Funds support property appraisals and evaluations for securement. These appraisals determine fair market value for a property and are used to guide acquisition costs or the "cost" of a covenant on the property. Funds are also used to evaluate properties to determine their relative rank in the Kootenays so that shared priorities are defined. For the current year, we have completed six property evaluations with restricted FWCP funding and also supported three property appraisal reports.

2019/20 Property Acquisitions

Based on the dedication and hard work of our partners, particularly The Nature Trust of BC (TNTBC) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), two valuable conservation properties were acquired this year.

Located north of Radium Hot Springs, The Columbia River Wetlands – Edgewater property cover 423 acres (171.5 hectares) and features outstanding habitat and connectivity for Grizzly Bears and American Badgers. They also provide winter range for Elk, Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer and Moose. This property complements nearby Nature Trust conservation lands that are managed as part of the Columbia National Wildlife Area as well as the provincial Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area, which provides an additional benefit for wildlife and provides important migratory habitat for over 200 bird species. FWCP provided a contribution to this property acquisition in 2018/19 and the purchase was finalized in 2019/20.

Funding was also contributed by FWCP in 2019/20 to the Kootenay River Ranch expansion acquired by Nature Conservancy of Canada. The acquisition of two more land parcels along the Kootenay River valley bottom means 260 hectares (637 acres) more habitat for American Badgers, Grizzly and Black Bears and a variety of ungulates. These acquisitions combined with NCC's Kootenay River Ranch and Griffiths Nature Reserve (covenant) creates a contiguous area under conservation that now totals almost 1,711 hectares (4,228 acres). While both properties were selectively harvested over the past several years, they are dominated by native grassland and dry open forests with patches of closed forest scattered throughout.

5.2 Stewardship

The KCP continued with its focus on stewardship priorities including: increasing collaboration and coordination between partners, facilitating neighbourhood conservation planning to identify conservation targets and high priority actions, promoting a coordinated approach to landowner outreach for conservation, and supporting local governments to incorporate and

apply conservation principles into local land use planning. KCP revised the Stewardship Framework to include a new goal related to landscape connectivity and will be finalized in 2020.

Spring Tour

In spring 2019, KCP hosted a half-day East Kootenay Stewardship Committee meeting in Kimberley, and a full-day West Kootenay Stewardship Committee in Trail. The latter was followed by local field tour in the afternoon to the nearby Fort Shepherd Conservancy Area. Participants shared information and updates about their respective organizations, discussed KCP's initiatives and progress, and brainstormed on how to improve the effectiveness and promotion of KCP's Landowner Outreach Program: the Stewardship Solutions Toolkit. Both meetings were extremely productive in that they fostered a collaborative spirit, and increased cooperation and awareness around the many on-the-ground stewardship activities taking place within the Kootenay Conservation Program's service area.

Neighbourhood Conservation Action Planning

In May 2019, KCP hosted its fourth Conservation Action Forum in the Elk Valley (Fernie), which was inspired by interest on the part of the Sparwood Fish and Wildlife Association and a fifth Conservation Action Forum in January 2020, this time in the Creston Valley (Creston), which was co-hosted with the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area.

Each of the Forums were attended by almost 30 people; brought together researchers, land managers, stewardship organizations, First Nations, and other government partners to identify conservation action priorities for their respective regions; and included speed presentations by researchers focused on best practices for land managers to conserve for species and habitats at risk. The Forums also included break-out sessions to identify priority actions under themes deemed most relevant and conducive to action by forum participants.

KCP is pleased to report that of the 27 Priority Actions identified across the first four KCP Conservation Action Forums (excluding the most recent Forum in Creston), 22 were underway by March 31, 2020 – over 80%!

Kootenay Connect

In 2019, KCP was awarded an Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canada Nature Fund grant for Kootenay Connect, a four year project that aims to enhance, restore, and manage important valley bottom habitats to support the recovery of 16 listed species at risk, such as American Badger, Grizzly Bear, Little Brown Myotis, Western Screech-owl, Lewis's Woodpecker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Bobolink, and Northern Leopard Frog, and over a dozen species of concern. The goal of Kootenay Connect is to sustain biodiversity across local landscapes by improving habitat connectivity within and between valley bottoms and mountain ranges to sustain exceptional places of biodiversity. This project stems from the report that KCP

supported last year (*Kootenay Connect: Riparian Wildlife Corridors for Climate Change*, Proctor and Mahr 2019) that identified a dozen key areas within the Kootenays that are critical for wildlife movement corridors and for conserving vulnerable and at-risk species into the future.

The Canada Nature Fund grant will focus on four priority places: Bonanza Biodiversity Corridor (north of New Denver), Creston Valley, Wycliffe Wildlife Corridor, and the Columbia Valley Wetlands. Over 25 KCP Partners are actively working together to enhance and restore habitat for species at risk these four biodiversity hotspots in the Kootenays. Restoration and enhancement efforts target improving and protecting a broad spectrum of habitat types such as native grasslands, rich wetlands, cottonwood riparian areas, and mature cedar-hemlock forests that support species at risk. The project focuses on the important linkage between these habitats that is critical for maintaining healthy functioning ecosystems and biodiversity.

Stewardship Solutions Toolkit

KCP moved forward with our coordinated landowner outreach initiative by heavily promoting the “Stewardship Solutions Toolkit” with a widespread media campaign across the Kootenays in summer 2019, with the development of a promotion kit for KCP Partners to help them easily promote the toolkit to their audiences, and with Stewardship Solutions presentations by KCP staff at a number of events, including two RDEK town hall meetings, the EKISC Agricultural Symposium, the Friends of Kootenay Lake Annual Summit, and the KCP Conservation Action Forums in Fernie and Creston.

In its first year, the Stewardship Solutions Toolkit website was accessed by over 800 people more than 1,100 times, and KCP Partners distributed roughly 1,500 Stewardship Solutions Toolkit handouts in 14 different Conservation Neighbourhoods. The Stewardship Solutions Toolkit serves as a central hub for this information and features Kootenay-based resources for that address stewardship issues on private land. This toolkit is designed for stewardship practitioners, local government planners and other service providers as well as a one-stop shop for private landowners interested in stewardship options for their property.

5.3 Capacity Building and Serving as a Network

KCP Fall Gathering

The KCP Fall Gathering & AGM serves as one of the primary opportunities to connect and re-connect KCP partners from across the region. Almost 70 individuals from 34 organizations attended the 2019 Fall Gathering and AGM, which was held in Invermere on October 4 and 5, 2019, on the theme of “Biodiversity Hotspots of the Kootenays”.

The importance of conserving biodiversity hotspots and species at risk from a global to a local level was shared, including updates on outcomes of KCP Conservation Action Forums. The

field tour included visits to The Nature Trust of BC's Columbia Wetlands Edgewater property, and the Brisco Wetlands. Presenters including representatives from The Nature Trust of BC, Farmland Advantage, East Kootenay Invasive Species Council, Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners, and Calgary Zoo.

Webinar Series

KCP coordinated and delivered its annual 'Winter Webinar Series' under the theme of "*Biodiversity in the Kootenays*". The four-part webinar series included:

- Getting to know Grebes: Different Species and how they link to Wetland Health & Conservation with Rachel Darvill
- "We Should Plant Meadows": A Systems Approach to Recovering Pollinator Pathways with Valerie Huff
- An Evidence-to-Action Approach for Carnivore Coexistence in Adapt-or-Die Landscapes with Clayton Lamb
- Back to the Basics: Re-evaluating Bat Boxes based on Bat Needs with Cori Lausen

Attendance for the 2020 Winter Webinar Series reached an all-time high with some webinars having over 130 registered. These webinars were recorded and are all available at <https://kootenayconservation.ca/winter-webinars/>.

Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund

In 2008, KCP was instrumental in establishing the first Local Conservation Fund in Canadian history in the Regional District of East Kootenay's Upper Columbia Valley. The Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF) has now invested over \$1.8 million in dozens of securement and stewardship projects which address local priorities including ecosystem restoration, invasive species control and lake stewardship. This critical funding has helped leverage \$17 million in conservation investments in the local area.

In 2019, the CVLCF funded its 10th year of projects. Funding was awarded to eight stewardship projects that together received almost \$95,000: reintroduction of the provincially red listed northern leopard frogs to the Columbia Wetlands, riparian area enhancement on farms, water monitoring on Columbia Lake and Lake Windermere, forest restoration, bat conservation, the Columbia Wetlands Waterbird Survey and invasive plant control. In addition, a contribution was made towards the acquisition of the Columbia Wetlands Edgewater property that was acquired by the Nature Trust of BC.

In May 2019, KCP hosted a CVLCF Directors Tour. The five Regional District of East Kootenay directors who make up the Columbia Valley Sub-Committee and members of the CVLCF Technical Review Committee were invited to tour five projects that have received CVLCF

support. The tour was followed by a lunch meeting that gave KCP, RDEK Directors and Technical Review Committee members the opportunity to discuss the Fund's administration and how to improve its effectiveness.

Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund

In 2019, the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF) funded its fourth year of projects in the Kootenay Lake area after becoming a service of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) in 2014. KCP worked with the RDCK to coordinate funding over \$65,000 to six priority projects in the region including grizzly bear conflict reduction, ecosystem pollination, toad mortality mitigation, water monitoring, and bat and Western painted turtle conservation. In addition, a contribution was made towards the Nature of Conservancy Canada's Next Creek Property Acquisition, the last missing piece in a vast conservation landscape puzzle of inland temperate rainforest that extends over 1,100 square kilometers.

Local Conservation Fund Expansion

Since the establishment of the CVLCF and KLLCF, two more Local Conservation Funds have been established in BC in the Okanagan region and the concept continues to spread. Local governments are recognizing the opportunity not only to invest in locally important conservation and community sustainability projects, but also leverage additional funding for these priorities in their communities. KCP began meeting with local government elected officials, staff and community groups to share market research results from 2018 which indicated constituent support for expanding the Local Conservation Funds to other service areas in the Kootenays.

5.4 Serving as a Network

Strategic Partnerships & Collaboration

KCP provided presentations, creating and fostering valuable cross-border partnerships, to the Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society Annual Summit, East Kootenay Invasive Species Council's Agricultural Symposium, Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society meeting, two Town Hall's in the Columbia Valley, and numerous partners through the Elk Valley and Creston Conservation Action Forums.

Network News

We continued to maintain and optimize our website and monthly newsletter: the KCP eNews. Our eNews, which underwent a major redesign in late 2019, is now distributed to over 750 recipients across the region. Our monthly Faces & Places feature continues to have high uptake and offers the opportunity for KCP Partners to showcase their current projects and innovations — not only in our eNews, but on our website and Facebook page as well as in local news outlets that receive "Faces & Places" as a KCP media release. The KCP Facebook page, which has grown

from last year to over 425 followers who regularly share posts, is an effective channel for promoting KCP Partners' events and initiatives to a Kootenay-wide online audience.

Celebrating Conservation Leadership

The KCP awarded the annual Conservation Leadership Award as part of our Annual Gathering and AGM in Invermere. This award showcases some of the outstanding work being done in conservation in our region. The recipients of the 2019 Conservation Leadership Award were Dan Murphy & Susan Bond (together), both formerly with the Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program, and Dr. Michael Proctor with the Trans-border Grizzly Bear Project.

6. Recommendations

KCP plays an important and valuable role in the coordination and facilitation of private land conservation. Recommendations for 2020/21 include:

- 1) Continue both base and restricted funding for KCP's activities;
- 2) Continue to apply the conservation action forum model to other areas of the region;
- 3) Continue to develop a coordinated approach to landowner outreach in the region;
- 4) Continue to build focus on ecosystem connectivity;
- 5) Continue to explore the expansion of the Local Conservation Fund; and,
- 6) Continue to engage existing and potential partners.

7. Acknowledgements

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) would like to acknowledge the support of the following organizations in the successful delivery of the 2019-2020 Work Plan.

- Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program on behalf of its program partners BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and public stakeholders
- Columbia Basin Trust
- Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
- Real Estate Foundation of BC
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Regional District of East Kootenay
- Regional District of Central Kootenay

- Nature Conservancy of Canada
- The Nature Trust of British Columbia
- Parks Canada

8. Confirmation of FWCP Recognition

FWCP's support continues to be recognized in a number of ways (Figure 7), including:

- 1) As a feature supporter on KCP's website: www.kootenayconservation.ca
- 2) In our brochures and on our display stand
- 3) In our Annual Report and on tent cards at our Fall AGM & Gathering

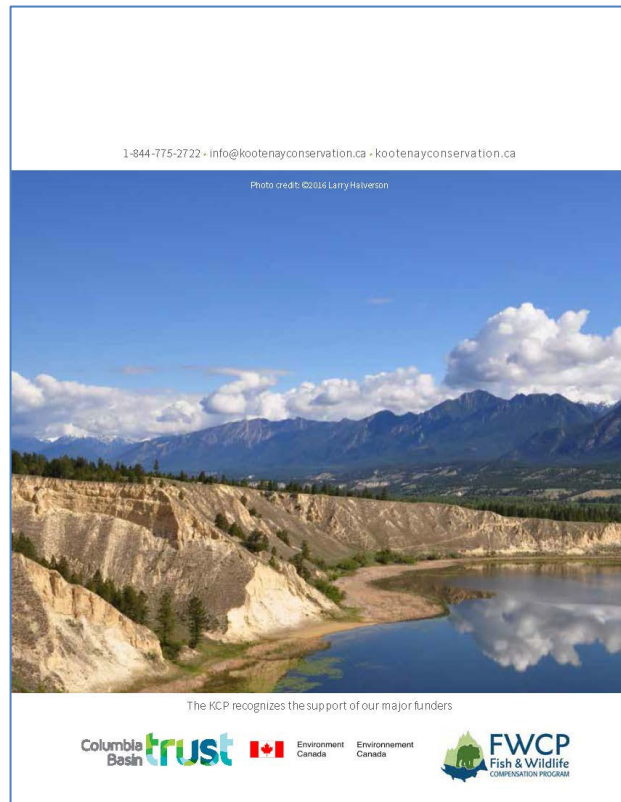
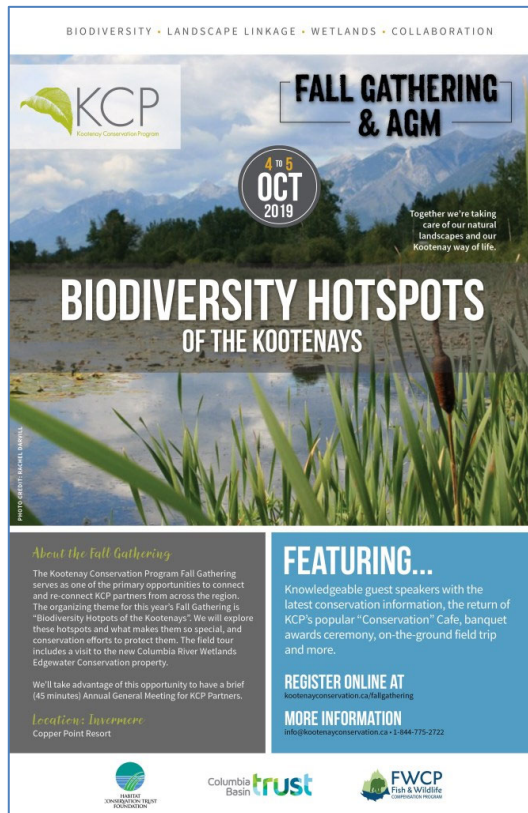


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