

Project ID	Project Name	Region	T4W Action	T4W Funding Spent	Project Achievements
2425-hd-001/2425-T4W-096	Post-wildfire Habitat Designation Assessment in Thompson Okanagan Region	Thompson Okanagan	Action 10	\$20,000.00	This project was co-led by Okanagan Nation Alliance and the Thompson Okanagan Region Ecosystems Section. It focused on monitoring of Wildlife Habitat Areas within the 2023 Eagle Bluff Fire perimeter, in collaboration with Osoyoos Indian Band and Lower Similkameen Indian Band. The team assessed post-wildfire conditions and provided recommendations in a final report to improve wildlife habitat areas effectiveness in the future.
2425-hd-004/2425-T4W-094	Wildlife Habitat Feature Engagement	West Coast	Action 10	\$35,948.06	This project was part of a larger initiative to explore the development of a Wildlife Habitat Features Order for the West Coast Region on Vancouver Island. A wildlife habitat feature is a feature of importance to the lifecycle of a species. Examples include bat hibernating sites, large stick nests, and bear dens. Under Action 10 of the Together for Wildlife strategy, this project worked with First Nations to collaboratively build a list of potential wildlife habitat features for inclusion in a future Government Action Regulation Order. This early engagement helped ministry staff assess each proposed feature to determine whether it could be included in a possible Wildlife Habitat Features Order or protected through other laws or tools. The focus for the 2024-25 Together for Wildlife funding was to continue collaboration with First Nations, begin broader discussions within government and refine the draft list of potential wildlife habitat features.

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2425-hd-005/2425-T4W-097	Monitoring Mule Deer Use of Fuel Treatments in the Cariboo Region	Cariboo	Action 10	\$13,618.52	Following sufficient snowfall, wildlife track and snow depth surveys were completed at 30 plots along a 750 metre-long transect within treatment units in Williams Lake Community Forest, 100 Mile Community Forest, and Borland treatment near 150 Mile House. At each plot, wildlife tracks were identified and snow depth data were collected. Data was collected from areas that have been treated for wildfire protection and resiliency as well as adjacent untreated control areas. This data is being collected over multiple years to understand how wildlife use treated areas under different snow conditions, and to help guide future treatments and ensure wildlife habitat is considered alongside fuel reduction efforts.
2425-hd-008/2425-T4W-100	Horsefly River Fisheries Sensitive Watershed Objective Effectiveness Audit	Cariboo	Action 10	\$46,479.25	The nine objectives in the Horsefly River Fisheries Sensitive Watershed Order were reviewed using field assessments, GIS analysis and water studies. This work identified areas of non-compliance, highlighted where the objectives could be clearer, and informed recommendations to improve the order.
2425-hd-009/2425-T4W-098	Advancing Habitat Designations in the Kootenay Boundary Region in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples	Kootenay Boundary	Action 10	\$74,999.69	This project advanced wildlife habitat protection in the Kootenay Boundary Region through collaboration with First Nations. It focused on progressing a habitat protection designation for bighorn sheep under the Government Action Regulation, including completing a draft Bighorn Sheep Ungulate Winter Range Order. This order was co-developed with the Ktunaxa Nation through the Bighorn Sheep Working Group. The project also established a new multi-Nation working group to support the co-development of an ungulate winter range habitat protection designation for elk and mule deer. This included facilitating meetings among participating Nations and the development of a Working Together Agreement to guide shared decision-making and future actions.

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2425-hd-011/2425-T4W-099	Provincial Support for Implementation of Regional Wildlife Habitat Features Orders under Forest and Range Practices Act	Biodiversity and Ecosystems	Action 10	\$60,000.00	This project is focused on improving how wildlife habitat features are reported, tracked and managed. A wildlife habitat feature is a natural feature that wildlife depend on to survive and reproduce. In some cases, these features require special management to ensure that they are protected and remain functional for their intended purpose. Some examples of wildlife habitat features include a badger burrow, a significant mineral lick, or a grizzly bear den.
2425-T4W-004	Region 5 First Nations Wildlife Harvest Needs Surveys	Cariboo	Action 22	\$15,029.31	Harvest surveys were completed collaboratively with First Nations to understand community harvest numbers and needs that are used to inform regional limited entry hunt authorizations.
2425-T4W-005	Cariboo Region Elk Stewardship Plan Development	Cariboo	Action 08	\$39,692.04	This project involved reviewing available information on elk in the Cariboo Region, along with examining elk management approaches used in other jurisdictions and engaging with First Nations and interest holders. A series of First Nations workshops were held with participants from across the region. Discussions focused on First Nations priorities and developing shared objectives for elk management in the Cariboo Region. These objectives were included in a draft stewardship plan that will be shared for formal consultation. The plan is intended to guide elk management in the Cariboo Region over the next five years and support future decision-making. It includes objectives related to population size, habitat, impacts on other species, human-wildlife conflict and herd health. The plan also includes clear actions to help meet these objectives, which were discussed at meetings and workshops with affected First Nations.

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2425-T4W-006	Building Resilience of Interior Douglas-fir Ecosystems (Alkali Resource Management Project)	Cariboo	Action 09	\$25,107.79	The overall objective of this project is to collect data to measure how forest treatments are restoring forests toward their natural structure, while supporting wildlife habitat, cultural plants, fuel reduction and forest resilience. In 2024-25, the project: • Completed winter wildlife track and snow surveys across three treatment areas (nine transects total) to record wildlife presence and snow depth • Collected and analyzed data from 72 camera stations, identifying 47 wildlife species • Collected pre-treatment data on forest fuel levels • Developed and carried out hand-thinning treatments at the Felker unit, removing smaller trees to reduce fuel loads • Measured forest structure after treatment at Felker to assess whether thinning objectives were met All data collected supports the project’s goal of understanding how treatments are restoring forest structure and improving habitat, reducing wildfire risk, and increasing resilience.
2425-T4W-007	Road Data Cleanup for Access Management Planning in Ungulate Habitat in the Cariboo Region	Cariboo	Action 09	\$105,637.50	All road data in the Cariboo Region have now undergone verification using satellite imagery. This project supported the addition of approximately 40,000 kilometres of roads to the base road dataset. Improved road data helps support better decisions for habitat and access management across the region.

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2425-T4W-008	Mesocarnivore Monitoring Program	Biodiversity and Ecosystems	Action 21	\$13,989.00	This funding supported a program to monitor mesocarnivores, including fishers, by studying their droppings (scat) to learn more about their diet. It also supported releasing two orphaned fisher kits that had been rehabilitated back into their natal habitat. This work was done in partnership with First Nations.
2425-T4W-009	Assessing effectiveness of wildlife salvage activities conducted throughout the province under B.C. Wildlife Act permits with a focus on amphibians	Biodiversity and Ecosystems	Action 09	\$12,824.80	Mitigation translocation, called salvage in B.C. (see definition below) involves the capture and relocation of herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians) to reduce harm from anthropogenic habitat loss or alteration. If reptiles and amphibians are fatally injured during this process, clear science-based guidance is needed to ensure they are euthanized safely and humanely. This project developed standard procedures for Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEPs) to follow when euthanasia is required. Definition: Salvage permits are required when development activities are anticipated to disturb habitat for small mammals, amphibians and reptiles. Before development, salvage is conducted to find, capture and move these animals to nearby suitable habitat.

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2425-T4W-010	Feral Pig Early Detection Rapid Response Activities	Biodiversity and Ecosystems	Action 09	\$45,330.82	This project supported Action 9 by addressing the threat of invasive species, with a focus on feral pigs. Feral pigs are one of the most destructive invasive animals and pose risks to wildlife, ecosystems, agriculture and public safety. They can spread disease, damage crops, harm livestock, and compete with native species. In 2024-25, aerial surveys were carried out in the Northeast and Cariboo Regions, targeting areas with confirmed or suspected feral pig activity. These surveys improved understanding of where feral pigs may be present in B.C. and helped guide actions to keep the province free of feral pigs. The project also supported knowledge sharing and collaboration, with staff participating in two provincial workshops on feral pig management. These workshops brought partners together to share information, identify gaps and plan next steps for managing this invasive species in B.C.

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2425-T4W-011	B.C.' s Community Bumble Bee Project	Biodiversity and Ecosystems	Action 06	\$23,915.00	The goal of this project is to engage a community of government staff across all levels (including federal, municipal, and First Nations) who are committed to bumble bee conservation, and train them to collect population data that can be used to assess the conservation status of all 38 bumble bee species in B.C. This project involves establishing long-term (>10 years) bumble bee monitoring routes throughout B.C., while building a network of trained volunteers who, once per year, survey one or two of these routes near where they live and work. Survey methods are consistent across all routes, and surveyors also collect threat data. The project has a 7 to 10-year timeframe because of the logistics and resources needed to survey the whole province. Species conservation status assessments are typically conducted over a 10-year period. The goal for this project is to complete each bumble bee route at least three times within that period. In 2024, over 85 government staff participated and completed over 78 bumble bee routes. An estimated 7,000 specimens were collected, however, specimens have not yet been processed or identified due to limited resources. Data collected during the project will be used to update geographic range maps, compile regional species lists, track changes in bumble bee numbers over time, identify threats and raise public awareness about bumble bee conservation.

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2425-T4W-012	Lead for Conservation Lands Delivery in the North Area	Biodiversity and Ecosystems	Action 11	\$60,000.00	This project resulted in a tool to help identify and prioritize important areas for wildlife conservation in the Skeena Region. The tool brings together scientific data about biodiversity, habitat condition, climate change, and landscape connectivity to support better decisions about where to invest in conservation. The tool will inform opportunities for future wildlife management area designation. The project built on earlier work by refining and adding new information, including maps of freshwater biodiversity, old-growth forests, and unique landforms. It also identified areas that are likely to remain stable as the climate changes (called climate refugia) and areas that are still relatively undisturbed and important for wildlife movement. These features were combined into a decision support tool that can be used to run different scenarios and guide conservation planning. Part of the project also supported biodiversity monitoring and species modeling at Bear Mountain Pasture, a proposed wildlife management area in the Peace Region. Funds were used to deploy autonomous recording units to detect birds and bats, including species at risk like the northern myotis and Connecticut warbler. A movement model for fishers was also developed to help identify their key habitat areas. This work directly supports Action 11 of the Together for Wildlife strategy, which calls for investments in managing existing conservation lands and acquiring new priority areas for wildlife stewardship. The tool and supporting work help ensure that these investments are based on the best available science and focused on areas with the greatest long-term benefit for wildlife and ecosystems.

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2425-T4W-016	Priority Initiatives on Conservation Lands in the Kootenay Boundary Region	Kootenay Boundary	Action 11	\$119,902.52	The Kootenay Boundary Region manages 120 conservation properties, covering more than 541,000 hectares of ecologically significant land. These areas provide critical habitat for wildlife, support biodiversity, and offer opportunities for public enjoyment and education. In 2024 and 2025, the BC Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship carried out several projects that support Action 11 Support and Expand Conservation Lands, with funding from Together for Wildlife. At Midge Lake and Hamling Lakes wildlife management areas (WMAs), staff developed management direction statements and supporting documents to guide the future development of full management plans. These plans are essential for setting conservation priorities and managing land use. At Earl Ranch, the team contributed to wetland restoration planning and monitoring, including the design of restoration features, a monitoring framework, and a mitigation plan. Fencing materials were also provided to help protect sensitive wetland areas. Draft management plans for the Columbia Wetlands and Sun Lakes WMAs were updated with new information and clearer guidance to support their finalization. At the Wycliffe Conservation Complex, funding supported a recreation management initiative through recreation monitoring and the development of new signage to help educate visitors and manage visitor use in environmentally sensitive grassland areas. Finally, additional funding was provided to complete the scoping of a regional conservation lands scoping exercise, which will help to improve management and coordination of the regional conservation lands program. These efforts reflect a collaborative and strategic approach to strengthening conservation land management for long-term ecological and public benefit.

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2425-T4W-017	Ecological Restoration in the Kootenay Boundary Region	Kootenay Boundary	Action 09	\$110,053.55	This project supported five habitat enhancement initiatives across the Kootenay Boundary Region, including ongoing stewardship efforts in high-value habitat areas, fostering partnerships with First Nations and regional interest holders, and leveraging contributions from other project partners and funding sources. The East Kootenay Invasive Species Council was contracted to manage invasive species for the Peckhams Restoration Project, which focuses on improving ecosystem health, wildlife habitat and rangeland health in partnership with the Ministry of Forests, Ktunaxa Nation Council, Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resource Society and Columbia Basin Trust. To support habitat connectivity, an invasive species management plan was developed for the Pickering Range unit to identify invasive plants and guide management actions. Funding was also combined with partner contributions to support the Bummers Flats Conservation Complex wetland restoration project, in partnership with ʔaqam First Nation, Ducks Unlimited, Nature Trust of B.C., Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program and Columbia Basin Trust. At Wigwam Flats, on-the-ground vegetation treatments were completed to restore winter habitat for bighorn sheep and mule deer, along with additional forest planning work in partnership with local rod and gun clubs and the Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resource Society. At Earl Ranch, beaver dam analogues were installed to support wetland restoration, in partnership with Yaɥit ʔa·knuqʔi 'it First Nation and the B.C. Wildlife Federation, and water monitoring was also completed.

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2425-T4W-018	Access Management in the Kootenay Boundary Region	Kootenay Boundary	Action 09	\$14,618.46	Motorized vehicle closures, a form of access management, are used to protect sensitive ecological values from motorized disturbances. This project supported on-the-ground work such as maintaining infrastructure, installing signs, upgrading fencing and installing gates. Staff also updated online maps and created guidebooks to align with the 2023-24 regulation changes. These resources are intended to help the public understand where motorized vehicle closures are in place and follow the rules, which will improve protection of sensitive wildlife and habitats.
2425-T4W-019	East Kootenay Wildlife and Habitat Advisory Committee Facilitation and Engagement	Kootenay Boundary	Action 02	\$45,033.69	This project supported the coordination and operation of the East Kootenay Wildlife and Habitat Advisory Committee, which brings together regional perspectives to provide advice to the B.C. government on wildlife and habitat stewardship. An independent facilitator supported the committee by planning and leading meetings, preparing materials and coordinating communications. The facilitator also helped members develop recommendations and supported engagement throughout the year. In 2024-25, the project supported two in-person meetings and 12 virtual meetings. This work supported the Together for Wildlife strategy by strengthening regional collaboration and supporting dialogue between the B.C government and partners to inform wildlife stewardship.

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2425-T4W-020	Road Rehabilitation in the Flathead Valley and Mountain Passes	Kootenay Boundary	Action 09	\$39,823.75	In its second year, this collaborative project between the B.C government and Yaqit ʔa·knuqʔiʔit First Nation focused on planning and advancing road rehabilitation in the Flathead Valley and select mountain passes to improve wildlife habitat and reduce environmental impacts. This project aimed to restore selected roads and disturbed areas to improve habitat quality, reduce erosion into nearby waterways and limit the spread of invasive plants. In 2023, candidate roads were identified through field assessments. In 2024-25, the B.C. government led stakeholder engagement and decision-making, while Yaqit ʔa·knuqʔiʔit First Nation prepared to lead on-the-ground work at approved sites. Key activities included continued collaboration with Yaqit ʔa·knuqʔiʔit First Nation, stakeholder engagement, invasive plant assessments, remote camera monitoring and confirming roads for rehabilitation. This work directly supported the Together for Wildlife strategy by restoring priority habitats, reducing human impacts, and supporting ecosystem resilience in a region with high wildlife values.
2425-T4W-023	Nechako Riparian Wildlife Habitat Restoration	Omineca	Action 09	\$19,684.00	This project addressed the growing shortage of maturing cottonwood trees that provide cavity habitat for fisher and other cavity-nesting species through propagating and planting cottonwood seedlings along the Nechako River riparian corridor. Cottonwood seedlings were planted in collaboration with local First Nations partners as part of a multi-year effort to improve habitat supply in locations where a lack of natural spring floods has resulted in a loss of future wildlife trees.

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2425-T4W-024	Evaluation of Large-scale Moose Habitat Restoration	Omineca	Action 09	\$26,745.00	The purpose of this project is to monitor and evaluate the outcomes of a large-scale moose habitat and ecological restoration project. Large tracts of monoculture (single species) plantation were treated to increase the presence of broadleaf plants that are important to moose, while promoting greater diversity in the age, shape and species of trees. This year, the growth and nutritional quality of moose food plants were measured using plant surveys and laboratory analyses, and high-resolution imagery was obtained for comparison with future years.
2425-T4W-025	Biodiversity Monitoring in Restoration and Historic Modified Silviculture Stands	Omineca	Action 05	\$32,953.86	Recording units were set up in managed forest areas of similar age, including some that had been thinned in the past. The units record sound at set times to capture the calls of birds, bats and amphibians over multiple seasons. This work supports Action 5 by collecting information on wildlife diversity and habitat use in managed forests in the Omineca Region, where there is limited data. When data collection and analysis are complete, the findings will help show how forestry practices affect wildlife and habitat, and guide future restoration work.
2425-T4W-026	Regional Wildlife Advisory Committees - First Nations and Interest Holder Engagement	Omineca	Action 02	\$11,529.00	In 2024-2025, provincial staff in the Omineca Region engaged with First Nations to understand their perspectives on the concept of Regional Wildlife Advisory Committees (RWACs) and gauge their interest and capacity for involvement in their design. With the support of a facilitator, virtual conversations were held with 13 First Nations in March and April 2025. A “What We Heard” report was prepared and shared with participants. This project supported Action 2 of the Together for Wildlife strategy and helped government staff better understand First Nations' perspectives to inform next steps.

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2425-T4W-031	2 Billion Trees Post-Fire Restoration of Conservation Designations to Enhance Biodiversity	Terrestrial Species Recovery	Action 09	\$55,249.54	This project identified suitable planting sites to restore important winter habitat for mule deer and critical habitat for migratory birds within the Nk'Mip wildfire perimeter. An order for 48,000 trees of mixed species (larch, yellow pine, and Douglas-fir) was submitted to the Ministry of Forests to support future restoration efforts. Planning and site assessments were completed to identify the best locations for planting. This work helps ensure reforestation and habitat restoration consider species needs and future environmental conditions, supporting long-term resilience for wildlife and ecosystems. Working with First Nations forestry partners strengthens this work by bringing in Indigenous knowledge, supporting economic reconciliation, and promoting locally led stewardship approaches. Future work will expand to other fire-affected areas and begin planting.
2425-T4W-032	Skeena First Nations Wildlife Stewardship Support and Information Sharing Initiative	Skeena	Action 09	\$9,763.89	This project supported regional wildlife staff to take part in First Nations fish and wildlife initiatives in the Skeena Region. Staff also developed a hunting and trapping regulation cycle map to share with First Nations and interest holders, helping partners understand their role in the regulation process and when their input is needed. This project supported wildlife staff in moose stewardship work with the Skeena Sustainability Assessment Forum, field work with Lake Babine Nation Guardians, and annual planning for Nass salmon and steelhead with the Nisga'a Nation.

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2425-T4W-035	Skeena North Co-management Support: Information Sharing and Shared Decision making, Action Planning for the 3 Nations	Skeena	Action 20	\$24,521.74	This project supported information sharing as a key part of co-management for wildlife stewardship with the 3 Nations (Tahltan, Taku River Tlingit and Kaska Nations) under the Tahltan Wildlife Accord. This funding provided: • Support for regional staff to bring together information and develop shared approaches across groups • Support for travel to meet in person with Nation partners in the north to co-develop and carry out this work, including community visits in Atlin, Dease and Watson Lake, as well as field projects
2425-T4W-036	Skeena Wildlife Stewardship Advisory Tables (RWAC and Northern Wildlife Roundtable)	Skeena	Action 02	\$43,160.39	The Northern Wildlife Roundtable, re-established in February 2024, brings together representatives from First Nations governments, interest holder groups and the B.C. government in the Skeena Region. Its purpose is to connect partners, share ideas and develop recommendations for wildlife and habitat stewardship in northwest B.C. In 2024-25, the Northern Wildlife Roundtable met virtually twice to reconnect and discuss shared priorities and concerns on the land. These sessions helped identify shared interests and guide future work. Participants also agreed on an approach for working together and drafted Terms of Reference. The planned in-person meeting did not take place.
2425-T4W-038	Ethical Space Regional Workshops	Strategic Initiatives	Action 18	\$162,107.29	This project supported developing a curriculum for ethical space workshops for provincial staff to prepare for co-management and shared decision-making with First Nations.

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2425-T4W-041	Wildlife Values Survey	Strategic Initiatives	Action 03	\$6,403.00	This project supported developing a draft public survey on wildlife values. The survey was intended to better understand public views, priorities and concerns about wildlife, to help improve communication and guide public events. The expected results included supporting more targeted outreach, identifying areas where more public education is needed, and strengthening collaboration with interest holders. The survey would have helped improve understanding of public concerns regarding wildlife stewardship. It would've also supported more effective public outreach to motivate action. However, due to budget constraints, the survey was not launched.
2425-T4W-043	Together for Wildlife Indigenous Youth Intern	Strategic Initiatives	Action 23	\$62,243.72	This project provided funding for an Indigenous Youth Intern to support Together for Wildlife implementation. The focus of the internship was to: • Support the administration and deliverables of the First Nations-B.C. Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Forum • Guide the development of the curriculum for ethical space training • Support policy work related to co-management

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2425-T4W-045	Ginty's Pond Wetland Restoration Phase II	Thompson Okanagan	Action 11	\$75,000.00	This project was a collaboration between the B.C. government, Lower Similkameen Indian Band, Southern Interior Land Trust and the B.C. Wildlife Federation, with additional partners including the Nature Trust of British Columbia, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Re wilding Water and Earth, and Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship. In fall 2024, 1.16 hectares of marsh and open water habitat and 0.47 hectares of at-risk riparian habitat were restored. Work included deepening the pond, removing cattails to increase open water, and planting riparian vegetation, including 2,500 native trees and shrubs. In addition, 375 kg of invasive purple loosestrife and 250 kg of invasive yellow-flag iris seed pods were removed. Ginty's Pond is a conservation land owned by Southern Interior Land Trust and leased back to the B.C. government for management. This project supported long-term management of this oxbow wetland (a crescent-shaped water body), cut-off from the Similkameen River at Cawston, B.C. As over 90% of wetlands and their associated riparian areas have been lost in the area since the 1800s, this helps restore important habitat and supports at least five federally listed species at risk.

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2425-T4W-047	Thompson Okanagan Region Bighorn Sheep Recovery	Thompson Okanagan	Action 09	\$118,859.85	Data from the test-and-remove program on the Fraser River shows that the removal of adult female bighorn sheep that test positive for Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae (M.ovi) through Polymerase Chain Reaction testing improves lamb survival. In some areas and years, lamb survival rates increased by nearly 600%. An average increase of 270% in summer lamb survival across all treated areas and years has also been observed. This data shows population growth in treated areas and continued population growth declines in untreated areas. Additionally, in the South Thompson sheep range, cheatgrass distribution and prevalence was mapped across the majority of sheep habitat. This data is informing an analysis of bighorn sheep response to cheatgrass presence and preliminary work is underway to pilot a treatment program to reduce its presence in low-elevation, grassland sheep habitat.
2425-T4W-048	Penasq't Road Rehabilitation and Habitat Enhancement	Thompson Okanagan	Action 08	\$50,000.00	This project was developed in response to extensive forest development in the Penasq't Lake area and the need to reduce the impacts on important wildlife habitat. The objectives of the Penasq't Project are to restore temporary forest roads and carry out priority habitat enhancement work to support ecological, cultural work in areas of mountain pine beetle-related forest development activities. This phase of the project focused on reviewing and prioritizing roads for deactivation and confirming these in the field, as well as continuing engagement with forest district staff and affected communities.

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2425-T4W-051	Thompson Okanagan Regional Wildlife Advisory Committee	Thompson Okanagan	Action 02	\$53,671.63	This project supported two committees within the Thompson-Okanagan Region: the Okanagan-Boundary RWAC and the Thompson-Lillooett RWAC. This project included facilitation services to organize, facilitate, and report out on several meetings, including an in-person meeting.
2425-T4W-053	Improving Conservation Land Management in West Coast Region	West Coast	Action 11	\$168,442.09	A major priority for the conservation lands program in the West Coast Region is the Cowichan Estuary Restoration Project, the largest of its kind on Vancouver Island. This project will restore 70 hectares of marshland by removing dikes and reconnecting freshwater and tidal systems. The estuary is vital for wild Pacific salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout, migratory birds and species at risk. It also supports Indigenous food systems by restoring access to traditional foods and medicine plants for Cowichan Tribes. Other goals include updating the management plan for the Cluxewe and Quatse wildlife management areas. Progress was made in establishing new WMAs in Tlupana, Masset, and Skidegate Inlets, using Indigenous-led approaches to help meet B.C.'s goal of protecting 30% of the province by 2030. To improve the protection of ecologically sensitive areas, enforcement was increased in the Somenos Marsh WMA through partnerships with local authorities and the hiring of a seasonal officer to support clean-up of unauthorized encampments and remove invasive species. Collaboration with the Nature Trust of B.C. and First Nations to monitor 15 estuaries on the west coast, including Cowichan, Cluxewe, and Asseek, is helping identify factors affecting estuary health and guide future restoration work.

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2425-T4W-055	Collaborative Elk Stewardship on Vancouver Island	West Coast	Action 09	\$1,368.10	As elk in the Nahmint Elk Population Unit are not thriving, the B.C. government, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government, and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government are co-delivering a project to improve our shared understanding of how elk use the Nahmint Valley. This multi-year project has set up cameras across the watershed to track seasonal elk activity and distribution. In 2024-25, staff from Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government visited the cameras to maintain them and collect images. Provincial biologists worked with staff from the Uchucklesaht Tribe and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ governments to organize, process and manage the data following standard protocols. Once enough data has been collected, partners will analyze it to identify opportunities to restore or protect elk habitat in the area.
2425-T4W-059	Hunter Sample Survey Revitalization Project	Wildlife	Action 07	\$110,000.00	In 2024-25, this project made strong progress, including the successful launch of the mandatory hunter reporting program. The program increased the amount of data collected and supported analysis to assess the accuracy of existing harvest and effort estimates. This work helped test and support future expansion of the program. Learnings from the program were used to design a simpler and more effective online system for collecting data on other big game species. This included working with a contractor to define how the system will work and develop a detailed design. The new system will allow for additional information to be collected to support wildlife management and regulations. A simpler and more effective online system will make it easier for hunters to report their activities while improving the quality and reliability of the data, helping support more informed wildlife management decisions.

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2425-T4W-061	Provincial Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance and Management in Wildlife	Wildlife	Action 09	\$166,123.00	Chronic wasting disease - a fatal disease that affects species in the deer family (cervids), including deer, elk, moose and caribou — was first detected in January 2024 in white-tailed and mule deer in the Kootenay region. To date, CWD has been detected in additional samples within the region. B.C.'s CWD surveillance and management program has helped manage key threats to wildlife through monitoring and preventative actions to reduce the spread of the disease. Surveillance and preventative work have been underway in B.C. for many years, with targeted efforts in higher-risk areas. The program prioritizes expanded surveillance and risk mitigation to reduce transmission, prevent spread into new areas and limit the impacts of CWD on wildlife. This work is being done in partnership with First Nations, local governments and hunters and trappers.
2425-T4W-062	BC Wildlife Health Surveillance	Wildlife	Action 09	\$55,000.00	This project collected wildlife health data from various wildlife projects across the province and supported monitoring and reporting of wildlife health issues to inform potential management actions. Information about this important work was shared with First Nations and other partners.
2425-T4W-065	Eagle and Heron Nest Monitoring	West Coast	Action 09	\$34,874.00	Volunteer heron and eagle stewards and members of the public, were supported in using Survey123 to record information about eagle, heron and osprey nests around the West Coast Region. People were shown how to use the app through email, phone calls and site visits. The Survey123 App was managed in collaboration with the Community Mapping Network to make it easier to enter and access data on nest locations and breeding activity. Local governments, environmental consultants, developers, private landowners and naturalist groups typically use this data to help inform habitat conservation and development decisions.

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2425-T4W-066	Improving Bear Den Management in the West Coast Region	West Coast	Action 09	\$84,230.42	Bear dens on the west coast are almost exclusively found in old growth structures (stumps, trees, and logs). As these decline, there is a risk of localized shortages of quality bear dens. Nearly all bears use a den each winter, for variable periods of time, with females with cubs using them for up to six months. Bear dens are protected in Haida Gwaii and the Great Bear Rainforest, but elsewhere protection is subject to local management practices. In the 2024-25 project year, government biologists visited 140 plus bear dens on Vancouver Island and Haida Gwaii outside of bear denning season to assess whether the dens were used the past winter and collect updated information on: • Den characteristics • Forest harvest proximity and impacts • Road proximity and access Many of these field visits were done in partnership with six First Nations and Indigenous organizations and project partners, including BC Parks, academic researchers and students and BC Timber Sales, supporting knowledge sharing and collaboration. Wildlife cameras set up in 2023 were checked, with data collected and processed, and new cameras added. These cameras help assess den activity and important behavioural information. Data collected since 2020 was analyzed to understand how forestry impacts and den characteristics influence den use. This analysis is helping guide bear den management in the West Coast Region and will be refined and shared with project partners in the 2025-26 project year.

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2425-T4W-068	Establishing Ethical Space for Shared Decision-making in the Kootenay Boundary Region	Kootenay Boundary	Action 18	\$20,006.20	In the Kootenay Boundary Region, a multi-First Nation working group was formed to work together on establishing winter range habitat protection for elk and mule deer. With facilitation support, the group developed a Working Together Agreement to guide decision-making and support the co-management and co-creation of habitat designations for these species.
2425-T4W-069	Skeena Sustainability Assessment Forum Moose Management Framework	Skeena	Action 08	\$30,000.00	This project involved planning a workshop to bring partners together to develop, review, and update a draft moose management framework for the South Skeena Assessment Forum area in southeast Skeena Region. This planning work helped support a coordinated and collaborative approach for the next phases of the project which will include refining the framework, developing a five-year moose management plan with the forum, and creating communication materials.
2425-T4W-070	Wildlife Act Review	Wildlife	Action 12	\$239,874.00	In 2024-2025, the Wildlife Act Review completed Phase 2 of the project which focused on targeted engagement with First Nations rights and title holders, key interest groups and ministry advisory bodies including: • The Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council • The Provincial Hunting and Trapping Advisory Team • First Nations-B.C. Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Forum The results of this targeted engagement have informed further policy analysis and development of draft policy intentions.

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2425-T4W-073	Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council	Strategic Initiatives	Action 01	\$100,595.81	The Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council provided strategic advice to the B.C. government on several topics in 2024-25, including funding priorities, chronic wasting disease and the Wildlife Act Review. The council also held another round of wildlife dialogues with First Nations and interest holders, to identify priorities for wildlife stewardship. The council continues to provide advice and recommendations to the B.C. government on issues that impact wildlife and the health of wildlife habitat.
2425-T4W-074	Communications Support	Strategic Initiatives	Action 03	\$10,500.00	This project supported a revision of the Together for Wildlife public web content to make it more accessible and current.
2425-T4W-075	Communications - T4W Summary Report and Related Materials	Strategic Initiatives	Action 03	\$45,250.00	This project supported the first annual report of the Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation and communication materials related to Together for Wildlife.
2425-T4W-076	Program Administration	Strategic Initiatives	Action 01	\$1,859,673.65	Program administration supports staffing, resourcing and other logistics for Together for Wildlife implementation.
2425-T4W-077	Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) Scholarships	Strategic Initiatives	Action 05	\$230,000.00	Funds were provided to administer ten post-secondary student research scholarships. These scholarships support Action 5 of the Together for Wildlife strategy by supporting student research that contributes to wildlife stewardship, management, policy or decision-making in B.C.

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2425-T4W-078	Biodiversity Hub BC and Supporting Systems	Integrated Data and Analysis Services	Action 07	\$223,463.75	Biodiversity Hub B.C. and the Species Inventory Management System (SIMS) are applications that modernize existing fish and wildlife data systems and make it easier to access wildlife data and information. Work in fiscal year 2024-25 supported Together for Wildlife Action 7 (ensure data are accessible, reliable and integrated) by continuing to build key features in SIMS, which allows project teams to manage and share data through Biodiversity Hub BC. These updates include tools to manage tracking data, species inventory, animal capture and mortality data, along with built-in analysis, quality checks, and features that support collaboration across projects. SIMS is now available for project teams and is being used to manage data for a growing number of projects.
2425-T4W-079	Molluscs Assessments and Rankings	GeoBC and Natural Resource Sector Data Services	Action 07	\$20,206.00	This project assessed the conservation status of blue- and yellow-listed terrestrial molluscs (slugs and snails) and reptiles in B.C. The project team collected and reviewed the best available data on species' range, number of occurrences, threats and trends. The team completed conservation status reports for each species, explaining the data and how the assessments were done. The results, including status rankings and listings, are now available through the British Columbia Conservation Data Centre Species and Ecosystems Explorer tool. These results help improve access to information and support conservation decisions. This work supports Action 7 of the Together for Wildlife strategy by improving how wildlife data is shared and used across B.C., helping ensure conservation decisions are based on the best available science and shared knowledge.

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2425-T4W-080	Wolverine Assessments and Rankings	GeoBC and Natural Resource Sector Data Services	Action 07	\$8,000.00	This project focused on assessing the conservation status of wolverines (<i>Gulo gulo</i>), an at-risk species in B.C. The project team collected and reviewed the most current and reliable data to assess factors such as the species' range, number of occurrences, threats and trends. The team completed a conservation status report to document the data and the reasons behind the assessment. The results, including the species' status and threat level, are now available through the British Columbia Conservation Data Centre Species and Ecosystems Explorer tool. These results help people access information and support better conservation decisions. This work supports Action 7 of the Together for Wildlife strategy by improving how wildlife data is shared and used across B.C., helping ensure conservation decisions are based on the best available science and shared knowledge.
2425-T4W-081	BC Trappers Educational Program	Wildlife	Action 09	\$25,000.00	This project supported work with the trapping industry to improve practices by updating and delivering a trapper education program.
2425-T4W-082	Guide Outfitters	Wildlife	Action 09	\$100,000.00	This project aims to build positive, ongoing relationships between guide outfitters and First Nations to improve wildlife management, and advance reconciliation. A key outcome was the delivery of a final 2024-25 Guide Mentorship Program report.
2425-T4W-083	Grizzly Bear Foundation	Wildlife	Action 09	\$40,000.00	This project supported work by the Grizzly Bear Foundation to engage with the First Nations Roundtable and planning and scoping for the formal consultation process on the Provincial Grizzly Bear Stewardship Framework and Commercial Bear Viewing Strategy. This collaborative approach supports a meaningful consultation process.

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2425-T4W-084	British Columbia Foundation (BCCF) WildSafeBC	Wildlife	Action 09	\$275,000.00	This project supported WildSafeBC education and outreach across B.C. WildSafeBC is a program delivered by BCCF that aims to reduce human-wildlife conflict through education, innovation and cooperation. The program evolved from the highly successful Bear Aware program. WildSafeBC hires, trains, and deploys community coordinators who lead wildlife conflict reduction education at the community level. These coordinators work with local volunteers to share WildSafeBC information and help identify and address wildlife-related issues.
2425-T4W-095	Goat Survey	Thompson Okanagan	Action 04	\$44,067.29	Mountain goat inventories were completed in Wildlife Management Unit 3-33 (LEH Zones A, B, E, and F) to derive current population estimates and assess population trends of goats, as well as obtain age and sex composition data which provide a measure of survival, recruitment, and population structure. Revised population estimates will be used to inform harvest management.
2425-wi-002/2425-T4W-088	Skeena Moose Geospatial Analysis	Skeena	Action 04	\$9,254.00	GIS-based stratification of a stratified random block survey area is a fundamental component of the survey. A moose population estimate is only as good as the stratification, and a good stratification relies on using moose winter habitat criteria that correlate positively with moose abundance. This project supported the stratification process for the Spatsizi-Stikine moose survey that was completed in December 2024. It enabled additional capacity support to regional biologists and facilitated greater information sharing and co-development of the stratification product between regional and First Nations staff.

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2425-wi-003/2425-T4W-086	Elk Habitat Monitoring and Stewardship	West Coast	Action 04	\$140,543.50	Roosevelt elk are a blue-listed subspecies, a high-valued resource for Indigenous communities and the public, and a top stewardship priority in B.C. The Management Plan for Roosevelt Elk in B.C. identifies habitat management as a key objective for meeting long-term population objectives. In the West Coast Region, new opportunities are emerging to support elk habitat, including Indigenous-led landscape planning, new protections for wildlife habitat features, and monitoring of existing ungulate winter ranges. Working in partnership with the Nanwakolas Stewardship Council, the Ha-Ma-Yas Guardian Network and University of British Columbia, this project developed a coordinated approach to monitor elk habitat use and support conservation planning. GPS collars were used to track how elk use habitat under different conditions. Collars and remote cameras were used to identify and monitor migration corridors linking important seasonal ranges. Potential calving sites were identified, and field surveys were completed to confirm these locations and assess habitat characteristics. Remote cameras were also used to monitor significant wallows to assess elk use and support their designation as wildlife habitat features. This project is expected to support stronger collaboration and help guide co-stewardship of elk habitat using the best available information.

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2425-wi-008/2425-T4W-089	South Skeena Elk Population Estimation and Stewardship Planning	Skeena	Action 04	\$103,708.00	This project deployed GPS collars on cow elk in the Bulkley Valley Lake District area to set the foundation for the next step, an elk mark-resight survey in winter 2025-26. The benefits of this work will provide an accurate elk population estimate in the south Skeena Region, which has been challenging to define with traditional survey techniques. Additionally, GPS data was collected to understand where elk reside throughout the year and their key travel corridors. We continue to define the place of elk in Skeena ecosystems as we continue engagement with First Nations and local stakeholder groups. The long-term goal for this project was to create harvest objectives for elk in the Skeena Region. This project supports Action 4, an accurate population estimate will bridge the gap towards setting sustainable elk harvest levels and provide novel information on an expanding species.
2425-wi-011/2425-T4W-090	Regional Bighorn Sheep Collaborative Surveys	Cariboo	Action 04	\$73,537.92	This project involved completing all bighorn sheep population inventories in the Cariboo Region. The data collected improved the understanding of population trends and informed harvest management. This project also supported collaboration, across regions and with First Nations, and provided data for the ongoing Fraser River Bighorn Sheep Disease Mitigation Program, as well as Tsilhqot'in National Government and Xeni Gwe'tin First Nation projects.
2425-wi-016/2425-T4W-085	Moose Forage Biomass Model Validation	Collaborative Stewardship and Cumulative Effects Management	Action 04	\$6,147.00	This project developed and piloted an approach to collect data on forest structure, plant cover and moose shrub forage biomass in disturbed forest stands through different ecosystems in B.C. The data will help create better spatial models to help estimate moose habitat carrying capacity in different ecosystems to support moose hunting and conservation objectives.

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2425-wi-023/2425-T4W-087	Multi-species Bat Conservation and White-nose Syndrome Response	Biodiversity and Ecosystems	Action 04	\$78,300.00	White-nose syndrome is a fungal disease impacting North American bats that disrupts bats' winter hibernation and can cause widespread bat mortality. The fungus that causes white-nose syndrome has been detected in bat dropping (guano) samples but there have been no confirmed cases of the disease in any bats in B.C. This project supports bat conservation and surveillance efforts by: • Bringing partners together to coordinate research and response efforts • Working with partners and volunteers to collect samples and test for white-nose syndrome and the fungus that causes it • Monitoring bat populations through programs like the North American Bat Monitoring Program, Bat Blitz, and the B.C. Annual Bat Count • Developing and improving best practices for protecting bats • Filling key knowledge gaps by studying bat populations and habitats, including checking bridges used by bats and tracking forest-dwelling bats to find maternity roosts
2425-wi-027/2425-T4W-091	Finlay-russel Sheep and Mountain Goat Survey	Omineca	Action 04	\$71,657.00	This project supported an aerial survey to count mountain goats and estimate Stone's sheep populations in the Finlay and Russel ranges in Wildlife Management Units 739 and 740 in the Omineca Region. The purpose of the survey was to understand how many animals there are and the makeup of the populations (see definition below). The survey was conducted in partnership with the Kwadacha and Tsay Keh Nations. Definition: Composition surveys record the number of animals in particular age and sex categories, which provides information on recruitment and population structure.

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2425-wi-028/2425-T4W-092	Southern Omineca Mesocarnivore Population Monitoring	Omineca	Action 04	\$31,901.00	A baseline fisher population inventory was completed following a DNA-based mark-recapture method in the Willow-Bowron watershed, an area of priority in the Omineca Region. Over 400 hair samples were collected from a hair snare grid (see definition below). Genetic analyses are complete, and data analysis and report writing are underway. Definition: A hair snare grid is a series of hair collection stations distributed across a large area, designed to harmlessly gather hair samples from passing wildlife which can be analyzed for DNA.
2425-wi-029/2425-T4W-093	Wildlife Inventory in the West Coast Region - Black Bear	West Coast	Action 04	\$22,795.08	This project was phase one of a black bear inventory on northern Vancouver Island to assess the sustainability of black bear harvest in this area and supported Action 4 in filling critical gaps in wildlife inventory and population modelling, using the most up-to-date study design. In spring 2024, the project team received support from some local First Nations to pursue this work, citing an interest in a shared understanding of wildlife management in this area. In summer 2024, the project team conducted the field component of this project. They non-invasively collected black bear hair at barbed wire corral style sites using liquid bait to attract nearby bears to the sites. The project team visited each of the 60 sites to rebait and collect hair every two weeks throughout the summer. The project team also monitored bear activity and behaviour at some sites using remote cameras. The hair samples were catalogued and sent to the genetics lab for initial analysis in fall 2024. Development of the population estimate is pending additional funding to complete the genetic lab analysis. After the genetic analysis is complete, the project team will conduct the population modelling work.

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