



## **BC Nature, A Fifty-Year History, 1969-2019**

### **Appendix 12. BC Naturalists' Foundation, Relationship and Grants**

#### **Principles for Working Relationship between the Federation and Foundation**

Approved BC Nature Directors May 2, 2009 and BC Naturalists Foundation May 15, 2009

##### **Background:**

- The Foundation was formed in 1990 by Federation members with the intent of establishing an entity which is autonomous from the Federation but inextricably linked to it by shared goals and by the power of the Federation to nominate members to the Foundation. The intent was to provide a permanent vehicle to fund enduring and tangible projects to promote the preservation of the natural environment for future generations through conservation, research and education projects.
- The capital, which is managed by the Foundation and from which the Foundation earns net investment income, resulted from Federation member donations which in many cases, were made in reliance upon representations that donations to the Foundation would be kept separate from Federation general revenues and used for environment-related endeavours, in perpetuity.

##### **Principles:**

1. The role of the Foundation (repository for planned gifts) to be clearly explained to Federation members and be part of the message in fund-raising communication materials.
2. The goals and work of both the Foundation and the Federation, and as well the distinctions between them, be well communicated to Federation members.
3. The Foundation and Federation work closely together to raise funds and encourage planned gifts.
4. The governance of the Foundation is closely linked to the Federation through its Constitution and Bylaws. The Federation commits to providing the governance support needed for the Foundation to efficiently continue its work, as outlined in the Strategies below.

5. In line with the Federation's province-wide membership, the Foundation membership and Board of Directors will strive to maintain regional representation.

**To adhere to these Principles, the Federation and Foundation agree to implement and maintain the following Governance Strategies:**

A. Fundraising

- The Foundation and the Federation to meet annually to develop a joint approach to fundraising for both annual and planned giving donations. This meeting to be attended by a minimum of 2 representatives from each of the Foundation and the Federation.
- The Foundation and the Federation to work together to ensure that total fundraising costs incurred by both organizations are reasonable.

B. Grant Applications and Disbursement

- The Foundation and the Federation to meet annually to review grant applications and disbursements. This meeting to be attended by a minimum of 2 representatives from each of Foundation and the Federation.

C. Meetings

- The Foundation AGM be held in concert with the Federation's AGM to provide members and directors of the Foundation with the opportunity to participate in naturalist activities and attend the Federation's AGM, and for Federation members to attend the Foundation AGM if they so wish. This will also facilitate communication of the purpose of the Foundation to Federation members and allow opportunity for questions, dialogue, and enhanced understanding.

D. Recruitment of new members and Directors

- The Federation to actively recruit new members and nominate new Directors for the Foundation. The Foundation to also participate in the process of recruiting new members and Directors.
- The Foundation to report to the Federation a month prior to the Federation's AGM, the names of those Foundation Directors who wish to continue serving as Directors.
- The President and Treasurer of the Federation, or their delegates, be a member and Director of the Foundation.
- A Foundation Director be a member of the BC Nature Executive.

## Grants Provided by the BC Naturalists' Foundation

Grant funds are from earnings on the capital investments of the Foundation, and these capital investments are from the many contributions from donors to the Foundation. Regarding the granting process, since 2007 there has been an annual application process for clubs seeking grants, advertised well in advance to clubs, and with an application due date of the end of January each year.

1991	Federation of BC Naturalists (FBCN)	\$5,000
1992	FBCN: Six Clubs (Victoria Natural History Society, Kamloops Naturalists, White Rock & Surrey Naturalists, Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists, Delta Naturalists, Central Okanagan Naturalists)	\$4,819
1993	FBCN Project: Land for Nature	\$12,000
1994	FBCN Project: Land for Nature	\$7,000
	University of Northern British Columbia – scholarships	\$500
	Stewardship	\$500
1995	FBCN: 12 Clubs (Central Okanagan Naturalists, Delta Naturalists, Langley Field Naturalists, Nelson Naturalists, Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club, Comox-Strathcona, Pender Harbour, South Okanagan Naturalist Club, Shuswap Naturalists, Chilliwack Field Naturalists, Similkameen Naturalists, and Mitlenatch Field Naturalists)	\$4,340
	Canadian Parks & Wilderness Stewardship Conference	\$300
	BC Wildlife Watch	\$1,000
1996	Dunsmuir 3 Conferences	\$1,000
	Birds of BC Volumes 3 and 4	\$4,000
1997	FBCN: Nine Clubs	\$3,220
	FBCN Project: Land for Nature – Okanagan-Shuswap LRMP	\$1,500
1998	FBCN Project: Land for Nature – Okanagan-Shuswap LRMP	\$2,000
	FBCN Operations	\$4,000
1999	FBCN for <i>BC Naturalist</i>	\$3,500
	FBCN for Conservation Committee	\$500
2000	FBCN for <i>BC Naturalist</i>	\$3,000
	FBCN for Conservation Committee	\$1,000
	Grasslands Conservation Committee	\$2,000
2001	FBCN for <i>BC Naturalist</i>	\$3,564

	FBCN for Conservation Committee	\$500
2003	Ecological Reserve Wardens' Gathering	\$2,000
	FBCN: Two Clubs	\$3,950
	(Squamish Estuary Conservation Society Estuary Restoration; Central Okanagan Naturalists' – Mildred Wardlaw Nature Trails)	
2004	FBCN: Two Clubs	\$3,700
	(Williams Lake Field Naturalists – nature science enrichment; Comox Valley Naturalists – estuary restoration)	\$3,700
2005	FBCN: Two Clubs	\$3,500
	(Mackenzie Nature Observatory bird banding; Victoria Natural History Society – Connecting Children to Nature)	
2006	BC Nature Club:	\$4,000
	Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society – Iris Griffith Centre classroom outfitting	
2007	BC Nature: 11 Clubs	\$6,000
	(funds disbursed in 2008 plus additional \$4900 to club support from BC Nature)	
	Friends of Semiahmoo Bay – Birds on the Bay education	
	Lillooet Naturalist Society – Powerhouse Foreshore Restoration	
	Mackenzie Nature Observatory – bird banding	
	Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society – Bioblitz	
	South Okanagan Naturalists – Bird Interpretation Sign	
	Vermillion Forks Naturalists – Checklist and Pamphlet	
	Williams Lake Field Naturalists – Getting Children Out in Nature	
	South Okanagan, Oliver Osoyoos, Central Okanagan, and North Okanagan Naturalists cooperative project – Birding Trail Map	
2008	BC Nature Magazine	\$4,000
	8 clubs funded (funds disbursed in 2009 plus an additional \$4,000 to club support from BC Nature)	\$6,000
	South Okanagan Naturalists, Central Okanagan Naturalists, North Okanagan Naturalists and Oliver-Osoyoos Naturalists – Second year of Birding Trail Map	
	Central Valley Naturalists – Abbotsford Environmental Outreach	
	Comox Valley Naturalists – estuary restoration	
	Friends of Semiahmoo Bay – Little Campbell Estuary Interpretive signage	
	Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society – Bioblitz	
2009	No grant (but note above funds disbursed to clubs in early 2009)	
2010	One club project funded early 2010: Comox Valley wetland restoration	\$2,000
	BCnature Magazine	\$2,000

- 2011 Six Clubs funded with funds disbursed in early 2011: \$6,000  
 Arrowsmith Naturalists – Seasonal Bird Checklist  
 Comox Valley Naturalists – Wetland Restoration  
 Friends of Semiahmoo Bay – Little Campbell Interpretive signage & restoration  
 Chilliwack Field Naturalists – Camp River wildlife area planting  
 North Okanagan Naturalists – Cools Pond Interpretive signage  
 South Okanagan Naturalists – Half Century of Conservation
- 2012 Six club projects, with funds disbursed in early 2012: \$8,000  
 Abbotsford Mission Nature Club – 2 Brochures  
 Burke Mountain Naturalists – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Treefest Celebration  
 Comox Valley Naturalists – Wetland Restoration  
 Friends of Semiahmoo Bay – Phase II Little Campbell  
 Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society – Nature School  
 Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club – Trail Improvement
- 2013 Six Club Projects, with funds disbursed in early 2013: \$8,000  
 Bulkley Valley Naturalists (Smithers) – website  
 Central Okanagan Naturalists (Kelowna) – Roberts Lake Viewing Platform  
 Friends of Semiahmoo Bay (White Rock) – education programs  
 Lillooet Naturalists – webcam on Osprey nest, Old Bridge  
 Pender Island Field Naturalists – Bird Checklist  
 Prince George Naturalists – Hudson’s Bay Wetland Project
- 2014 Seven Club Projects, with funds disbursed in early 2014: \$10,950  
 Comox Valley – Wetland Restoration  
 Friends of Semiahmoo Bay (White Rock) – education programs  
 Kamloops Naturalists – Bluebird nesting boxes  
 Rocky Mountain Naturalists – DVD of FGM (J. Strong) Presentation  
 Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club – Shoreline Atlas  
 South Okanagan Naturalists – start-up of local YNC  
 WildResearch – Solar Panel for Iona Bird Observatory
- 2015 Ten Club Projects \$11,000  
 Arrowsmith Naturalists – Signs of Forest Stewardship, Errington Elementary School  
 Chilliwack Naturalists – Swallow Conservation in BC’s Fraser Valley  
 Friends of Semiahmoo Bay – Boundary Bay Beach Hero  
 Lillooet Naturalists a Invasive Species Educational Features  
 North Okanagan Naturalists' Club – Northern Pacific Rattlesnake den monitoring  
 Northern Amphibians Naturalists Society – Invertebrate Biodiversity  
 Prince George Naturalists – Hudson's Bay Wetland Project, Phase 2  
 South Okanagan Naturalists Club – Replacement of bird blind at Vaseux Lake  
 WildResearch – Community Building for the BC Nightjar Survey

	Williams Lake Field Naturalists – Golden Eagle Monitoring, Fraser and Chilcotin	
2016	Seven Club Projects	\$12,000
	Cowichan Valley Naturalists – Trumpeter Swan Society Swan Conference	
	Friends of Semiahmoo Bay – Beach Heroes Program	
	Kamloops Naturalist Club – upgrade Osprey Nest Camera	
	Vermilion Forks Field Naturalist Society – Hummingbird Project, Princeton	
	West Kootenay Naturalists’ Association – Kootenay Bank Swallow Survey	
	WildResearch – Camera and training, Iona Island Bird Observatory (Richmond)	
	Yorkson Watershed Enhancement Society – Stream of Dreams at two schools	
2017	Nine Club Projects:	\$13,000
	Bulkley Valley Naturalists – Bulkley Valley Perpetual Nature Diary Project	
	Comox Valley Nature – Wetland Restoration	
	Cowichan Valley Naturalists – Bring Back the bluebird	
	Delta Naturalists Club – Chalmers Park Re-Beautification	
	Kitimat Valley Naturalists – Bat Condo	
	Langley Field Naturalists – Budding Bird Enthusiasts Brochure	
	Lillooet Naturalists Society – Monitoring of the mid-Fraser River White Sturgeon	
	Pender Island Field Naturalists – Brochure Redesign – More than just for birds	
	Rocky Point Bird Observatory – Nocturnal Owl Migration Monitoring Project	
2018	Nine Club Projects:	\$13,500
	Cowichan Valley Naturalists – Bring Back the Bluebird Project	
	Comox Nature – First Nations Educational Pollinator Gardens	
	Delta Naturalists’ – Barn Owl Nest Replacement Project	
	Friends of Semiahmoo Bay – A Special Place Brochure Translation	
	Rocky Point Bird Observatory – Nocturnal Owl Migration Monitoring	
	South Okanagan Naturalists’: Nature in Focus – Photo Contest & Nature Journal	
	Lillooet Naturalists’– Lions Trail Upgrade and Invasive Plant Removal	
	Vermilion Forks Naturalists – Hummingbird Banding Project	
	Wild Research – Iona Island Spring Migration Monitoring	
	BC Nature grant for Organizational Review	\$8,000
2019	Eight Club Projects	\$14,500
	Cowichan Valley Naturalists – Bring back the Bluebirds	
	Rocky Point Bird Observatory – Nocturnal Owl Migration	
	Pender Harbour Wildlife Society – Swallow and Bat Nest boxes	
	Delta Naturalists – Barn Owl nesting boxes	
	Nature Nanaimo – Purple Martin nest boxes	

Nicola Naturalists Society – Nicola Valley wildlife brochures  
Shuswap Naturalists (1) – Cavity nester boxes  
Shuswap Naturalists (2) – Woody night shade eradication  
Vermilion Forks Naturalists – Hummingbird project

A ninth project was funded with returned funds from last year's Comox Valley Naturalists pollinator garden grant: the grant was forwarded to South Okanagan Naturalists for year two of their Nature in Focus project; plus \$500 was contributed to BC Nature scholarships;

Plus, grant to BC Nature for Scholarship \$2,000.00

2020	Fourteen Projects for Twelve Clubs	\$17,250
	Burke Mountain Naturalists – Bat Matters Conference	
	Burke Mountain Naturalists – Thermal Imaging Camera	
	Nature Chilliwack – Pamphlet of Common Birds of Chilliwack Area	
	Comox Valley Nature – Wetland Restoration	
	Friends of Semiahmoo Bay – Invasive Green Crab Monitoring	
	Kamloops Naturalists Club – Grow Wild: Embracing Native Plantings	
	Little Campbell Watershed Society – South Coastal Sandhill Crane Monitoring	
	Langley Field Naturalists – Bat Exploration	
	Lillooet Naturalists Society – Presentation Trailer Upgrades	
	Northern Amphibian Naturalists Society – Invertebrate Biodiversity Collections	
	Old Interurban Forest Preservation Society – Invasive Species Removal	
	Old Interurban Forest Preservation Society – New Website	
	WildResearch – Iona Bird Observatory	
	Yorkson Watershed Enhancement Society – Mini-Bioblitz Kit Assembly	

Plus, grant to BC Nature for two Scholarships - \$3500.00

**Total Funds Dispersed by BC Naturalists' Foundation, up to and supporting 2020 Club Projects, plus BC Nature projects and scholarships:**  
**\$233,000**