



# HCTF & FESBC IN CENTRAL OKANAGAN



# Who We Are:

- Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
  - HCTF funds conservation projects and provides education about BC's freshwater fish and wildlife
  - Chief Executive Officer : Dan Buffett
- Forest Enhancement Society of BC
  - FESBC advances environmental and resource stewardship of B.C.'s forests
  - Executive Director: Steve Kozuki





# HCTF Background



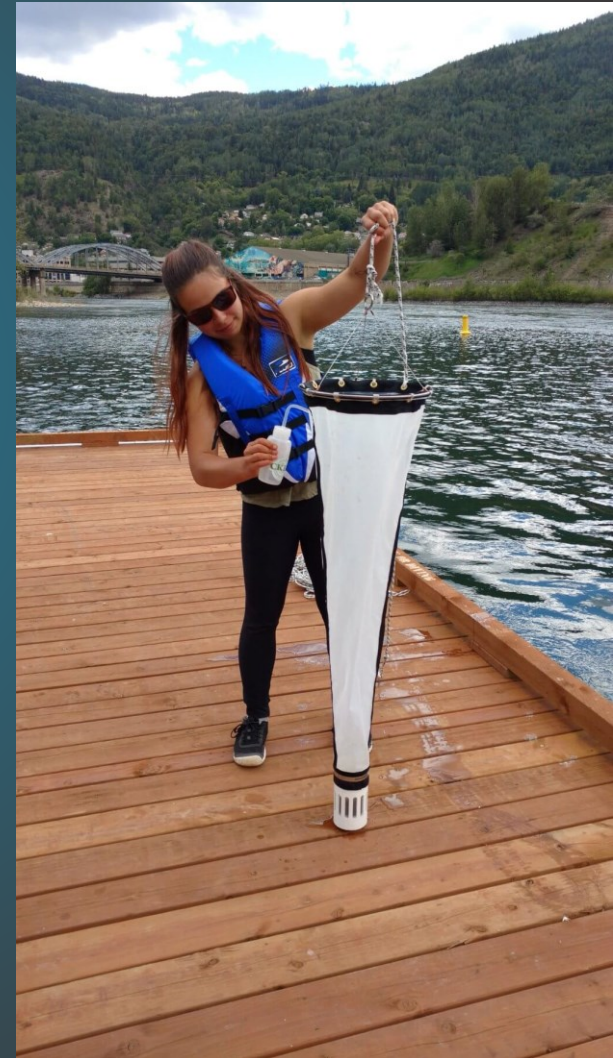
- A non-profit charitable Foundation
- Founded in 1981 by anglers, hunters, trappers and guide outfitters willing to pay a surcharge on licenses to improve conservation outcomes in BC
- More than **\$189 million** in grants for over **2980 projects**



# HCTF Projects & Education



- \$9.2M in funding for 180 projects across BC in 2020-21
  - Okanagan Region: 15 projects, \$583,000
- Projects in Central Okanagan:
  - Rattlesnake Population Research
  - Okanagan Invasive Mussel Monitoring
  - Wildschools Program
  - Education Facilitators
  - 9 Go Grants (since 2015)







# HCTF Fish & Wildlife Projects (2020-21)



# FESBC Funding & Priorities



FESBC Purpose	Approved (\$ millions)	Number of Projects
Wildfire risk reduction	\$58	123
Stand rehabilitation	\$25	30
Wildlife habitat improvement	\$8	15
Fibre recovery	\$4	10
Forest carbon management	\$138	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$233</b>	<b>250</b>

# FESBC Projects



- Most have multiple benefits: social, economic, environmental.
- Significant focus on climate change mitigation and wildfire risk reduction.

FESBC Projects	
Ntityix Resources LP	Trepanier and West Kelowna Wildfire Rehabilitation
Okanagan Nation Alliance	Syilx Stewardship in Fire Maintained Landscapes
Okanagan Shuswap District, FLNRORD, Ntityix Resources LP	Southeast Kelowna Landscape Level Fuel Break
Frontline Operations Group Inc	Black Mountain and Glenmore Ellison Improvement District Watershed Improvement

# FESBC / HCTF Partnership

- Partners since 2016
- Both organizations have a mandate to improve wildlife habitat
- Utilizes HCTF's well respected grant application and technical review process
- FESBC committed \$3 million for shared conservation objectives





# Co-Funded Projects

- Mule deer response to wildfire and habitat change
- Diversifying Mountain Pine Beetle Clearcuts for Small Mustelids
- Maintenance of Furbearers and Prey Species on Large Clearcut Openings





*QUESTIONS?*



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