

INDIGENOUS WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE
2022 to 2025

	Lead Organization	Project Name	Project Description	Grant Amount	Watershed(s)
1	Autonomous Sinixt	Take it to the Water	The purpose of this project is to advance Sinixt watershed stewardship through connecting community members to Sinixt cultural values, knowledge, laws, and cultural traditions, and broader education around watershed health.	\$10,000	Columbia
2	Blueberry River First Nations	Blueberry River Watershed Stewardship Project	The purpose of this project is to build Blueberry River First Nations' (BRFN) capacity in freshwater monitoring and support data collection to inform stewardship and restoration in the Blueberry River Watershed.	\$230,000	Mackenzie
3	Ćasyex, Gidimt'en Clan, Wet'suwet'en Nation	Lhudis Bin Yintah Restoration 2023 - 24	The purpose of this project is to facilitate and implement Wet'suwet'en cultural health, education, and territorial stewardship on Lhudis Bin territory.	\$285,100	Skeena
4	Cowichan Tribes	Xwulqw'selu Water Sustainability Planning	The purpose of this project is to advance the development of a Water Sustainability Plan (WSP) for the Xwulqw'selu watershed. The WSP will be grounded in Quw'utsun jurisdiction, laws, and priorities to ensure a healthier watershed for generations to come.	\$400,000	South Coast
5	Fort Nelson First Nation	Rebuilding Indigenous Water Governance Capacity in the Liard Basin	The purpose of this project is to advance Indigenous laws and knowledge in collaborative watershed planning and stewardship.	\$300,000	Mackenzie
6	Gitanyow Huwilt Society	Gitanyow Salmon Habitat Restoration and Salmon Enumeration Planning	The purpose of this project is to support salmon population and habitat restoration in the Nass Watershed.	\$300,000	Nass
7	Gitga'at First Nation	Revitalizing Weir Building to Advance Gitga'at Sovereignty and Community-based Monitoring for Climate Resilient Salmon in the Quaal Watershed	The purpose of this project is to rebuild weirs in the Quaal and Kitkiata Rivers to revitalize ancient systems of harvest, stewardship, and connections to Gitga'at's ancestral home, and assert sovereignty over lands and waters within the territory to advance sustainable fisheries and adaptive management informed by Indigenous Knowledge and western scientific methods.	\$290,000	North & Central Coast
8	Gitksan Watershed Authorities	Wilp Watershed Sustainability	The purpose of this project is to support the wellbeing of Gitksan communities and watersheds, by working with Gitksan wilps to advance the revitalization of Gitksan knowledge systems, governance, and on-the-ground stewardship presence on the Lax'yip.	\$164,000	Skeena
9	Hesquiaht First Nation	Hesquiaht Access, Assessment, and Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is to build trails to access 10 salmon-bearing rivers and streams, and assess their restoration needs and develop site specific restoration plans.	\$250,000	North Vancouver Island

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10	Institute for Multidisciplinary Ecological Research in the Salish Sea	Xetthecum Eco-cultural Mapping Project Phase III	The purpose of this project is to advance the Xetthecum Eco-cultural mapping pilot project, with a specific focus on Xetthecum, Laughlin Lake, Hwta'loonèt, and the incorporation of Hul'q'umi'num' species names and place-based stories.	\$38,000	South Coast
11	Kitasoo Xai'xais Nation	Kltaasoo Xai'xais Watershed Assessments	The purpose of this project is to develop a community-based approach for implementing updated Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives (GBR LUO) and completing assessments of overall health in important fisheries watersheds in the Kitasoo Xai'xais territory.	\$97,500	North & Central Coast
12	Kitselas First Nation	Kitselas Watershed Assessment Tool	The purpose of this project is to better understand the impacts of climate and land use change on important sub-watersheds within the Kitselas Traditional Territory.	\$257,600	Skeena, North & Central Coast, Nass
13	Kitsumkalum Band	Kyawmks Creek Salmon Habitat Restoration	The purpose of this project is to restore the ecological functions of the Kyawmks (Spring) Creek in the Kitsumkalum Watershed of Kitsumkalum Laxgibuu (Wolf) clan territory.	\$275,000	Skeena
14	Kwiakah First Nation	Kwiakah Phillips River Watershed Assessment Tool	The purpose of this project is to develop a geospatial tool that will be owned and used by the Kwiakah First Nation and new Guardian program to visualize important values, current, and future disturbances, and estimated cumulative effects across key ecosystem types and values.	\$93,000	North Vancouver Island
15	Lax Kw'alaams Band	Determination of Lax Kw'alaams Watershed and Island Archipelago Aquatic Stewardship Priorities	The purpose of this project is to develop a current snapshot of the environmental health of community and scientifically identified high value streams and their associated estuaries.	\$175,000	North & Central Coast, Skeena, Nass
16	Lheidli T'enneh First Nation	Chilako River Corridor and Headwater Restoration Demonstration	The purpose of this project is to advance restoration of the Chilako River Corridor and Headwaters and provide training and experience to First Nations Fisheries Technicians.	\$300,000	Fraser
17	Lhtako Dene Nation	North Cariboo Watershed Condition Assessment and Restoration	The purpose of this project is to work together as a region to complete a Channel Condition Inventory, to engage community members and build capacity in mapping, channel assessments, event and engagement planning, and team building, and for regional Nations and local stewardship groups to collaboratively prioritize watersheds for further assessment, restoration, and monitoring.	\$180,000	Fraser
18	Maaqutusiis Hahoulthee Stewardship Society	Ahousaht Stewardship Repatriation/Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is to decolonize the three main watersheds of e ts'ikt'akis (Atleo), uu7inmitis (Bedwell), and wa7uus (Cypre) in Clayoquot Sound through salmon enhancement, clam garden repatriation, and culturally significant plant restoration.	\$290,000	North Vancouver Island

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19	Metlakatla Stewardship Society	Metlakatla Stewardship - Skeena River Tributaries: Hydrometric Stream Monitoring Phase 1: Field Reconnaissance	The purpose of this project is to complete field reconnaissance of seven tributary rivers to the Skeena Watershed between Terrace and Prince Rupert.	\$50,000	Skeena
20	Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations	Salmon Parks Relaw Project	The purpose of this project is to document Nuuchahnulth laws and governance within the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation as they relate to the responsibility of the ha'wiih (hereditary leaders) to look after the ha-houlthee (chiefly territories consisting of lands, waters, air, and people).	\$150,000	North Vancouver Island
21	Nuxalk Nation	Family Territorial Harvest + Community Harvest Mentorship Programs	The purpose of this project is to enable community-based monitoring in difficult-to-access watershed territories through harvesting and mentorship.	\$146,400	North & Central Coast
22	Office of the Wet'suwet'en	Coming to Gather	The purpose of this project is to support community engagement and capacity building for Wet'suwet'en watershed governance and restoration projects.	\$250,000	Skeena
23	Office of the Wet'suwet'en	Wet'suwet'en Sockeye Salmon Rebuilding	The purpose of this project is to advance the Wet'suwet'en salmon Rebuilding Plan through the increased staffing, monitoring, and assessment of fish.	\$200,000	Skeena
24	Okanagan Nation Alliance	klúsxnitkw (Okanagan Lake) Responsibility Planning Initiative	The purpose of this project is to support the co-development and implementation of the siwłk ^w (Water) Responsibility Plan.	\$250,000	Columbia
25	Quatsino First Nation	Quatsino Watershed Monitoring and Restoration Planning	The purpose of this project is to collect data on stream health, fish habitat, fish populations, and forestry activities in the Marble and Mahatta watersheds, develop management and restoration plans, and expand Quatsino capacity for these activities through training and mentoring.	\$290,000	North Vancouver Island
26	Saulteau First Nation in partnership with McCleod Lake IB	Kinosew sîpîy / whutone gah saghé / Murray River Watershed Governance Establishment	The purpose of this project is to develop a comprehensive watershed management framework for the kinosew sîpîy/whutone gah saghé/Murray River watershed that is Indigenous-led and includes Indigenous values, knowledge, and priorities.	\$290,000	Mackenzie
27	Scw'exmx Tribal Council	Monitoring of Water Quality in the Nicola River Watershed	The purpose of this project is to support the monitoring and stewardship of Spius Creek and Nooaitch, including through water quality sampling.	\$265,000	Fraser
28	Skeetchestn Indian Band	Deadman River Streamflow Management Framework Development	The purpose of this project is to improve understanding and operations of the Snohoosh Reservoir, to build the resiliency of the watershed in a changing climate, and to enhance Skeetchestn stewardship through monitoring, planning, and data management.	\$200,000	Fraser

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29	Squamish Nation	Squamish Estuary Chinook Salmon Habitat Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is to support the stewardship and resilience of wild chinook salmon populations, specifically through advancing a new hydrological model and restoration activities in the Squamish central estuary.	\$200,000	South Coast
30	Stqeeye' Learning Society	Hwial'asmut tu tumuhw (Taking Care of the Earth)	The purpose of this project is to advance the Hwial'asmut tu tumuhw (Taking Care of the Earth) project.	\$300,000	South Coast
31	Takla Nation	Takla Nation Watershed Health Assessment	The purpose of this project is to complete an assessment of watershed health, integrity, and water quality baseline for targeted streams and lakes in Takla Traditional Territory.	\$275,000	Mackenzie, Skeena, Fraser
32	Taku River Tlingit First Nation	Furthering the Resilience of Salmon and People in the Taku Watershed	The purpose of this project is to advance the Taku River Tlingit vision of revitalizing deep cultural connections to the Taku watershed, and promoting forward-looking stewardship such as the Tlatsini Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA).	\$287,800	Taku, Yukon
33	Tobacco Plains Indian Band	Yaqit ʔa-knuqʔi 'it Wetland Restoration	The purpose of this project is to restore wetlands on Yaq it ʔa-knuqʔi 'it reserve lands to rebuild important habitat for species at risk, most notably western painted turtle, as well as culturally important wildlife, including ungulates.	\$300,000	Columbia
34	Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation	Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation Lakes Monitoring Program	The purpose of this project is to collect baseline water quality data to establish water quality standards for lakes within the Ts'il Kaz Koh Traditional Territory.	\$200,000	Skeena, Fraser
35	Tsay Keh Dene Nation	Williston Bull Trout Population Structure Study	The purpose of this project is to identify and delineate individual Bull Trout populations within the Williston Reservoir watershed.	\$85,300	Mackenzie
36	Tsay Keh Dene Nation	Upper Sustut River Watershed	The purpose of this project is to improve knowledge of the Upper Sustut River Watershed, and to apply this knowledge in promoting Tsay Keh Dene-led stewardship of the watershed and its fisheries resources.	\$50,000	Skeena
37	Tsilhqot'in National Government	Tsilhqot'in-led Water Quality and Water and Fish Habitat Monitoring Program	The purpose of this project is to advance the monitoring and stewardship of key salmon habitats in Tsilhqot'in territory.	\$600,000	Fraser
38	Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance	Indigenous-lead Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring in the Nechako Watershed	The purpose of this project is to upgrade and expand the Indigenous-led monitoring program for the Nechako Watershed.	\$400,000	Fraser
39	Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance	Indigenous-led Endanko Weir Effectiveness Monitoring Program	The purpose of this project is to support the stewardship and monitoring of the Endanko Weir.	\$200,000	Fraser
40	We Wai Kai Nation (Cape Mudge Indian Band)	We Wai Kai Watershed Stewardship	The purpose of this project is to protect the resiliency of aquifers on Quadra Island that provide freshwater to the Cape Mudge Band, and	\$274,100	North Vancouver Island

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			to support the We Wai Kai Guardians, youth, and other community members in stewardship of the watersheds.		
41	Wei Wai Kum First Nation	Revitalizing the Campbell River	The purpose of this project is to advance the stewardship, protection, and restoration of the Campbell River Estuary and nearby waterways through on-the-ground restoration and stewardship, and community-based education and learning.	\$300,000	South Coast
42	Wilp Gwininitxw	Wilp Gwininitxw Hla' Am Wil	The purpose of this project is to continue reconnecting Wilp leadership and members to ancestral territories, while collecting cultural and ecological monitoring data.	\$230,500	Skeena
43	Wilp Hanamuxw	Hanamuxw: Gwelx Ye'enst Project	The purpose of this project is to develop and implement a transformative project approach that combines Gwelx Ye'enst and Gitxsan law with traditional use and occupancy knowledge and technical support.	\$238,600	Skeena
44	Witset First Nation	SSAF Routine Watershed Assessments	The purpose of this project is to complete 3 Routine Watershed Assessments (RWA) each within the respective Territories of Witset First Nation, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, and Gitanyow First Nation.	\$150,000	Skeena
45	World Wildlife Fund Canada	Indigenous-led Watershed Restoration in the Upper Pitt Watershed	The purpose of this project is to support Katzie-led stewardship and restoration in the Upper Pitt Watershed.	\$300,000	Fraser
46	Wuikinuxv Nation	Wuikinuxv Lake Watershed Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is to reconnect Wuikinuxv families with their home watersheds, and rebuild traditional stewardship relationships with those places in Wuikinuxv Territory.	\$290,000	North & Central Coast
47	Xwémelhkwa First Nation	Assessing Geomorphic Threats in Xwémelhkwa (Homalco) Priority Watersheds	The purpose of this project is to gather information to guide future fish habitat restoration works and mitigate the risks of extreme hazards (Glacial Lake Outburst Floods) to Xwémelhkwa's hatchery, territorial infrastructure, eco-tourism business, and use of the watersheds by future generations.	\$288,900	South Coast
48	?Askisq'nuk First Nation	Water for the Sun: Bringing Beaver and Water Back to Sun Creek	The purpose of this project is to support the Water for the Sun initiative, and the restoration and community-based stewardship of Sun Creek watershed.	\$300,000	Columbia