

# Lower Fraser River Data Centre – One-Pager

Partnership between BCIT Rivers Institute, CMN, and Raincoast/AFER

## Vision

**A data centre and resource hub for watersheds within the lower Fraser River that provides access to project information and data along with a centralized communication channel to increase efficiency and effectiveness of conservation efforts within the watersheds.**

## Goal

To create a platform for collaboration between organizations who share a similar vision for the lower Fraser River and watersheds by centralizing access to

- Up-to-date maps of projects including details on who is doing what, when & where
- Relevant databases & related metadata
- Resources such as reports, case studies, best practices, success stories & expertise
- Communication channels to share current & future projects, funding availability, fundable shovel-worthy projects, volunteer & job opportunities, events & discussions

## Increased opportunities for

- Indigenous representation & consultation
- Student research projects
- Professional development & networking
- Collaboration between organizations & regions
- Funder feedback & involvement

## Potential Outcomes

- More openness, transparency, & coordination of efforts between organizations
- Improved monitoring & maintenance programs
- Greater collective impact & visibility of conservation efforts
- Greater ability to act with urgency & efficiency to address high-priority issues
- Increased consistency & standardization of data management in the Lower Fraser Valley
- Increased awareness of current & future conservation concerns & knowledge gaps
- Stronger knowledge base to help inform policy & guide decision-making

## Next Steps

We will be building on the extensive knowledge provided by existing data centres to provide a resource focused specifically on conservation issues within lower Fraser River watersheds.

*We are looking for community input and will host an AFER working group to discuss this initiative (date TBD). In the meantime, if you have specific questions or comments, please contact*

**Millie Kuyer**, BCIT Rivers Institute, at [mkuyer@bcit.ca](mailto:mkuyer@bcit.ca) to ask questions or provide feedback

**Kristen Walters**, Raincoast, at [kristen@raincoast.org](mailto:kristen@raincoast.org) to join the AFER Network's Information and Data Sharing Working Group and participate in an upcoming survey and meeting.