

Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia donates \$57 000 to Fraser River Bighorn Sheep Disease Surveillance Project



“The Wild Sheep Society of BC has a vision of seeing the Fraser River Corridor restored to a healthy population of Bighorn Sheep. Since the early 1990s we have seen a dramatic decline in populations with the primary suspect of mortality being disease, specifically Movi. We have committed our largest ever fiscal contribution to this three-year Disease Surveillance Project with a goal of a healthy and vibrant population of Bighorn Sheep. “

Kyle Stelter, President WSSBC

- September 2018, the board of directors passed a motion to fund \$57,000 towards 45 collars for this disease surveillance project of Fraser River Bighorns.
- This is a significant milestone for WSSBC as it is the largest investment to date for a project and a reflection of the growing investment our members continue to make for wild sheep #conservation in BC.
- The results of this project will assist Provincial biologists in deriving management actions that will enable the recovery of Fraser River bighorn sheep herds.
- Through our collective efforts, the WSSBC funds wild sheep science and research projects, habitat enhancement and protection projects, and transplants of sheep into unoccupied or historically occupied areas. #WildSheepForever

The goal of this project is to promote the recovery of Fraser River bighorn sheep by understanding the prevalence of *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (Movi), and assessing the risk of Movi transmission and persistence among herds through the movements of GPS collared animals.

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For more information on Movi, please visit <https://bit.ly/2A0OTjA>

The Wild Sheep Society of BC is a non-profit registered Society dedicated to the protection and enhancement of wild sheep and wild sheep habitat throughout "Beautiful British Columbia".

Putting tens of thousands of volunteer hours, and dollars into conservation projects in BC since 1998, the WSSBC is committed to its vision statement of "Putting more sheep on the mountains"

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