

## Construction Notification: Grizzly Bar Side Channel fish habitat restoration anticipated to begin March 2026

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Dear Resident,

We're restoring fish habitat in the Bridge River system by enhancing the Grizzly Bar Side Channel to prevent fish stranding and support healthy fish populations.

### What we're doing

Located in the Lower Bridge River, this channel disconnects from the mainstem of the river in the winter when water levels are low, resulting in fish stranding (**see map below**). By excavating the channel, we'll enhance connectivity, improving fish access and creating areas for salmon rearing, refuge, and potential spawning grounds

### What you need to know:

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| <b>When</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work is anticipated to start the week of March 2 and is expected to last three to four weeks.</li><li>• Crews will be working during daylight hours.</li></ul> |
| <b>Where</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Lower Bridge River along Lillooet Pioneer Road 40 (Road 40), southwest of the confluence of the Yalakom River (<b>see map below</b>).</li></ul>         |
| <b>Construction activities</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A small crew will be using machinery and crossing the river to excavate the channel while it is dry.</li></ul>   |
| <b>Traffic impacts</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential for minimal and infrequent delays on Road 40 as crews and machinery enter and exit the site.</li></ul>   |

### Why this work is happening

This work offsets impacts to fish and fish habitat from the spring 2022 Downton Reservoir drawdown when water levels were temporarily lowered allowing crews to access areas typically underwater for La Joie Dam Improvement project investigations. Construction activities will be monitored on a full-time basis to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and the effective implementation of mitigation measures.

This work is being done in consultation with regulators and in partnership with St'át'imc Nation.

**Questions?**

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Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we complete this essential work.

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