



First Nations Fish Habitat Program

First Nations Water Protection Council
Southern Chiefs' Organization

in collaboration with
The Centre for Indigenous & Environmental Resources

The goal of the *First Nations Fish Habitat Program* (FNFHP) is to assist those First Nation that want to protect, recover, and manage their fish habitat. The ***First Nations Fish Habitat Program*** aims to support the thirty-six First Nations affiliated with the SCO. The total area covered is approximately 180,000 km², and includes seven major river basins.

Taking care of fish habitat is about keeping fish populations healthy for future generations. Fish habitat management includes taking actions to:

- Prevent habitat damage by managing negative impacts to water environments; and
- Enhance and recover fish habitat by improving water environments.

A wide variety of impacts can affect the quality and quantity of fish habitat, including pollution, hydro development, mining, forest harvesting, agriculture, recreational activities, and invasive species, and other impacts.



Are you a SCO affiliated First Nation interested in becoming more involved in fish habitat management?

- We want to hear about issues affecting your fish habitat. Can you tell us about local or regional fish habitat issues?
- We can assist First Nations in taking action to improve or protect their fish habitat. What type of information or assistance is needed?
- We plan to help First Nations to access training opportunities related to fish habitat. What types of training would help you most?
- We believe First Nations need to be more involved in managing fish habitat and in shaping policy. What information would help you?

If your community is interested in learning more and becoming involved in the *First Nations Fish Habitat Program*, please contact:

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