

Culvert Retrofit Program

Overview

The Environmental Management Section, Engineering Branch, British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Highways initiated the Culvert Retrofit Program in 1998/99 to ensure highway culverts do not obstruct fish passage. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and the BC Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks (MELP) started to identify problem culverts in the Okanagan-Shuswap District in 1995. Culverts along the Columbia River, the Smithers/ Hazleton area and now the Cariboo District were also identified. In many cases these culverts were installed over 35 years ago and will require replacing over the next 15 years. The Environmental Services Section has since made the Culvert Retrofit Program a priority.

For more information regarding the proper installation of culverts, see the [Environmental Fact Sheet](#) on Culverts and Fish Passage.

For additional information on culvert retrofit program please contact:

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