

COASTAL SHORES, ESTUARIES ...& THE SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS.

Economic Diversity & Sustainability ...& A Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area

Rich & resilient coastal communities ...ours for the asking!

Planning for a new National Marine Conservation Area began back in 2002.

Then, in 2011, federal and provincial Environment Ministers announced new boundaries ...then, nothing.

It's now time to honour the promises, and declare the Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area.

Canada would benefit from rich habitat and fisheries, ...and British Columbia, and the Gulf Islands, and Vancouver Island, would be revitalized as healthy coastal communities take shape and prosper.

This is our chance to build strong communities, ...to contribute to ocean biodiversity, marine habitat, and conservation.

An exceptional place on the planet the Southern Strait of Georgia is part of a complex archipelago ...our marine food chain once so prolific you could walk on water, across the Nanaimo River, "on the backs of salmon."



... "with one of the highest-ranking estuaries in terms of fisheries resource value, productivity, and social and recreational value." NALT, 2012

The saltmarsh wetlands of the Pacific flyway offer food and sanctuary to resident and migrating birds.

Tidal flats and pools, island shores and sub-tidal zones are home to crabs, sea anemones, lush kelp forests, dolphins, sea lions, porpoises & orca whales

Our economic, social, cultural and ecological quality of life depend on clean coasts and shores of the Salish Sea ...and deserve our protection and conservation.

A Marine Conservation Area brings all interests to the table, advancing practical solutions.

Our coast and marine life need protection.

Canada needs a Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area.

Petition. To Our Leaders.

https://www.change.org/organizations/vancouver_island_coast_conservation_society

A National Marine Conservation Area for southern BC and Vancouver Island

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- *Economic & commercial spinoffs & revitalization.*
- *Fisheries, marine, biodiversity & habitat renewal.*
- *Waterfront & shoreline restoration & access.*
- *Educational, heritage & recreational benefits.*
- *Healthy communities.*
- *Living up to our promises, & Global responsibilities.*

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~Island heritage of cultural, natural & economic importance~