

## UPDATE: Elected MLA answers to the Fisheries for Communities 2020 Survey

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All confirmed 2020 BC MLA candidates were contacted and asked to participate in this survey. In addition all parties with at least one candidate running were asked to fill out the survey on their parties behalf. A total of 48 candidates responded to the survey, and the BC Liberal, NDP, and Green parties gave response statements. Full survey results are here.

Below are listed successful candidates and their answers to our survey.

Each survey participant was asked the following questions:

- **Question 1:** Will you work to build more resilient coastal communities? (Y/N)
- **Question 2:** Will you work to include local seafood throughout BC's food security programs? (Y/N)
- **Question 3:** Will you support independent harvesters building viable enterprises and providing local jobs? (Y/N)
- **Question 4:** Will you work to implement the Wild Salmon Advisory Council Recommendations, especially Goal 2? (Goal 2: Enhance the economic, social and cultural benefits that accrue to B.C. communities from wild fisheries.) (Y/N)
- **Question 5:** As a marine province, are you committed to building leadership in managing our ocean and our seafood? (Y/N)
- **Question 6:** Do you have any comments for coastal communities and fish harvesters? Open answer.

Riding	Name	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6
Burnaby North	Janet Routledge	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	BC NDP Party statement, see below
Coquitlam-Burke Mountain	Fin Donnelly	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	BC NDP Party statement, see below
Cowichan Valley	Sonia Furstenau	Green	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	As your members are well aware, the majority of B.C.'s wild salmon stocks are in significant decline. They are threatened by habitat and ecosystem degradation, poor management, fish farms, and climate change. The BC Green caucus is committed to addressing these issues. In March 2018, my BC Green colleague in the legislature, Adam Olsen, proposed the idea of a Wild Salmon Secretariat to the NDP government. This led to the creation of a provincial Wild Salmon Secretariat and the Wild Salmon Advisory Council. In recognition of his passion for protecting wild salmon, Olsen was appointed as a member of the Wild Salmon Advisory Council when it was formed in June 2018. The recommendations for a made-in-B.C. wild salmon strategy were submitted to the provincial

									government as part of the final report of the B.C. Wild Salmon Advisory Council in February 2019. As part of the 2019 budget submission process, the BC Green caucus submitted four requests for funding related to wild salmon and habitat restoration. Unfortunately, there was no substantive investment in wild salmon by the NDP government in Budget 2019. After lobbying from Olsen and the BC Green caucus, the federal and provincial governments announced a joint investment of \$142 million over a five-year period in the restoration and enhancement of wild salmon habitats. There is much more work to do. I believe that protecting wild salmon will advance Indigenous rights and reconciliation, support sustainable economic development, and lead to better management of our natural environment. As leader of the BC Greens, I will hold the B.C. government to account on these issues.
Esquimalt Metchosin	Mitzi Dean	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	BC NDP Party statement, see below
Nanaimo-North Cowichan	Doug Routley	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	As Co-Chair of the Wild Salmon Advisory Council I am fully committed to seeing our recommendations implemented. I am very proud of the work we accomplished on this council in working with various partner groups, leading to a consensus on how to move forward with a province wide strategy. If elected I fully commit to continuing to advocate for better protection of marine life and habitats while enhancing coastal economies, and I know from my extensive conversations with my BC NDP colleagues that they support this work as well.
North Vancouver-Lonsdale	Bowinn Ma	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	BC NDP Party statement, see below
Port Moody - Coquitlam	Rick Glumac	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	BC NDP Party statement, see below
Saanich North and the Islands	Adam Olsen	Green	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Thank you for your inquiry into the B.C. Greens position on working for coastal communities and the fisheries they depend upon. We hold fisheries and wild salmon at the heart of our work; through the Confidence and Supply Agreement of the last government, the B.C. Greens were able to hold government to account for the issues facing wild salmon and steelhead in B.C. We pushed for the creation of the Wild Salmon Advisory Council, the \$142 million Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund, and B.C.'s \$5 million contribution to the Pacific Salmon Foundation, as well as supporting the approval of nearly \$65 million in habitat restoration, conservation, and clean up funding. We commit to continuing to push for enhancing funding to conservation efforts, creating dedicated endangered species legislation, and adopting holistic natural resource management practices that address economic, social, and environmental values in tandem. The B.C. Greens strive to make a positive impact by targeting the root cause of systemic environmental problems. More details relevant to these commitments will be included in our platform.
Stikine	Nathan Cullen	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	BC NDP Party statement, see below
Surrey Green Timbers	Rachna Singh	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	BC NDP Party statement, see below

Surrey-Cloverdale	Mike Starchuk	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Victoria Swan Lake	Rob Fleming	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	BC NDP Party statement, see below
-	BC NDP Party Statement	NDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Starting in 2018, the BC NDP funded a network of local food hubs across the province that gave local farmers, fishers and food producers the ability to value-add their products and contribute to the local food economy. The BC NDP provided \$750,000 to the community of Port Alberni to create one such hub, focused on local seafood and foraging. The “Sea to Forest” food hub opened in the Summer of 2020. Part of the BC NDP’s plan for economic recovery after the pandemic includes more than \$25 million towards more food hubs, investing in local food processing capacity and funding innovative technology for more sustainable practices. If re-elected a BC NDP government will continue to work with the federal government to develop new strategies that: -Protect and revitalize BC’s salmon populations by building on the successful Broughton process and supporting innovation in fish hatcheries. -Step up protection of fish habitat through our biodiversity strategy. -Ensure BC processing of BC-caught fish. We will also act to better protect marine life and habitats while enhancing coastal economies through a new provincial coastal strategy, developed in partnership with First Nations, business, environmental groups, and federal and local governments. We hope you will join this process.