

# South Coast Event Agenda

## 2025 Oceans Protection Plan Pacific Dialogue Forum

February 13, 2025 - Songhees Wellness Centre, 1100 Admirals Rd, Victoria BC

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8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration Opens (He'Was Hall)	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Traditional Welcome (He'Was Hall)	
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	Transition Break	
9:10 AM – 10:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions	
	Recovery Framework for Ship Source Oil Spills (He'Was Hall) ( <i>World Café</i> )	Measuring Success Together: Co-Development OPP Performance Indicators with First Nations (Ocean View Room) ( <i>Interactive Workshop</i> )
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Morning Refreshments (He'Was Hall)	
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Cumulative Effects Progress in South Coast BC Through the Salish Sea Initiative: Progress Made, How It's Being Applied and How It Can Continue (He'Was Hall) ( <i>World Café</i> )	
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Catered Lunch (He'Was Hall)	
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Performance (He'Was Hall)	
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Incorporating Indigenous Perspectives: Southern Resident Killer Whale Protection (He'Was Hall) ( <i>Interactive Workshop</i> )	
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Traditional Closing (He'Was Hall)	

*Tip: Scroll down for workshop descriptions and presenter bios.*

## 9:10 AM - 10:30 AM | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### Recovery Framework for Ship Source Oil Spills

Location: He'Was Hall

Format: World Café

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is currently leading the development of a National Recovery Framework to better address lasting impacts caused by ship sourced marine oil-spills in consultation with provinces and territories, Indigenous peoples, industry, and other partners. The proposed framework aims to promote opportunities for coordination and collaboration between various recovery partners, be informed by science, braided with Indigenous Science and Traditional Knowledge, and provide a foundation for officials developing more regionally specific response plans and agreements.

This workshop will serve as an opportunity for the federal government to meet with key partners (including First Nations partners) within BC's South Coast region and seek their perspectives on some of the elements of the framework. Building on this opportunity and further engagement, including regional and subregional tables and agreements, the Federal Government wishes to learn from partners about their key priorities for recovery and how they may wish to be engaged in the development of this framework moving forward.

#### Presenters



**Stuart Lee**

*Manager Policy and Preparedness  
Environment and Climate Change Canada*

Stuart Lee is the manager of the Policy and Preparedness team of the Environmental Emergencies Division at Environment and Climate Change Canada. His academic training has been in natural and social sciences, with some post-doctoral work on the interplay of Indigenous Knowledge systems on Western resource management.

His career has been mainly within Environment and Climate Change Canada, and has focused on topics where science meets policy, such as the ecosystem effects of GMOs, monitoring systems to understand the cumulative effects of oil sands development, environmental and impact assessment policy, and now leads on files that support the department's continuing policy development in various aspects of Emergency Management.



**Marie-Pierre Raymond**

*Senior Environmental Emergency Officer  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada*

Marie-Pierre is a biologist with a master's degree in environmental management. As a Senior Environmental Emergency Officer, she has worked for over 17 years in the field of spills and emergency management, environmental impacts, and contamination. She has responded to several major incidents in Canada, particularly in the British

Columbia region. She is now responsible for developing the recovery program at ECCC's National Environmental Emergencies Centre.



**Alisha Drinkwater**

*Senior Environmental Emergencies Scientist  
Environment and Climate Change Canada*

Alisha Drinkwater is an ECCC Environmental Emergencies (NEEC - West) Senior Environmental Scientist / Biologist. She has 25 years of Government of Canada experience creating, developing and implementing tangible changes in the way we manage and mitigate for environmental stressors in aquatic environments and

sensitive ecosystems. She worked on pipeline ruptures, recovery operations and in connecting First Nations into the modern Unified Command. She has been recognized by her peers, her senior managers, the Provincial Environment Ministry and Central Coast Indigenous Nations (CCIRNA) for her contributions ensuring environmental responsibility and sustainability.

## Measuring Success Together: Co-Development OPP Performance Indicators with First Nations

Location: Oceanview Room

Format: Workshop

This workshop will collaboratively explore South Coast First Nations' and marine stakeholders' experiences with the Ocean's Protection Plan (OPP), identify successes and challenges, and generate actionable insights for future improvements.

### Presenters



***Christine Shawana***

*Policy Analyst, Fisheries Sector  
Assembly of First Nations*

Christine Shawana is a Mohawk from the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. Christine's key interest and experience is in the demonstration of leadership and Indigenous policy innovation through her professional and educational roles, having worked for and collaborated with First Nations leadership for 16 years non-consecutively. Christine has a broad repertoire of experience focused on First Nations policy and regulatory issues including: First Nations inherent rights to fisheries, Indigenous and Canadian economic growth research, international human rights mechanisms, First Nations women's health issues, and First Nations access to water, lands and resources.

Christine attended Confederation College to study Aboriginal Law and Advocacy, McMaster University for Indigenous and Political Studies and Queens University for her Masters in Public Policy and Administration. Christine Shawana currently works with the Assembly of First Nations since 2020 and has occupied positions focusing on topics such as First Nation lands, self-government policy and regulatory practices, fiscal management policy, international human rights applications, and domestic policy impacting First Nations inherent and Treaty rights to self-determination.



**Khunsha Shaikh**  
*Policy Analyst*  
*Transport Canada*

Khunsha Shaikh is a Policy Analyst with Transport Canada's Oceans Protection Plan Community Engagement and Partnerships Team, based in Ottawa, Ontario. She has been with the department since 2016. Khunsha holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with specializations in International Relations and Public Affairs &

Policy Analysis. Outside of work, she enjoys hiking, cooking, and spending time with her two budgies, whom she is working to train.

## 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | Cumulative Effects Progress in South Coast BC Through the Salish Sea Initiative: Progress Made, How It's Being Applied and How It Can Continue

Location: He'Was Hall

Format: World Café

The format of this session is a World style café, to respect and encourage collective understanding through hive conversations that build on one another. The three key themes for discussion are:

**Theme 1** – What progress has been made with regards to CE in the Salish Sea?

**Theme 2** – How is this progress being applied to manage CE in the Salish Sea?

**Theme 3** – What do we need to do to continue CE progress and collaboration in the Salish Sea?

Notable points, key connections and highlights will be reviewed with the group by Nick Chowdhury, who will be moving through the room throughout the session, and will also be shared with attendees in a summary following the session.

### Presenters



**Erin Campbell**  
*Project Manager, Salish Sea Initiative*  
*Fisheries and Oceans Canada*

Erin Campbell has been the Project Manager for the Salish Sea Initiative since early 2020 and has been instrumental in the co-development of the SSI Workshop Webinar series and the SSI Weekly Update. Erin is in a strong position to lead this session on CE Progress in SC BC through the SSI.

## 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | Incorporating Indigenous Perspectives: Southern Resident Killer Whale Protection

Location: He'Was Hall

Format: Workshop

Since 2019, Transport Canada has been supporting the recovery of the endangered Southern Resident killer whale by implementing annual Interim Orders under the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*.

Transport Canada recognizes the current Interim Order process is not the appropriate instrument for developing a long-term approach for protecting the Southern Resident killer whale from potential vessel impacts for the next seven generations. Transport Canada is committed to working with Indigenous Peoples to determine how Indigenous input and perspectives will be reflected in whale protection work within Transport Canada's jurisdiction.

This session will contribute to Transport Canada's information-gathering phase, with the aim of incorporating the gathered recommendations and findings into a future regulatory process. Participants will answer guiding questions on what Transport Canada can be doing to protect the Southern Resident killer whale for the next seven generations. We will explore how the department could integrate First Nations input and perspectives to inform next steps to support the development of national long-term regulations for the protection of the Southern Resident killer whale.

### Presenters



**Claire Dawson**  
*Human Environment Specialist*  
*Two Worlds Consulting*

Claire Dawson is a Human Environment Specialist at Two Worlds Consulting (TWC). She has a strong background in stakeholder and rightsholder consultation, particularly as it pertains to ocean conservation and fishery resource management. She has over eight years of experience working in ocean and fisheries conservation and ecosystem-based fisheries management, working towards diverse socio-economic and environmental outcomes for fisheries livelihoods in Canada. Working with TWC Claire focuses on engagement and facilitation with industry, Indigenous organizations, and government agencies. She is well versed in community consultation, engagement, co-management of resource and co-design of processes and frameworks, workshop facilitation and professional writing.



***Margot Maclaren***

*Human Environment Analyst  
Two Worlds Consulting*

Margot Maclaren is a Human Environment Analyst at Two Worlds Consulting (TWC). She is responsible for supporting community engagement, conducting background research and analysis, and assisting in reporting for clients. Margot has a knowledge base in natural resource management, science communications, and research and writing. She has completed a dual master's program in forestry.