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# City of Richmond Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee *Guest Presentation*



## **Presentation Outline: Year of the Salish Sea**

### **Background:**

1. What is the Year of the Salish Sea (YoSS)?
2. What can it achieve?

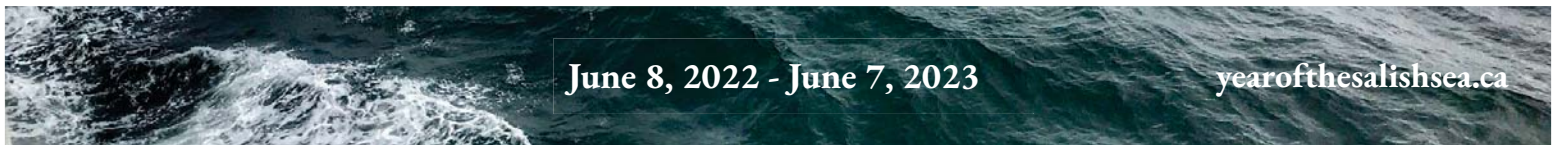
### **Request to the Committee:**

Advance the proclamation of YoSS  
in the City of Richmond

# What is the Year of the Salish Sea (YoSS)?

## Background

- Emerged out of the SFU Semester by the Salish Sea cohort in Fall 2021 program
- Created in response to the state of the Salish Sea, its ecosystems, extreme weather conditions, and fragmented ocean management



## What will it achieve?

### Year of the Salish Sea

- Amplification of stewardship and conservation efforts
- Promotion of public events
- Opportunities for dialogue and collaboration

### Goals

1. Encourage collaboration and coordination between stakeholders
2. Foster public awareness and engagement
3. Open windows for ocean and climate policy development and change





## Year of the Salish Sea in the City of Vancouver, Town of Gibsons, Islands Trust Council

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council support the SFU Fall 2021 Semester in Dialogue cohort recommendation to proclaim June 8, 2022 to June 7, 2023 as the "Year of the Salish Sea" in Vancouver, thereby acting as a catalyst for other governing bodies, organizations, and community groups to join a collective effort to improve the health and management of the Salish Sea.
- B. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to educate the public on how ongoing City of Vancouver projects (such as sewer separation, climate adaptation, and other Green Rainwater Infrastructure projects) benefit the Salish Sea and its surrounding ecosystems.
- C. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to explore opportunities to collaborate with local organizations, networks, and individuals taking part in the Year of the Salish Sea to raise public awareness about the importance of a revitalized and healthy Salish Sea.
- D. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to learn from the lived experiences and knowledge of the Indigenous Nations of the Salish Sea on how to improve the health and management of the Salish Sea for the benefit of future generations.

*Vancouver City Council Year of the Salish Sea Motion*

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## Proclaiming YoSS

### YoSS is an opportunity to

- Support the stewardship work of local First Nations
- Increase public engagement and awareness of the urgency behind protecting this unique ecosystem
- Provide opportunities for existing conservation and ocean education groups to collaborate

“Young people are our future and it’s time that we listen to and work with them in implementing the systemic change they are asking for in order to ensure we have a healthy Salish Sea for future generations.”

Ginger Gosnell-Myers  
*Co-Instructor, SFU Semester in Dialogue*



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