



# Election 2015 Canadian Fisheries Survey

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## Pacific

Do you support fishermen and fishing communities, including First Nations, regaining and retaining their fishing rights, now and in the future?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Comments (please specify)
Terry BEECH	North Burnaby Seymour	Liberal	the Liberal party is committed to ensuring all management decisions are made in full consultation with the industry, Aboriginal groups and all stakeholders such as the Canadian Independent Fish Harvesters Federation, while respecting environmental sustainability and the economic viability of independent fish harvesters and coastal communities. The liberal party is committed to making decisions about access, allocation and sharing arrangement more open, transparent, stable and predictable. We will ensure a stable and predictable access and allocation process, giving priority to those who are closest to the resource.
Jonathan Wilkinson	North Vancouver	Liberal	Effective management of our fisheries is essential for the long term, sustainable success of our marine food supply and the seafood industry, and the health of coastal communities where fishing operations are based. The Liberal Party is committed to ensuring all management decisions are made in full consultation with the industry, Aboriginal groups, and all stakeholders such as the Canadian Independent Fish Harvesters' Federation, while respecting environmental sustainability, and the economic viability of independent fish harvesters and coastal communities. The Liberal Party is committed to making access, allocation and sharing arrangement decisions more open, transparent, stable and predictable to strengthen consultation with all stakeholders and resource users. We will ensure a stable and predictable access and allocation process, giving priority to those who are closest to the resource. These critical decisions will also be made in a fair and consistent manner in a way that does not increase inequality, inter-personal or inter-regional disparities, and has conservation, economic viability, and the future of the resource as vital considerations.
Ken Melamed	West Vancouver-	Green	But we would make several changes to the Fisheries Act to protect fish habitats and fish stocks from overfishing and pollution. Namely, we would ban bottom trawling, phase out open-ocean net-cage fish farms,



	Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country		and enforce sustainable harvesting technologies such as long lines, cod traps, or significantly modified mobile gear to reduce by-catch of untargeted and threatened species.
Glenn Sollitt	Courtenay-Alberni	Green	I was an independent fisherman for 15 years so have a complete appreciation for fishing and fishing communities.
Brenda Sayers	North Island - Powell River	Green	Absolutely. Greens support sustainable fishing and acknowledge that, for many Indigenous and non-Indigenous fishermen and communities, fishing is an important source of food, income, and cultural heritage. The Green Party supports fishermen and fishing communities regaining and retaining their fishing rights now and in the future. In particular, we recognize that fishing rights are an essential component of Aboriginal rights, and will never seek to minimize these rights. The Green Party advocates for sustainable fishing practices to restore our wild fish populations and protect recreational fishermen with strictly enforced regulations governing gear types, fishing practices and catch limits. We are strongly committed to strengthening the Fisheries Act to protect fish habitats and populations. We will give funding priority to small-scale projects to restore and enhance wild fish stocks, especially with Indigenous Peoples and traditional fishing communities using traditional technologies.
Richard Hosein	Fleetwood-Port Kells	Green	Absolutely. Greens support sustainable fishing and acknowledge that, for many Indigenous and non-Indigenous fishermen and communities, fishing is an important source of food, income, and cultural heritage. The Green Party supports fishermen and fishing communities regaining and retaining their fishing rights now and in the future. In particular, we recognize that fishing rights are an essential component of Aboriginal rights, and will never seek to minimize these rights. The Green Party advocates for sustainable fishing practices to restore our wild fish populations and protect recreational fishermen with strictly enforced regulations governing gear types, fishing practices and catch limits. We are strongly committed to strengthening the Fisheries Act to protect fish habitats and populations. We will give funding priority to small-scale projects to restore and enhance wild fish stocks, especially with Indigenous Peoples and traditional fishing communities using traditional technologies.
Frances Litman	Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke	Green	Absolutely. Greens support sustainable fishing and acknowledge that, for many Indigenous and non-Indigenous fishermen and communities, fishing is an important source of food, income, and cultural heritage. The Green Party supports fishermen and fishing communities regaining and retaining their fishing rights now and in the future. In particular, we recognize that fishing rights are an essential component of Aboriginal rights, and will never seek to minimize these rights. The Green Party advocates for sustainable fishing practices to restore our wild fish populations and protect recreational fishermen with strictly enforced regulations governing gear types, fishing practices and catch limits. We are strongly committed to strengthening the Fisheries Act to protect fish habitats and populations. We will give funding priority to small-scale projects to restore and enhance wild fish stocks, especially with Indigenous Peoples and traditional fishing communities using traditional technologies.
Paul Manly	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Green	Absolutely. I support sustainable fishing. For many First Nations communities and other fisher communities, it is an important source of food, income, and cultural heritage. The Green Party wants fishermen and fishing communities to regain and keep their fishing rights now and in the future. Greens recognize that fishing rights are an essential component of First Nations rights. As your Green Party MP, I will push for sustainable fishing practices to restore our wild fish populations and protect recreational fishermen with strictly enforced



			regulations governing gear types, fishing practices and catch limits. I am strongly committed to strengthening the Fisheries Act to protect fish habitats and populations. Greens will give funding priority to small-scale projects to restore and enhance wild fish stocks, especially with First Nations and traditional fishing communities using traditional technologies.
Nathan Cullen	Skeena-Bulkley Valley	NDP	We need more of the value of the resource to stay within the local communities. We have specific policies to enhance that value and protect the resource from threats like oil supertankers.
Stephen Fowler	Abbotsford	Green	It makes sense to have the licences in the hands who have a vested interest in the health of the industry
Scott Anderson	Cloverdale-Langley City	Green	Agribusiness, or the general commercialization throughout our food supply, must be declared a national disaster and reversed.

Do you support having fishing licenses and quotas held primarily by those who fish and their communities, and prevent them from becoming a speculative asset?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Comments (please specify)
Terry BEECH	North Burnaby Seymour	Liberal	We believe that the benefits of our shared resources must primarily flow to the fishers and coastal communities that depend on the resource, and decisions on management and allocation must be made in full consultation and collaboration with stakeholders, First Nations and coastal communities.
Jonathan Wilkinson	North Vancouver	Liberal	We believe that the benefits of our shared resources must primarily flow to the fishers and coastal communities that depend on the resource and decisions on management and allocation must be made in full consultation and collaboration with stakeholders, First Nations and coastal communities.
Ken Melamed	West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country	Green	We prefer to see fishermen own their own licenses rather than third parties and corporations.
Glenn Sollitt	Courtenay-Alberni	Green	Fishing licenses and quotas continue to increase in value so private ownership is difficult, however, I feel it is very important.
Brenda Sayers	North Island - Powell River	Green	Yes. Fishing licenses and quotas should be held by fishermen and fishing communities. Licenses should be for fishing, not speculative activities. Fishermen and fishing communities should not have to compete with outside investors and corporations for licenses. We will work to embed this principle in our fisheries laws and regulations.
Richard Hosein	Fleetwood-Port Kells	Green	Yes. Fishing licenses and quotas should be held by fishermen and fishing communities. Licenses should be for fishing, not speculative activities. Fishermen and fishing communities should not have to compete with



			outside investors and corporations for licenses. We will work to embed this principle in our fisheries laws and regulations.
Frances Litman	Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke	Green	Yes. Fishing licenses and quotas should be held by fishermen and fishing communities. Licenses should be for fishing, not speculative activities. Fishermen and fishing communities should not have to compete with outside investors and corporations for licenses. We will work to embed this principle in our fisheries laws and regulations.
Paul Manly	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Green	Fishing licenses and quotas should be held by fishermen and fishing communities. Licenses should be for fishing, not speculative activities. Fishermen and fishing communities should not have to compete with outside investors and corporations for licenses. I will work to embed this principle in our fisheries laws and regulations.
Nathan Cullen	Skeena-Bulkley Valley	NDP	So-called 'slipper skippers' are able to receive the vast share of the value of the fishery simply by acquiring more licenses. Owner/operator policies have been in place on the East Coast for generations and we need similar policies for the West.
Stephen Fowler	Abbotsford	Green	Conservation of the seas and freshwater areas must be a priority

As MP would you encourage the growth, investment in, and regeneration of small boat fleets and coastal communities throughout Canada?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Comments (please specify)
Terry BEECH	North Burnaby Seymour	Liberal	We are committed to supporting the fisheries sector and protecting the resource for the future. In particular, we will partner with the industry and the provinces to review income support programs to ensure the success of the inshore fishery. we will use scientific evidence and the precautionary principle and take into account climate change when making decisions relating to fish stocks and ecosystems management. also, we will reverse the \$ 40 million that Harper cut from the federal government's ocean science and monitoring programs. Also, we will invest @ 200 million annually to create sector-specific strategies that support innovation and clean technologies in the forestry, fisheries, mining, energy and agricultural sectors.
Jonathan Wilkinson	North Vancouver	Liberal	A Trudeau-led government will support the fisheries sector and protect the resource for the future; this will include partnering with the industry and provinces to review income support programs to ensure the success of the inshore fishery. We will use scientific evidence and the precautionary principle and take into account climate change when making decisions effecting fish stocks and ecosystem management and we will reverse the \$40 million that Harper cut from the federal government's ocean science and monitoring programs. We will also invest \$200 million annually to create sector-specific strategies that support innovation and clean technologies in the forestry, fisheries, mining, energy, and agricultural sectors.
Seonaigh MacPherson	Chilliwack-Hope	NDP	Don't really understand the implications.
Ken Melamed	West Vancouver-	Green	Green MPs will give funding priority to small-scale projects to restore and enhance wild fish stocks, especially with Aboriginal peoples and traditional fishing communities using traditional technologies.



	Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country		
Carleen Thomas	North Vancouver	NDP	I believe that communities that depend on fisheries as their local economy....these coastal communities hold the knowledge of the oceans/waters around them. They have a vested interested in ensuring that these resources are sustained in order to benefit from them in the future.
Glenn Sollitt	Courtenay-Alberni	Green	I have seen the demise of many small fishing communities in BC and would like to think it's possible to slow down that trend.
Larry Colero	South Surrey - White Rock	Green	Local is always better
Brenda Sayers	North Island - Powell River	Green	Small boat fleets are the heart of our fishing economy and we need to help them grow and regenerate, through investment in infrastructure for small boat fleets and coastal communities throughout Canada. The Green Party is committed to the restoration and protection of small boat fisheries and we recognize the need to ensure that these fisheries have the infrastructure they need to operate. This is the responsibility of the DFO. Federal investment in marine infrastructure in past decades has been skewed towards the salmon aquaculture industry. Traditional fishing harbours are being ignored. The Green Party would correct this imbalance.
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Paul Manly	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Green	Small boat fleets are the heart of our fishing economy and we need to help them to be renewed and to grow through investment in infrastructure for small boat fleets and coastal communities throughout Canada. The Green Party is committed to the restoration and protection of small boat fisheries and we recognize the need to ensure that these fisheries have what they need to operate. This is the responsibility of the DFO. Federal investment in marine infrastructure in past decades has been skewed towards the salmon aquaculture industry. Traditional fishing harbours are being ignored. The Green Party would correct this imbalance.
Nathan Cullen	Skeena-Bulkley Valley	NDP	Smaller, more versatile fleets and fishing policies would allow fishermen to fish longer and for a greater variety of species putting less pressure on the most high-value varieties.



Kyle Routledge	New Westminster - Burnaby	Green	The Green Party is the party that will best represent small business owners, sustainable harvest of our biological resources, and promoting local foods.
Stephen Fowler	Abbotsford	Green	The Green Party is very grass roots in its approach to municipal and local interests having greater control of their business
Scott Anderson	Cloverdale-Langley City	Green	The more small fleets that fish, the less damage that is done to the aquatic environment by huge factory ships and industrial trawlers.

### Does your party support such measures?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Comments (please specify)
Seonaigh MacPherson	Chilliwack-Hope	NDP	As above.
Glenn Sollitt	Courtenay-Alberni	Green	The Green Party of Canada is definitely committed to coastal communities.
Nathan Cullen	Skeena-Bulkley Valley	NDP	Absolutely.

### If elected do you promise to work to ensure a stronger regulatory framework to protect fishermen, small boat fleets and rural fishing communities?

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Terry BEECH	North Burnaby Seymour	Liberal	the Liberal party is committed to representing fishermen, small boat fleets and fishing and coastal communities who must be involved in fisheries management and allocation decisions which affect so many livelihoods and communities on our coasts.
Jonathan Wilkinson	North Vancouver	Liberal	The Liberal Party of Canada is committed to representing the fishermen, small boat fleets and fishing and coastal communities who must be fully involved in fisheries management and allocation decisions which affect so many livelihoods and communities on our coast.
Glenn Sollitt	Courtenay-Alberni	Green	Absolutely, support for fisheries and fishing is one of my motivations for pursuing public office.
Larry Colero	South Surrey - White Rock	Green	
Brenda Sayers	North Island - Powell River	Green	I am committed to working to ensure a stronger regulatory framework to protect fishermen, small boat fleets and rural fishing communities. Small boat fleets are the heart of our fishing economy, and we need to protect them.



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Paul Manly	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Green	I am committed to working to ensure a stronger regulatory framework to protect fishermen, small boat fleets and rural fishing communities. Small boat fleets are the heart of our fishing economy, and we need to protect them.
Nathan Cullen	Skeena-Bulkley Valley	NDP	We need strong rules (and proper enforcement) from a more localized and well-funded DFO that works better with local communities and knowledge. The fishery has sustained West Coast fisheries for generations and we can continue to do so but only with smart policies.

## Atlantic & Quebec

Do you support strengthening the owner-operator and fleet-separation policies by enacting regulations to give these policies the force of law?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Comments (please specify)
Jonathan Wilkinson	North Vancouver	Liberal	A Liberal Government will support the independence of our Atlantic inshore fisheries by committing to the fleet separation and owner-operator policies under the Policy for Preserving the Independence of the Inshore Fleet in Canada's Atlantic Fisheries (PIIFCAF), and ensure that any remaining controlling agreements are investigated thoroughly to bring to account any who may be undermining the principles of PIIFCAF. We will ensure that small boat independent owner-operators remain the backbone of the fisheries and coastal communities on Canada's east coast and that the benefits of fishing licenses flow to fish harvesters and coastal communities.
Richard Hosein	Fleetwood-Port Kells	Green	The Green Party supports strengthening the owner-operator and fleet-separation policies by enacting regulations to give these policies the force of law. As Elizabeth May said in 2012, "We have seen the same problem in BC with the halibut fishery and it has led to fishers having no access to quota and quota being held by buyers rather than fishers. We should learn from this lesson and do better on the Atlantic coast. Modernizing policy should not equate to giving big corporations free access. We should be concerned about protecting local jobs and local economies." We need to protect local fishermen and fishing communities from the intrusion of multinational corporations and outside investors.
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Clark Walton	West Nova	Green	I have been asked why some lawyers and companies own licenses not fishermen.
Becka Viau	Charlottetown	Green	The Green Party supports strengthening the owner-operator and fleet-separation policies by enacting regulations to give these policies the force of law. As Elizabeth May said in 2012, "We have seen the same problem in BC with the halibut fishery and it has led to fishers having no access to quota and quota being held by buyers rather than fishers. We should learn from this lesson and do better on the Atlantic coast. Modernizing policy should not equate to giving big corporations free access. We should be concerned about protecting local jobs and local economies." We need to protect local fishermen and fishing communities from the intrusion of multinational corporations and outside investors.
Brad Layton	Skeena Bulkley Valley	Liberal	I am unfamiliar all the policies. I will fight for the rights of our local owner operator fleets
Lynne Lund	Malpeque	Green	Local fishermen and fishing communities need to be protected from the intrusion of multinational corporations and outside investors.
David Peters	St. John's East	Green	These appear to be the only hope for many communities in rural NL
Terry Cormier	Long Range Mountains	Green	I am strongly in favour of fisheries policies which allow small independent operators to continue. I have heard from a number of inshore fishermen about the difficulties of transferring licenses to their children. There is too much I do not understand to commit to what you are suggesting, such as what would be the implications for a fisherman who wants to sell his operation.
Sean Fraser	Central Nova	Liberal	Once elected the Liberal government will conduct a review of amendments to the Fisheries Act and other legislative changes. Once that is done I will be in a better position to answer this question. If elected I will work with our policymakers to ensure that coastal communities have a strong voice when deciding how best to manage our oceans. I grew up on the Northumberland Strait so I know how important this issue is.
Judy M. Foote	Bonavista- Burin-Trinity	Liberal	In the riding of Bonavista-Burin-Trinity, there are many coastal fishing communities. Without the protection provided by these two policies, the future of many of those communities would be threatened.

### Does your party support such measures?

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Kyle Routledge	New Westminster - Burnaby	Green	The GPC believes in putting communities before party policy.
Clark Walton	West Nova	Green	I will verify the party position.
Lynne Lund	Malpeque	Green	The Green Party supports strengthening the owner-operator and fleet-separation policies by enacting regulations to give these policies the force of law. As Elizabeth May said in 2012, "We have seen the same problem in BC with the halibut fishery and it has led to fishers having no access to quota and quota being held by buyers rather than fishers. We should learn from this lesson and do better on the Atlantic coast. Modernizing policy should not equate to giving big corporations free access. We should be concerned about protecting local jobs and local economies."
David Peters	St. John's East	Green	We are avid supporters of small scale fisheries in terms of their supports to local communities, for preservation of fish stocks and as a means to create a fairer, more just Canada
Terry Cormier	Long Range Mountains	Green	Green Party would be in favour of measures that support local, small operators. I can't find any specific reference in the articulation of GP Fisheries policies which can be found at <a href="http://www.greenparty.ca/en/policy/vision-green/economy/fisheries">http://www.greenparty.ca/en/policy/vision-green/economy/fisheries</a> , so I would not want to speak more definitively about GP approach. I can assure you that as a GP MP I will be guided by what my constituents tell me not the Party leader, or anyone else.
Sean Fraser	Central Nova	Liberal	The Liberal party has promised to strengthen the laws by which we manage our oceans. If elected we will work with our partners - provinces, territories, First Nations, scientists and communities. But most importantly, we will ask the men and women who go out on the water. We will have a complete understanding of the fishery after hearing from all these stakeholders. We will implement measures based upon fact.

If elected do you promise to work to ensure that the owner-operator and fleet-separation policies are strengthened and given the force of law?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Comments (please specify)
Jonathan Wilkinson	North Vancouver	Liberal	A Liberal government will support the independence of our Atlantic inshore fisheries by committing to the fleet separation and owner-operator policies under the Policy for Preserving the Independence of the Inshore Fleet in Canada's Atlantic Fisheries (PIIFCAF) and ensure that any remaining controlling agreements are investigated thoroughly to bring to account anyone who may be undermining the principles of PIIFCAF. We will ensure that small boat independent owner-operators remain the backbone of the fisheries and coastal communities on Canada's east coast, and that the benefits of fishing licenses flow to fish harvesters and coastal communities.
Richard Hosein	Fleetwood-Port Kells	Green	See question 1



Frances Litman	Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke	Green	See question 1
Paul Manly	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Green	See the answer to question 1.
Clark Walton	West Nova	Green	Profits should be in the hands of those that earn it, not overreaching companies.
Becka Viau	Charlottetown	Green	See question 1.
Brad Layton	Skeena Bulkley Valley	Liberal	I commit to meeting with and finding out the issues directly with the affected stakeholder. I will then take the concerns to Ottawa.
Terry Cormier	Long Range Mountains	Green	If this reflects the wishes of the constituents.
Sean Fraser	Central Nova	Liberal	If elected I will make all policies related to the fishery a priority. It is an extremely important industry in Central Nova. We want to keep future generations of fishers here.

Are you in favour of adopting new initiatives to provide loan guarantees for young people to finance licence transfers from retiring fish harvesters?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Comments (please specify)
Jonathan Wilkinson	North Vancouver	Liberal	We commit to smarter co-management of our fisheries and oceans, by working with the provinces, Indigenous Peoples and other important stakeholders such as the Canadian Independent Fish Harvesters' Federation. We will develop plans that not only make the best use of our marine resources, but give coastal communities and the industry more say in managing the resources around them.
Richard Hosein	Fleetwood-Port Kells	Green	We need to work to ensure the continuity of fish harvesting. We will support new initiatives to provide loan guarantees for young people to finance licence transfers from retiring fish harvesters.
Frances Litman	Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke	Green	We need to work to ensure the continuity of fish harvesting. We will support new initiatives to provide loan guarantees for young people to finance licence transfers from retiring fish harvesters.
Paul Manly	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Green	We need to ensure the continuity of fish harvesting by providing loan guarantees for young people to finance licence transfers from retiring fish harvesters.
Becka Viau	Charlottetown	Green	We need to work to ensure the continuity of fish harvesting. We will support new initiatives to provide loan guarantees for young people to finance licence transfers from retiring fish harvesters.
Lynne Lund	Malpeque	Green	The Canadian government needs to work to ensure the continuity of fish harvesting. I and my party will support new initiatives to provide loan guarantees for young people to finance licence transfers from retiring fish harvesters.
David Peters	St. John's East	Green	The demographics are stark from what I can gather. Young people need incentives to make a sustainable living in their communities



Terry Cormier	Long Range Mountains	Green	Again, while I would like to say Yes, I really do not know enough about this issue -- needs, stakeholders, other approaches -- to give a definite answer.
Sean Fraser	Central Nova	Liberal	The Liberal plan contains many policies in regard to youth education and employment, green infrastructure and sustainable prosperity. Although there is nothing specific to license transfers it is clear that a Liberal government would be open to helping young people start businesses. When salt water is in your blood it is hard to do anything else. Young men and women who come from generations of fishing people should be encouraged and supported.
Judy M. Foote	Bonavista-Burin-Trinity	Liberal	To remain viable, any industry, including the fishing industry, must attract new participants. In fishing areas where the stocks are healthy, to ensure the continuance of the inshore fishery and the survival of our fishing communities, young people will require supports to allow them to enter the industry.

If elected will you work to ensure Canada's fisheries resources remain a publicly owned resource, managed sustainably in the best interests of coastal communities, while keeping current and future generations of fishermen in mind?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Comments (please specify)
Terry BEECH	North Burnaby Seymour	Liberal	the Canadian government must be a more active partner in research and scientific activities regarding fisheries and ocean and freshwater environments. we will conduct a wide review of the changes to the Fisheries Act brought by the Conservatives. We will increase the amount of protected marine and coastal areas from 1.3% to 5% by 2017, and 10% by 2020.
Jonathan Wilkinson	North Vancouver	Liberal	The government of Canada must be a more active partner in research and scientific activities regarding fisheries and our ocean and freshwater environments. To that end, The Liberal Party has already made several important commitments in this regard. We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest \$200 million annually to create sector-specific strategies that support innovation and clean technologies in the forestry, fisheries, mining, energy, and agricultural sectors.</li> <li>• Conduct a wholesale review of the Conservatives' changes to the Fisheries Act and the elimination of the Navigable Waters Act, to re-establish lost protections and incorporate more modern safeguards.</li> <li>• Increase the amount of Canada's protected marine and coastal areas from 1.3 percent to 5 percent by 2017, and 10 percent by 2020.</li> <li>• Reverse the \$40 million that Harper cut from the federal government's ocean science and monitoring programs.</li> <li>• Work with the provinces, Indigenous Peoples, and other stakeholders to use our marine resources efficiently. We will empower coastal communities to manage their resources and ensure smarter co-management of our oceans.</li> <li>• Deepen our commitment to work with other governments to protect Canada's freshwater through education, geo-mapping, watershed protection, and infrastructure investments in the best waste water treatment technologies.</li> <li>• Restore \$1.5 million in federal funding for freshwater research, cut by the Conservatives, and make new investments in Canada's world-leading IISD Experimental Lakes Area.</li> </ul>



Seonaigh MacPherson	Chilliwack-Hope	NDP	Strongly agree.
Carleen Thomas	North Vancouver	NDP	Also ensuring that the Aboriginal peoples of Canada are included in this dialogue & that their rights are protected & sustainability is key to keeping a thriving resource around.
Brenda Sayers	North Island - Powell River	Green	Fisheries are a public good. I am committed to keeping them public. We need to work to put policies in place that protect fisheries from unsustainable fishing practices. The future of coastal communities depends on it. The Green Party will Strengthen the Fisheries Act to: 1. Require evaluation of threats to fish stocks and include provisions to protect fish stocks and the marine environment; 2. Make protection of critical stocks and habitat mandatory; 3. Require that the management and conservation of wild fisheries take precedence over aquaculture, wherever there are conflicts; 4. Increase penalties for contravening the Fisheries Act; 5. Improve public participation in decision making, under the principles of the Oceans Act, in particular engaging coastal communities in local fisheries management.
Richard Hosein	Fleetwood-Port Kells	Green	Fisheries are a public good. I am committed to keeping them public. We need to work to put policies in place that protect fisheries from unsustainable fishing practices. The future of coastal communities depends on it. The Green Party will Strengthen the Fisheries Act to: 1. Require evaluation of threats to fish stocks and include provisions to protect fish stocks and the marine environment; 2. Make protection of critical stocks and habitat mandatory; 3. Require that the management and conservation of wild fisheries take precedence over aquaculture, wherever there are conflicts; 4. Increase penalties for contravening the Fisheries Act; 5. Improve public participation in decision making, under the principles of the Oceans Act, in particular engaging coastal communities in local fisheries management.
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Kyle Routledge	New Westminster - Burnaby	Green	The long term success of future generations through sustainable development and a shift to green, renewable energy and technologies is the most important issue to me and why I am running in this election.



Stephen Fowler	Abbotsford	Green	Sustainable environment, the well being of the people are just as important, and more, as the economy
Scott Anderson	Cloverdale-Langley City	Green	Public ownership of natural resources is the only means to prevent them from being plundered by robber barons, who use the law to thier advantage.
Clark Walton	West Nova	Green	Public resources would not be public if privatized.
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Terry Cormier	Long Range Mountains	Green	Absolutely. Looks like you lifted this from my campaign material.
Sean Fraser	Central Nova	Liberal	I think that my previous comments speak for themselves. The Liberal plan is all about engaging with partners and taking advice from them. If we listen well we will do the right thing with the fishery.
Judy M. Foote	Bonavista-Burin-Trinity	Liberal	While we strive to diversify our economy, the fishery will always play an important part. We must ensure the fishery remains sustainable and those involved in the industry are able to provide a good living for themselves and their families.

### Any final comments?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	Open-Ended Response
Terry BEECH	North Burnaby Seymour	Liberal	Effective management of our fisheries is essential for the long term, sustainable of our marine food supply and the seafood industry as well as for the health of coastal communities. We will empower coastal communities to manage their resources and ensure smarter co-management of our oceans.
Seonaigh MacPherson	Chilliwack-Hope	NDP	Fishing is a vital part of the economy and community of Chilliwack and Hope, and I intend to protect the fish, FN fishery, and sports fishers in these waters.
Carleen Thomas	North Vancouver	NDP	I believe we must all work together to protect the precious resource of our fish & seafood & sea life. Thank you for all your good work!



Glenn Sollitt	Courtenay-Alberni	Green	Coming from the west coast, I'm interested to see how much you appear to be accomplishing on the other side!
Brenda Sayers	North Island - Powell River	Green	The Green Party will defend Canada's coastal communities from risky pipeline and tanker schemes. As Elizabeth May said, "Every pipeline - whether it's Enbridge's Northern Gateway, Kinder-Morgan's expansion through Burnaby Mountain to the Burrard Inlet, Energy East, or Keystone XL, are all about one thing: getting raw, unprocessed bitumen to coastlines," said Ms. May. "These pipelines and supertankers are premised on a risky economic strategy. We have already seen how Harper's strategy of putting all our eggs in the bitumen basket has hurt our economy. On top of that, one accident could cripple the entire billion dollar fisheries and tourism industry upon which our coastal communities depend. It is time to think like a country again and develop a national approach to a diversified energy strategy." The Green Party is committed to rebuilding the scientific research and monitoring capacity of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). We will immediately work to restore the Ocean Contaminants & Marine Toxicology Program of the DFO including in St. Andrews, NB. We will also restore funding to six major water pollution labs around the country, including those at Sidney, BC, Winnipeg, MB, Burlington, ON, Mont-Joli, QC, Moncton, NB, and Dartmouth, NS. We will restore support for research on the effects of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) including the sources, movement and fate of persistent environmental contaminants in marine food chains, such as the work formerly conducted by Dr. Peter Ross. We note, with dismay, that the federal government closed the DFO contaminants program in spring 2012, dismissing Ross and 55 of his colleagues across the country including in St. Andrews. There is a growing trend in our civil service: managers from other departments, without any policy strength or scientific background, are moved into key policy positions in departments like DFO. Greens want to restructure DFO into three separate branches: Management, Monitoring and Enforcement, and Research. This restructuring will reduce the potential for political interference in department programs and allow the department to better implement its mandate.
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Paul Manly	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Green	<p>The Green Party will defend Canada's coastal communities from risky pipeline and tanker schemes. I am opposed to the Enbridge Northern Gateway crude oil pipeline and tanker proposal. I have relatives in Kitamaat Village that are active in the campaign to stop Northern Gateway. I know the Douglas Channel where these tankers will travel off the B.C. coast and have fished in those waters. I have long been opposed to the Kinder Morgan proposal and have worked actively against it for many years. I was involved the lobbying effort to get the Dogwood Initiative to add the Kinder Morgan expansion to their No Tankers campaign, as well as lobbying the Council of Canadians add the Kinder Morgan expansion to their Energy campaign. I am unequivocally opposed to any new diluted bitumen export pipelines that expand tar sands production beyond the current level of 1.9 millions barrels per day. The Green Party is the only federal political party that is opposed to the expansion of any pipelines or tanker traffic off the B.C. coast. The Green Party is also committed to rebuilding the scientific research and monitoring capacity of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). We will immediately work to restore the Ocean Contaminants and Marine Toxicology Program of the DFO including in St. Andrews, NB. We will also restore funding to six major water pollution labs around the country, including those at Sidney, BC, Winnipeg, MB, Burlington, ON, Mont-Joli, QC, Moncton, NB, and Dartmouth, NS. We will restore support for research on the effects of persistent organic pollutants (POPs)</p>



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Nathan Cullen	Skeena-Bulkley Valley	NDP	As a candidate from the North Coast of BC, I am committed to supporting small businesses by cutting their taxes from 11% to 9% and supporting fisheries by applying the principle of adjacency on our waters. I will also work to support a more sustainable fishery for our communities by encouraging more fish processing here at home, instead of overseas. And as a party, the NDP has committed to revamping the Employment Insurance system to account for the nature of seasonal work and those who work in our fisheries in particular.
Scott Anderson	Cloverdale-Langley City	Green	Best of luck, Scott Anderson.
Clark Walton	West Nova	Green	Management needs to be considered in consultation with those that know the waters and scientists so fishing remains sustainable.
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Fin Donnelly	Port Moody - Coquitlam	NDP	I have been an advocate for sustainably managed fisheries since long before I was elected to Parliament in 2009. Since then, I served as one of the NDP critics for Fisheries and Oceans, and served on the parliamentary committee as well. I look forward to continuing that work, with you, in the next Parliament.
Lynne Lund	Malpeque	Green	The Green Party will also defend Canada's coastal communities from risky pipeline and tanker schemes. My party recognizes that one accident could cripple the entire billion dollar fisheries and tourism industry upon which our coastal communities depend. The Green Party is committed to rebuilding the scientific research and monitoring capacity of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). We want to restructure DFO into three separate branches: Management, Monitoring and Enforcement, and Research. This restructuring will reduce the potential for political interference in department programs and allow the department to better implement its mandate. Thank-you for keeping me informed about the issues that are important to your Membership. If you have any questions regarding Green Party policies, please contact me with them.
Terry Cormier	Long Range Mountains	Green	We need to invest in marine research. We have very little idea of what is going on in our waters. We need to allocate quotas in a way which gives primacy to adjacent, dependent communities.
Sean Fraser	Central Nova	Liberal	Thank you for participating in the federal election campaign. You've made me think about the issues that you have raised. I'll look for opportunity to discuss the fishery as I go door to door.



## Français

Êtes-vous pour le renforcement des politiques du propriétaire-exploitant et de la séparation de la flottille par l'adoption d'un règlement leur donnant force de loi?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	
Dominic LeBlanc	Beauséjour	Libéral	J'ai longtemps défendu les politiques du propriétaire-exploitant et de la séparation de la flottille. En fait, lorsque le gouvernement conservateur refusait, il y a quelques années, de s'engager à maintenir ces politiques en place, je les ai sévèrement critiqués. Je connais l'importance de ces politiques et continuerai à travailler afin de les maintenir en place et afin que l'octroi de permis de pêches avantage premièrement nos pêcheurs.

Advenant votre élection, vous engagez-vous à travailler pour que les politiques du propriétaire-exploitant et de la séparation de la flottille soient renforcées et obtiennent force de loi?

Candidate	Riding	Party Affiliation	
Dominic LeBlanc	Beauséjour	Libéral	Je crois fortement que nous devons travailler afin d'assurer que ces politiques demeurent en place. Les critiques injustes de la part de parlementaires conservateurs dans le passé sont inacceptables. Tous moyens qui solidifient le statu de ces politiques méritent d'être étudiés et je serai en faveur de toutes mesures qui seront avantageuses aux propriétaires indépendants des entreprises de pêche.

Êtes-vous pour l'adoption de nouveaux programmes qui permettraient d'accorder des garanties d'emprunts à des jeunes pour financer l'achat de permis de pêcheurs qui prennent leur retraite?

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Dominic LeBlanc	Beauséjour	Libéral	Je crois que les jeunes pêcheurs ont besoin de moyens additionnels pour avoir accès à des fonds pour devenir propriétaire d'entreprise de pêche. Les prêteurs commerciaux n'offrent tout simplement pas l'aide nécessaire.