

**Only 50% of fish available in BC markets is locally produced. Fisheries account for less than 1% of BC GDP in 2005. Farmed salmon is exposed to more dioxins, contains less omega 3 and 70% more fat than wild salmon. As of 2003 five multinational companies own 109 out of 131 of fish farm licenses, only 7% are owned by British Columbians.**

## Restoring Our Wild Fisheries

Well-managed wild fisheries can be sustainable and provide healthy food and jobs in many smaller communities. However, many salmon runs have gone extinct due to poor logging practices, road building, fish farming, and urban development.

BC Greens will rehabilitate decreasing wild salmon stocks and restore their habitat. We will recognize First Nations' right to fish. We will also put the control of fisheries back into the hands of coastal communities and small fishers.

### **Key Goals**

- Restore healthy natural fish stocks to BC's waters
- Create local jobs in coastal communities

### **BC Greens Will**

- Negotiate with the federal government to take over management of coastal marine fisheries
- Implement stream-by-stream actions to rejuvenate wild salmon by restoring habitat
- Re-evaluate run-of-river projects pending strengthened environmental assessments and better regulation
- Phase out bottom trawling and less selective seine and gillnet fishing and replace them with more selective methods
- Phase in terminal salmon fisheries to replace open ocean interception salmon fisheries and to restore traditional First Nations fishing practices
- Implement transition plans for workers and First Nations communities to ensure employment when fisheries closures are needed to rebuild wild stocks
- Reform licensing of fishers, breaking up the corporate concentration in big seiner licenses and reallocating licenses back to small-scale fishers

Your support will make a real difference. Call or email us.

## Protecting Wild Salmon from Fish Farms

The dramatic decline of BC's wild salmon began when fish farms were introduced to the province. Wild salmon cannot be saved until open net finfish farms are removed from salmon migration routes, because of their deadly role in pathogen amplification and introduction.

One benefit of the fish farm industry has been the development of state-of-the-art processing plants in BC. These plants are capable of processing soft-fleshed seafood into high quality products. BC's wild fisheries could benefit from this local processing capacity. The BC Green Party will ensure that the province benefits from these plants and explores further options for their use.

### **Key Goals**

- Protect wild salmon
- Encourage coastal employment in traditional fisheries, sport fishing, and ecotourism

### **BC Greens Will**

- Ensure that the BC coast is free of finfish farms along the length of the east coast of Vancouver Island and the west coast of the mainland from the Fraser River north to the Broughton Archipelago, by not renewing the licenses of finfish farms with annual tenure and by revoking the licenses of finfish farms with long-term tenure
- Provide transitional money so that fish farm processing plants can find alternative sources of soft-fleshed seafood for processing and to establish markets for the resulting seafood products both domestically and internationally
- Provide employment security through retraining and job matching for workers displaced from fish farms that close



**Mayo McDonough, Green Candidate for  
Nanaimo - North Cowichan**

**250-924-3321 | [mayo.mcdonough@greenparty.bc.ca](mailto:mayo.mcdonough@greenparty.bc.ca)  
and**

**Ian Gartshore, Green Candidate for Nanaimo  
250-713-9809 | [www.greenparty.bc.ca/ian\\_gartshore](http://www.greenparty.bc.ca/ian_gartshore)**

**Only 50% of fish available in BC markets is locally produced. Fisheries account for less than 1% of BC GDP in 2005. Farmed salmon is exposed to more dioxins, contains less omega 3 and 70% more fat than wild salmon. As of 2003 five multinational companies own 109 out of 131 of fish farm licenses, only 7% are owned by British Columbians.**

## Restoring Our Wild Fisheries

Well-managed wild fisheries can be sustainable and provide healthy food and jobs in many smaller communities. However, many salmon runs have gone extinct due to poor logging practices, road building, fish farming, and urban development.

BC Greens will rehabilitate decreasing wild salmon stocks and restore their habitat. We will recognize First Nations' right to fish. We will also put the control of fisheries back into the hands of coastal communities and small fishers.

### **Key Goals**

- Restore healthy natural fish stocks to BC's waters
- Create local jobs in coastal communities

### **BC Greens Will**

- Negotiate with the federal government to take over management of coastal marine fisheries
- Implement stream-by-stream actions to rejuvenate wild salmon by restoring habitat
- Re-evaluate run-of-river projects pending strengthened environmental assessments and better regulation
- Phase out bottom trawling and less selective seine and gillnet fishing and replace them with more selective methods
- Phase in terminal salmon fisheries to replace open ocean interception salmon fisheries and to restore traditional First Nations fishing practices
- Implement transition plans for workers and First Nations communities to ensure employment when fisheries closures are needed to rebuild wild stocks
- Reform licensing of fishers, breaking up the corporate concentration in big seiner licenses and reallocating licenses back to small-scale fishers

Your support will make a real difference. Call or email us.

## Protecting Wild Salmon from Fish Farms

The dramatic decline of BC's wild salmon began when fish farms were introduced to the province. Wild salmon cannot be saved until open net finfish farms are removed from salmon migration routes, because of their deadly role in pathogen amplification and introduction.

One benefit of the fish farm industry has been the development of state-of-the-art processing plants in BC. These plants are capable of processing soft-fleshed seafood into high quality products. BC's wild fisheries could benefit from this local processing capacity. The BC Green Party will ensure that the province benefits from these plants and explores further options for their use.

### **Key Goals**

- Protect wild salmon
- Encourage coastal employment in traditional fisheries, sport fishing, and ecotourism

### **BC Greens Will**

- Ensure that the BC coast is free of finfish farms along the length of the east coast of Vancouver Island and the west coast of the mainland from the Fraser River north to the Broughton Archipelago, by not renewing the licenses of finfish farms with annual tenure and by revoking the licenses of finfish farms with long-term tenure
- Provide transitional money so that fish farm processing plants can find alternative sources of soft-fleshed seafood for processing and to establish markets for the resulting seafood products both domestically and internationally
- Provide employment security through retraining and job matching for workers displaced from fish farms that close



**Mayo McDonough, Green Candidate for  
Nanaimo - North Cowichan**

**250-924-3321 | [mayo.mcdonough@greenparty.bc.ca](mailto:mayo.mcdonough@greenparty.bc.ca)  
and**

**Ian Gartshore, Green Candidate for Nanaimo  
250-713-9809 | [www.greenparty.bc.ca/ian\\_gartshore](http://www.greenparty.bc.ca/ian_gartshore)**