



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“YEAR OF THE SALISH SEA”

- WHEREAS** “Victoria” exists on the unceded homelands and waters of the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples; and
- WHEREAS** The Strait of Georgia, Strait of Juan de Fuca, and Puget Sound are collectively known as the Salish Sea; and
- WHEREAS** The Salish Sea and its human and nonhuman inhabitants are experiencing unprecedented effects of climate change, such as ocean acidification, biodiversity loss, and sea-level rise; and
- WHEREAS** In Canada, the Salish Sea and its watersheds are managed under multiple jurisdictions of government, including the Indigenous, federal, provincial, regional, and municipal with limited coordination; and
- WHEREAS** The Year of the Salish Sea would support collaborative local action between Salish Sea stakeholders, strengthen organizational programming for impact and awareness, educate the public, amplify existing work, and inspire action from individuals, organizations, and governments on the Salish Sea; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Victoria supports 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 Victoria, thereby joining other governing bodies, organizations, and community groups to join a collective effort to improve the health and management of the Salish Sea; and
- WHEREAS** Victoria City Council supports the education of the public on how ongoing City of Victoria projects benefit the Salish Sea and its surrounding ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS** That the City of Victoria Council supports 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.
- NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim Wednesday June 8th 2022 to Wednesday June 7th 2023 as **“YEAR OF THE SALISH SEA”** on the **HOMELANDS** of the Lekwungen speaking **SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 9th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Year of the Salish Sea