



Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound

**Marine
Stewardship
Initiative**

Updated May 25, 2026

LIST OF TEAM MEMBERS

Current & Former

We are so grateful for our current and former steering committee, project team, leadership partners, working group, collaborators, supporters, funders, and advisors that have made the Marine Stewardship Initiative what it is today. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

CURRENT STEERING COMMITTEE		
NAME	YEARS	AFFILIATION
Fiona Beaty	2022 - Current	Project Founder and PhD from the University of British Columbia
Jay Ritchlin	2025 - Current	Board Member, Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative
Raine Playfair	2024 - Current	Director of Stewardship Funding, Coast Funds
John Driscoll	2024 - Current	Fisheries Science and Policy Analyst, David Suzuki Foundation
Tessa Antone	2024 - Current	Squamish Nation

CURRENT PROJECT TEAM		
NAME	YEAR(S)	POSITION
Ellika Cairns	2023 - Current	Project Director
Michèle Grenier	2026 - Current	Program Coordinator
Jackie Ng	2025 - Current	GIS Analyst, David Suzuki Foundation
Matthew Van Oostdam	2025 - Current	Youth Program Coordinator



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FORMER STEERING COMMITTEE		
NAME	YEAR(S)	AFFILIATION
Ruth Simons	2018 - 2025	Executive Director, Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative
Jay Ritchlin	2020 - 2024	Director - General Western Canada, David Suzuki Foundation
Isobel Pearsall	2022 - 2024	Director - Marine Science Program, Pacific Salmon Foundation
Charlene Williams	2022 - 2023	Culture & Language Worker, Squamish Nation
Jessica Schultz, MSc	2018 - 2021	PhD Candidate, University of Guelph
Randall Lewis	2018 - 2021	Vice President, Squamish River Watershed Society
Sarah McJannet, RPP MCIP	2018 - 2021	Planner, District of Squamish
Bill Wareham, MBA	2018 - 2021	Director, Sunshine Coast Conservation Association
Janine Beckett	2021	Senior Marine Spatial Planning Officer, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Trevor Dunn	2018 - 2021	Director, Sea to Sky Gondola
Adam Taylor	2018 - 2021	President, Underwater Council of British Columbia
Ken Sneddon	2020 - 2021	Sechelt Creek Contracting Ltd.
Kelly Binning	2019	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Ian Ross	2018 - 2019	Mosaic Forest Management
Megan Sewell	2018	Sewell's Marina
Eric Sewell	2018	Sewell's Marina
Aroha Miller, PhD	2020 - 2021	Manager, Ocean Wise



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Nadine Parker	2019 - 2020	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Kathleen Edwards	2021	Environmental Manager, Squamish Nation

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NAME	YEAR(S)	POSITION
Gwyn Taylor	2024 - Current	Program Coordinator
Matthew Van Oostdam	2022 - 2025	Herring Program Coordinator
Nikita Wallia	2021 - 2025	GIS Analyst, David Suzuki Foundation
Erica Olson	2023 - 2024	Governance & Monitoring Lead
Courtney Smaha	2022 - 2023	Project Director
Melany Sanchez	2023	Project Coordinator
Rebecca McDonald	2023	Marine Debris Coordinator
Vivian Joseph	2022 - 2023	Indigenous Research & Engagement Coordinator
Nolan Rudkowsky	2019 - 2023	Indigenous Research Coordinator
Bridget John	2019 - 2023	Program Manager
Jonathan Williams	2019 - 2023	Indigenous Research & Engagement Coordinator
Myia Antone	2020 - 2023	Indigenous Research & Engagement Coordinator
Eleana Block	2022	Marine Debris Coordinator
Fiona Beaty	2018 - 2021	Project Director
Willem Van Riet	2018 - 2021	GIS Analyst, David Suzuki Foundation

WORKING GROUP TO GUIDE THE IRECS



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NAME	YEARS	AFFILIATION
Joyce Williams	2018 - 2021	Squamish Nation Councillor
Charlene Williams	2018 - 2021	Culture and Language Worker at the Squamish Nation
Linda Williams	2018 - 2021	Squamish Nation Elder
Devan Williams	2018 - 2021	Squamish Nation Councillor
Adrienne Charlie	2018 - 2021	Squamish Nation member
Aaron Marchant	2018 - 2021	Referral Analyst - Squamish Nation

LEADERSHIP PARTNERS		
NAME	YEARS	AFFILIATION
Doug Race	2018 - 2021	District of Squamish Councillor
Kate-Louise Stamford	2018 - 2021	Islands Trust Trustee
Chris Lewis	2018 - 2021	Squamish Nation Councillor
Joyce Williams	2018 - 2021	Squamish Nation Councillor
Ocean Watch Action Committee participants	2018 - 2021	N/A

CURRENT & PAST COLLABORATORS, SUPPORTERS, FUNDERS AND ADVISORS

- Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society
- Art by Di
- Andrew Day
- Average Sunday
- Blueact Marine Society
- Blue Mar for Change
- Bowen Island Municipality
- Carbon Engineering
- Coastal Forage Fish Monitoring Network
- Darcy Dobell
- David Suzuki Foundation
- District of Squamish
- District of West Vancouver
- Diving Sports Canada
- ESRI Canada
- Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program
- Freedom Diving Systems Ltd.
- Galiano Conservancy Association
- Georgia Strait Alliance
- GFL Environmental Inc.
- Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation
- Government of Canada
- Hakai Institute
- Immenso Diving
- Islands Trust
- MakeWay Charitable Society
- MakeWay Marine Protection Fund
- Marine Life Sanctuary Society
- Matthews West
- Metro Vancouver Electoral A
- Moonstone Enterprises
- National Geographic Society
- North Family Foundation
- North Growth Foundation
- Ocean Legacy Foundation
- Ocean Networks Canada
- Ocean Wise
- Pacific Salmon Foundation
- Pacific Science Enterprise Centre
- Patagonia Vancouver
- Project Watershed
- Province of British Columbia
- RBC Future Launch Community Challenge
- Real Estate Foundation of BC
- RUX
- SeaChange Marine Conservation Society
- Sea Dog Expeditions
- Sea to Sky Gondola
- Sewell's Marina
- Simon Fraser University
- Sitka Foundation
- Squamish Community Foundation
- Squamish Lillooet Regional District
- Squamish Nation
- Squamish River Watershed Society
- Squamish Streamkeepers
- Squamish Terminals
- Squamish Yacht Club
- Strait of Georgia Data Centre
- Sunshine Coast Regional District
- Town of Gibsons
- Tseil-Waututh Nation
- University of British Columbia
- Vancouver Foundation
- Valhalla Pure Outfitters Squamish
- Village of Lions Bay
- Vital Kelp Project
- West Coast Aquatic
- West Coast Environmental Law
- West Vancouver Foundation