



Bringing Out the Best for Our Environment



Protecting Clean Air Provincewide

To protect and enhance air quality in B.C., the province has:

- ▶ Strongly opposed the Sumas 2 power plant, to protect air quality, particularly in the Fraser Valley.
- ▶ Committed \$365 million to develop a new rapid transit line along one of the Lower Mainland's busiest corridors.
- ▶ Invested \$4.4 million in clean-energy and fuel-cell research over two years and, with the federal government, committed \$13 million to B.C.'s fuel-cell industry.
- ▶ Added up to 356 hybrid vehicles to the government fleet, reducing fuel costs and air pollution as part of the commitment to safe, healthy communities.
- ▶ Committed to doubling the number of green vehicles in the next three years from the current 15 per cent to 30 per cent.
- ▶ Improved B.C.'s air-quality monitoring and reporting, and has developed a climate change plan to reduce B.C.'s greenhouse gas emissions.

Investing in zero emissions technology



To support B.C.'s leadership in developing clean-air vehicles, the province has invested \$4.4 million in clean-energy and fuel-cell research.

Ensuring Clean, Safe Drinking Water

To ensure safe drinking water, B.C. has:

- ▶ Introduced a comprehensive, \$16-million Drinking Water Action Plan to enhance testing and assessments, strengthen accountability and improve water management and delivery.
- ▶ Created a new \$80 million Community Water Improvement Program to provide safe, reliable and accessible drinking water and improved waste water systems.
- ▶ Established a \$7-million Living Rivers trust fund.
- ▶ Introduced new groundwater protection regulations, the first of their kind in B.C. to improve the safety and quality of the province's groundwater supplies.

Harnessing Clean Energy

The province is working to ensure clean energy sources play increasing roles in meeting B.C.'s growing energy needs.

- ▶ B.C.'s Energy Plan has set the target of producing 50 per cent of all new electricity through clean and renewable energy sources. It also encourages energy efficiency and conservation.
- ▶ The province has facilitated the largest purchase of green energy in B.C.'s history, resulting in 16 power projects, including hydro, land-fill gas and wind energy.
- ▶ B.C. committed over \$13 million toward 28 "green" and six community infrastructure projects, including investments to improve the energy efficiency of local government facilities.
- ▶ Expansion of the used oil recycling program means almost 20 million more litres of used oil and millions of used filters will be recycled in B.C.

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Strong, Science-Based Environmental Management

In support of science-based, principled environmental management, B.C. has:

- ▶ Appointed a Provincial Species-at-Risk Recovery Co-ordinator, to accelerate progress on the recovery of mountain caribou and other species at risk.
- ▶ Adopted a scientific approach to salmon aquaculture management, implementing one of the most comprehensive regulatory regimes in the world.
- ▶ Provided \$17.2 million in grants through the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund to support fish and wildlife conservation projects across B.C.
- ▶ The Province is establishing a B.C. Conservation Corps, a new program aimed at developing a new generation of conservationists and getting students and recent graduates active and thinking about conservation.

Sustainability for B.C.'s Number-One Industry



B.C. plants 200 million new trees a year – six every second – with more than 5 billion seedlings planted so far.

Promoting Sustainable Land Use and Wildlife Protection

To ensure responsible stewardship of our lands and wildlife, the province has:

- ▶ Enhanced B.C.'s ability to protect species at risk, introducing legislation that enables government to designate species for additional protection.
- ▶ Invested \$12 million a year in forest research to ensure leading, sustainable forest management.
- ▶ Established a new public lands trust of \$8 million to support conservation of ecologically important private lands for the benefit of the public in British Columbia.
- ▶ Increased funding to protect forest and range land from the effects of invasive plants, to a total of \$8 million over the next two years, more than B.C. has ever spent on this issue before.

Protecting More B.C. Splendour in Parks

To enhance the diversity of B.C.'s parks, the province has:

- ▶ Established the Southern Gulf Islands National Park with the federal government and provided \$25 million for Gulf Islands parkland acquisition.
- ▶ Created 37 new parks and expanded 34 more, protecting more than 150,000 hectares of B.C. wilderness.
- ▶ Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the federal government to explore the potential for a new national park in the Okanagan and marine conservation areas to protect some of B.C.'s most valuable marine ecosystems.
- ▶ Completed a \$73-million agreement to protect Burns Bog. This vital ecosystem is known as "The Lungs of the Lower Mainland" for its significant contribution to air quality.

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Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection

www.gov.bc.ca/wlap

BC Parks

www.bcparks.ca

Discover Camping

Vancouver: 604 689-9025

Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 689-9025

www.discovercamping.ca

Habitat Conservation Trust Fund

Victoria: 250 387-9853

Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 387-9853

www.hctf.ca

Conservation Officer Service

Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 663-9453 (WILD)

wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/eeeb

Provincial Emergency Program

Provincial Emergency Reporting: 1 800 663-3456

www.pep.bc.ca

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

www.gov.bc.ca/agf

Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C.

Victoria: 250 414-4200

Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management

www.gov.bc.ca/srm

Environmental Assessment Office

Victoria: 250 356-7479

www.eao.gov.bc.ca

Land and Water BC

Victoria: 250 952-6246

www.lwbc.bc.ca

Ministry of Forests

www.gov.bc.ca/for

We want your input

B.C. is renowned for its spectacular scenery and incredible natural environment. The province is working to protect and enhance this environmental legacy.

We're honouring our commitment to adopt a scientifically based, principled approach to environmental management that ensures sustainability, accountability and responsibility.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on our measures to protect and enhance B.C.'s water, land and air resources.

Gordon Campbell
Premier

E-mail your comments to: premier@gov.bc.ca