

Thursday, July 16, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, KC
Premier of British Columbia

The Honourable Randene Neill
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

Re: Follow-up to BC Nature's July 2025 Letter on the Implementation of the Coastal Marine Strategy

Dear Premier Eby and Minister Neill,

In July 2025, BC Nature wrote to encourage the Province to prioritize implementation of British Columbia's Coastal Marine Strategy by providing adequate funding and establishing a legislative framework to support its long-term success. We appreciated the opportunity to share our recommendations but are disappointed that we have not received a response.

The Coastal Marine Strategy remains a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve the stewardship of British Columbia's coast while strengthening biodiversity, climate resilience, Indigenous partnerships, and sustainable coastal economies. We continue to believe that successful implementation will require sustained leadership, adequate resources, and a clear legislative foundation.

BC Nature represents 64 member organizations focused on nature, conservation, and environmental stewardship, with more than 6,000 members across British Columbia. We remain committed to working collaboratively with the Province and our conservation partners to help advance the Coastal Marine Strategy and achieve its long-term vision.

We respectfully request a response to our original correspondence and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or members of your staff to discuss how BC Nature can support the successful implementation of the Coastal Marine Strategy.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold Sellers".

Harold Sellers
President, BC Nature

Reference: <https://bcnature.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-07-10-A-Pivotal-Provincial-Priority-One-Year-Since-BC-Launched-its-Coastal-Marine-Strategy.pdf>