

# BC MÉTIS FEDERATION CONSERVATION

A VISUAL JOURNEY OF MAY



Coastal  
Water Protectors



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# SWEEPING

## *the shores*

The BC Métis Federation's Department of Conservation successfully held its second shoreline cleanup of the year, "Sweeping the Shores," at Kitsilano Beach in Vancouver. The event, aimed at preserving the natural beauty and health of the local marine environment, was a resounding success, drawing over 100 enthusiastic volunteers.

Participants from various communities came together to remove litter and debris from the beach, demonstrating a strong communal commitment to environmental stewardship. The high turnout and spirited participation underscored the growing public awareness and support for conservation efforts within the region.



Volunteers were equipped with the necessary PPE to ensure a safe and efficient cleanup process. Refreshments were provided, keeping the energy levels high and fostering a sense of camaraderie among the participants. The event not only resulted in a cleaner beach but also highlighted the importance of collective action in environmental conservation.

By engaging a large and diverse group of volunteers, the BC Métis Federation's Department of Conservation continues to build a strong foundation for ongoing community involvement in protecting our natural resources.







# WESTERN CANADIAN MARINE RESPONSE CORPORATION







The Department of Conservation with the BC Métis Federation visited and took a tour of the Western Canadian Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) in Vancouver. The tour was aimed at enhancing collaborative efforts in environmental protection and understanding the advanced marine spill response capabilities of WCMRC. Both organizations discussed the importance of rapid response to marine spills, highlighting the critical role of indigenous knowledge and practices in environmental stewardship.

During the visit, representatives from the Department of Conservation with BC Métis Federation were given an in-depth look at WCMRC's state-of-the-art equipment and response strategies. The tour fostered a greater appreciation of the sophisticated technology and comprehensive planning involved in marine spill response. This visit underscored the mutual commitment to protecting Western Canada's marine environments, ensuring sustainable and effective management practices are in place to safeguard coastal ecosystems.







THE AQUA

AGENDA

*Podcast*

The BC Métis Federation's Department of Conservation has recently embarked on an exciting new venture with the launch of their podcast titled "The Aqua Agenda." This initiative aims to bring awareness to conservation issues, focusing on land, sea, and aquatic ecosystems. Hosted by Angel Fisher, the Director of Conservation, Zia Yazdani, Conservation Manager, and Tanner Oswald, the Department Coordinator, the podcast serves as a dynamic platform to discuss pressing environmental topics, share knowledge, and inspire action among listeners.

Angel Fisher brings a wealth of expertise and passion to the podcast, guiding discussions with a deep understanding of conservation, having worked in the department for over six years. Her leadership is complemented by Zia Yazdani's extensive experience in emergency preparedness, and creatively managing conservation projects. Tanner Oswald adds another layer of insight, with his role in coordinating departmental activities and community outreach. Together, these hosts create a well-rounded and engaging dialogue that appeals to a broad audience.

"The Aqua Agenda" releases episodes biweekly on Spotify, ensuring a steady stream of content that keeps listeners informed and engaged.

One of the highlights of "The Aqua Agenda" is its lineup of amazing and inspirational guest speakers. Every few episodes, the hosts invite experts, and community leaders to share their experiences and perspectives. These interviews provide listeners with diverse viewpoints and firsthand accounts of conservation efforts around the province. Whether it's a marine biologist discussing the latest in oceanography or an indigenous leader sharing traditional ecological knowledge, these guest speakers add significant value and depth to the podcast's content.

The BC Métis Federation's Department of Conservation aims to not only educate but also inspire and mobilize listeners through "The Aqua Agenda." By fostering a deeper understanding of environmental issues and highlighting successful conservation efforts, the podcast encourages a collective effort towards sustainability. The hosts' commitment to their cause is evident in every episode, as they work tirelessly to make a positive impact on our future.

In summary, "The Aqua Agenda" is a vibrant and informative podcast that addresses crucial conservation topics with expertise and enthusiasm. Hosted by Angel Fisher, Zia Yazdani, and Tanner Oswald, the biweekly episodes on Spotify offer valuable insights and inspirational stories, making it a must-listen for anyone interested in the well-being of our land, sea, and aquatic ecosystems.

KAMLOOPS

*& clearwater*



The BC Métis Federation's Conservation Department recently embarked on an enriching trip to the community of Clearwater, aligning their visit with the BC Métis Federation's "Learn Michif with Me" session. Setting up a table filled with conservation information, the team aimed to educate and engage community members on various environmental issues and initiatives. The session provided a unique opportunity to blend cultural education with environmental awareness, fostering a holistic approach to community engagement.

After the session, the Conservation team spent a delightful late afternoon exploring the natural beauty of the area. They visited nearby aquatic attractions, including the stunning Spahats Creek Falls and Dawson Falls. These excursions allowed the team to appreciate firsthand the pristine environments they are dedicated to preserving and to gather inspiration for their ongoing conservation efforts. The natural splendor of these sites reinforced the importance of their mission and provided a serene backdrop for team bonding and reflection.

The following day, the Conservation Department traveled to Kamloops, where they were all set up for the BC Métis Federation community meet and greet. This event was a significant platform for the team to connect with community members, discussing pressing conservation issues and sharing their expertise. The team distributed their newly released spill kits, a practical tool designed to help community members respond to small-scale environmental spills.

Throughout the meet and greet, the team engaged in meaningful dialogues with community members, gathering insights and feedback that would inform future conservation strategies. The interaction underscored the importance of community involvement in conservation efforts and the mutual benefits of sharing knowledge and resources.

To round off their trip, the team explored Monck Provincial Park the next day. This exploration was both a recreational and educational experience, providing the team with a deeper understanding of the diverse ecosystems within the park. Observing the natural habitats and wildlife, the team was reminded of the intricate balance within these ecosystems and the critical need for their protection. The visit to Monck Provincial Park served as a perfect conclusion to their trip, reinforcing their dedication to conservation.





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