



# Vancouver Island's Last Great Rainforest

It's well known that healthy forests create healthy rivers, which provide habitat for wild salmon. Research has shown that returning salmon provide the nitrogen that fertilizes the forests. This is what the Nuu-chah-nulth have been saying all along: 'hishuk ish tsawalk—everything is one.'

Clayoquot Sound is located in British Columbia on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The region, unceded traditional territory and home of Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations, is world-renowned for its ancient rainforests, monumental cedars, wild salmon, wolves, bears, and whales.

## Much of Clayoquot Sound remains unlogged because of committed activism.

A 1984 blockade kept loggers off Meares Island until First Nations obtained a court injunction and declared Meares a Tribal Park. In 1993, the largest act of peaceful civil disobedience in Canadian history thwarted plans to log two-thirds of Clayoquot Sound.

Today it's not just about logging—Clayoquot has one of the densest concentrations of salmon feedlots on the

BC coast, with 21 sites. Wild salmon are in exceptional decline everywhere salmon feedlots are in operation around the world.

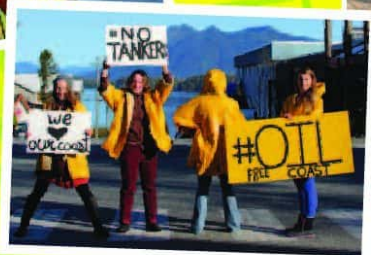
Imperial Metals of Vancouver is considering two mines in the region. These mines would damage the landscape and present a toxic risk to salmon—a legacy that could endure for centuries.

There is also the risk of pipelines with the associated increase in oil tankers full of diluted bitumen from Alberta's tar sands travelling just offshore. A major oil spill on Long Beach is an unacceptable risk.

Mining proposals, salmon farms, and oil tankers threaten Clayoquot Sound. Instead of industrial development, let's develop a sustainable culture that allows ecosystems to flourish alongside healthy human communities!



Shirley Aitken photo



## ACTION || #OilFreeCoast

On April 1st Clayoquot Action staged an innovative street and cyber action—a mock oil spill in Tofino—as part of a national day of action against climate change. Check out the short, moving videos at [www.tofinooilspill.com](http://www.tofinooilspill.com).

# CLAYOQUOT SOUND OF FREEDOM

Join master digital storytellers Dan Lewis and Bonny Glambeck for a multimedia journey through the visually stunning landscape, wildlife and culture of Clayoquot Sound. Don't miss this entertaining, informative and inspiring evening!

Tuesdays at 8pm in July & August, at the Clayoquot Community Theatre. **Free admission. Premieres July 8th.**

"My daughters and I attended your presentation last night. Thank you so much for sharing that educational, inspiring and critically important information. Your message was positive, potent and real in a way that my 17-year-old daughter was also lifted by, and so creative and beautiful that the 10-year-old sat engrossed."

—S.D., Alberta



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## RESEARCH || Mineral Tenures

This summer Clayoquot Action will be completing an inventory of mineral tenures in Clayoquot Sound, to find out who has an interest in exploring for minerals here, and how serious they are about opening mines. This will be the first step in developing a comprehensive community response to ensure that the ecological integrity of the region is not threatened by mining.