



PEOPLE POWER!

The strength of Clayoquot Action is—people like you! Please consider joining the movement to protect wild salmon.

None of this works unless you read, share, add your voice and donate. You'll feel good, being part of something vital, and helping to make history—again.

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RIGHTS & TITLE || Clayoquot Action recognizes and supports the Indigenous Rights and Title of the Hesquiaht, Ahousaht, and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations—stewards since time immemorial of the lands and waters now called Clayoquot Sound.

WHO WE ARE || For over thirty-five years Clayoquot Action founders Dan Lewis and Bonny Glambeck have been working to protect this awe-inspiring place from the threats of clearcut logging, mining, oil spills, and salmon farming. Clayoquot Action stands for democratic rights, Indigenous rights, and the rights of Mother Earth. Our small but mighty staff, together with local volunteers and backed online by people around the world, run strategic, people-powered campaigns to help Clayoquot Sound remain one of the most beautiful places left on earth.

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP!

LEARN MORE:



There's something special about Clayoquot Sound—you can feel it in the air.

Clayoquot Sound is the Last Great Rainforest on Vancouver Island—unceded traditional territory of Hesquiaht, Ahousaht, and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, and world-renowned for monumental cedars, whales, bears, wild salmon, and wolves. Wild salmon are the lifeblood of these ancestral forests and ancient cultures, providing sustenance and fertilizing the ecosystem which sustains life.

LEARN MORE

Visit our website at ClayoquotAction.org to find out how you can make the difference for wild salmon.

PEOPLE POWER TO WIN!

Sign up to hear about the latest developments. You'll be the first to know when you can send letters, sign petitions, and more.

VOLUNTEER

Whether you enjoy working with people at public events, doing research, or getting outdoors with a mission, Clayoquot Sound needs your help!

FUND THE CAMPAIGN

The protection of Clayoquot Sound is powered by people like you. The wild ones need you. Please donate \$25, \$50, or \$100 today to help protect wild salmon.



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Standing in Tofino, looking out at the rainforest-covered mountains, you would never know that up the inlets, trouble is brewing...

BACKBONE OF THE COAST



Floating open-net pen fish farms dot the inlets. These facilities spread pathogens, parasites and poop, and are pushing wild salmon to the brink of extinction.

The crowded open net pen facilities do nothing to contain tiny viral particles or salmon lice. Most farms are infected with PRV, a deadly virus from the Atlantic ocean. Because fish breathe through gills, it is dead-easy for a wild salmon migrating past to become infected. Salmon farms are parasite incubators. The lice pass freely through the nets to infest baby wild salmon, which are too young to have developed protective scales. One louse can be a fatal load...

Then there's the poop and uneaten pellets. These simply drop out the bottom, smothering any creatures living on the ocean floor. One fish farm emits salmon sewage equivalent to a city of 150,000 people! And there are 20 fish farms in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region...

REMOVING FISH FARMS WORKS!

On a good note, removing fish farms from the ocean works. Forty percent of salmon farms in BC waters have been removed since 2020, thanks to First Nations on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

And those Nations are being richly rewarded, with abundant returns of wild salmon. This has been going on since 2022, when the first Pink salmon runs not exposed to fish farms returned to their natal streams. And every cycle, they return in greater abundance!

More good news: the Canadian government has banned open-net pen salmon farms from BC waters as of July 1st, 2029. This winter, the Federal Court of Appeal upheld the Minister's right to use the precautionary principle when making decisions, noting the dire consequences that declining wild salmon stocks could have for First Nations rights, the economy, and the social fabric of British Columbia.

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations stopped the loggers on Meares Island in 1985. During Clayoquot Summer 1993, nearly 1000 people chose to commit civil disobedience to protect ancestral forests. It paid off—30 years later, local First Nations were able to announce with the BC government that 62% of their territories is protected from industrial logging. Now it's time to ensure wild salmon will continue to feed these rainforests for years to come!

130 First Nations want salmon farms removed from the ocean—along with 75% of British Columbians. Washington State has banned fish farms. BC is now the only jurisdiction on the west coast of North America allowing fish farms in the ocean.

As someone who loves, visits, or lives on the west coast, you have an opportunity to take a stand for wild salmon. Take action, no matter how small. Refuse to purchase farmed salmon—always ask your server 'is your salmon wild or farmed?'.

<https://clayoquotaction.org/add-your-voice/>



Please take a moment to sign our petition, reminding government officials that people like you care about protecting Nature:



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Wednesdays at 8pm
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 Waterwalker Film Festival 2024

SALMON SECRETS

Salmon Secrets is an award-winning documentary film made by Clayoquot Action, right here in Tofino. Full of stunning whale and wildlife footage, it describes the important ecological and cultural roles played by wild salmon, the decline of wild salmon, and the fight to protect wild salmon by removing all salmon farms from the ocean. Featuring interviews with Tla-o-qui-aht master carver Joe Martin, Ahousaht tourism operator Skookum John, and Clayoquot Action co-founder Dan Lewis. Also featuring marine biologist and best-selling author Alexandra Morton, and traditional 'Namgis Chief Ernest Alfred, who document the successful resurgence of salmon after the removal of fish farms from the Broughton Area.

"I watched Salmon Secrets the other day, and just wanted to say it's fantastic. Gorgeous, thoughtful shots, good pacing and narrative arc, generous interviews. I teared up a little once or twice, which is rare for me. It's an excellent film."

—Tom, Ontario