



Watershed and Fisheries Sustainability Questions

- 1. There has been inadequate federal investment in BC's fish resources, as evidenced by a large number of species recommended for SARA listing. What actions will you take to ensure the conservation of populations and habitat take priority over commercial fishing and habitat degradation?**

There are many developments in British Columbia and around the world that show great promise in reducing risks to wild stocks, and there is no reason that Canada cannot be a global leader in this field. Canada's Conservatives believe that we must protect these iconic species and ensure that our wild stocks remain healthy. A Conservative government will support efforts to transition BC's salmon farming industry to more sustainable practices and technology that will reduce potential risks to our wild stocks.

- 2. How is the federal government going to implement strategies to ensure the abundance and diversity of salmon and other fish stocks?**

We look forward to working with the many groups to address this in the coming months.

- 3. Bill C-68 Fisheries Act Amendments received Royal Assent on June 2019. Will you support the early implementation of the ecologically significant area provisions in the act?**

A Conservative government will restore funding for the community-led National Wetland Conservation Fund (NWCF), and restore funding for the community-led Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program (RFCPP), both which were cancelled by the Trudeau Liberals.

Canada's Conservatives will create a new fund for community-based projects targeted to wildlife enhancement, and maintain the Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk. Further, a Conservative government will maintain important national conservation programs, including the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the Natural Heritage Conservation Program. As Prime Minister, Andrew Scheer will work to implement policies that positively impact our environment, while putting more money in the pockets of Canadians.

- 4. Do you support the rapid and orderly transition from open-net pen fisheries to land-based systems for the fin-fish aquaculture industry?**

The Conservative Party will have more to say on this over the course of the campaign.

- 5. What plans do you have for national watershed sustainability initiatives and what level of investment will you support?**

In 2007, the previous Conservative government implemented the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund, It funded over 200 community-based projects that restored fish and wildlife populations, planted thousands of new trees, and reduced harmful sewage and waste dumps into watersheds. As Prime Minister, Andrew Scheer will maintain support for watershed protection in significant wetlands, including the Great Lakes, and Lake Winnipeg, and restore the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund.