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## Some of our key achievements in 2011...

- **DEFEATED** the federal government's attempt to reverse a court ruling ordering them to protect critical habitat of killer whales.
- **SPOTLIGHTED** the issue of oil tankers in Georgia Strait, raised public awareness of the plan for expansion of tanker traffic and its risks, and helped the Union of BC Municipalities pass a resolution calling for public consultation.
- **REPRESENTED** citizens concerned with increased tanker traffic in meetings with government and the shipping industry.
- **ENGAGED** with full standing in the Cohen Inquiry into the decline of Fraser River Sockeye, part of a coalition questioning witnesses, submitting evidence and recommendations for Judge Cohen's final report.
- **RECRUITED** six new marinas, harbour authorities and yacht clubs to the Clean Marine BC program, and helped four others win eco-certification.
- **ADDED** 500 locations of social and ecological importance to the Georgia Strait Communities Atlas, and updated and improved this comprehensive online resource.
- **DELIVERED** a message to Canada's Minister of Fisheries & Oceans and the salmon farm companies, from 54 organizations and almost 1700 concerned individuals, that net cage fish farms must be removed from Wild Salmon Narrows.
- **MOBILIZED** opposition to proposals for "organic" certification for farmed salmon and for a new net cage salmon farm in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.
- **SUPPORTED** and promoted positive advancements in closed containment and land-based salmon farming technology and helped move two new projects forward.
- **COMPLETED** nine intertidal flora and fauna studies on Greater Victoria and Pender Island beaches.
- **SPOKE OUT** at the transboundary Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference, a major bi-annual event, giving three presentations, participating in technical workshops and hosting an information table.
- **INFORMED AND ENGAGED** thousands of people at 35 local public events around the region.
- **CELEBRATED** a new BC/federal government agreement that brought a National Marine Conservation Area in the Southern Strait of Georgia closer to reality.

Space limitations prevent us from listing the details for all our activities in 2011. If you'd like more information, check out our website: [www.GeorgiaStrait.org](http://www.GeorgiaStrait.org)

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**Jenn Burt**, **Heather Coupland**, **Paige de Moissac**,  
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# YOU make it possible!

*As an independent, charitable society, GSA depends on your support to continue working to protect and restore our coastal waters. Each year, funding for our programs comes from a variety of sources including grants and donations. We are honoured to have your support. Thank you! The list below includes grants, partnership contributions, donations and gifts in-kind of \$100 or more in 2011. Our sincere apologies if there are any errors or omissions (please let us know).*

### SUSTAINERS (\$25,000 or more)

Colin Armour (Estate of Stuart Armour), Global Greengrants Fund, Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, Vancity enviroFund

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Eden Conservation Trust, Mountain Equipment Co-op, The British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement, Victoria Foundation

### RESTORERS (\$5,000 – \$9,999)

BC Marine Trades Association, Human Resources & Skills Development Canada, RBC Foundation—RBC Blue Water Project, The Bank of Nova Scotia, The McLean Foundation, University of British Columbia

### PROTECTORS (\$2,500 – \$4,999)

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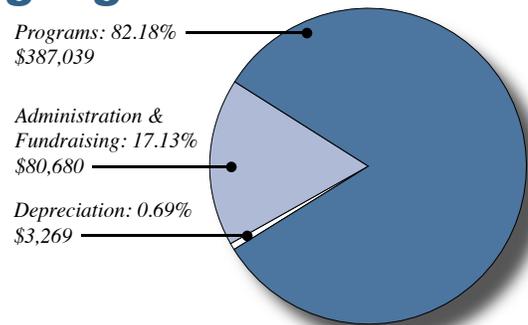
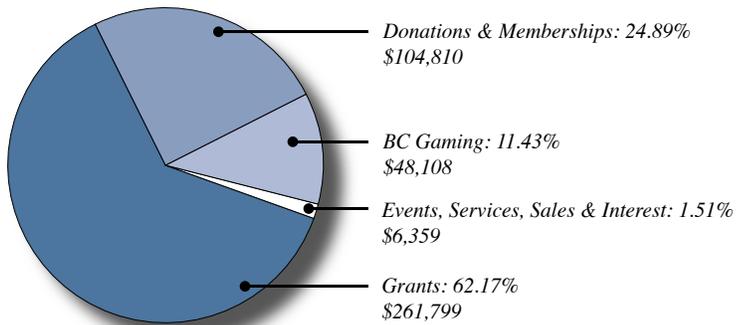
#### **FRIENDS (up to \$99)**

Space limitations prevent us from publishing the names of hundreds of additional caring individuals, organizations and businesses that contributed in 2011. Thank you all for your commitment to protecting the Strait.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Our success also depends on volunteers, who provide invaluable help in the office, staffing displays at events, technical assistance, beach clean-ups, biological monitoring and many other important tasks throughout the year. Our volunteers are too numerous to list here, but we extend a hearty round of thanks and appreciation to all.

# 2011 Financial Highlights



**Revenues FY11: \$421,076**

**Expenses FY11: \$470,988**

## Financial Position as of December 31, 2011

Current Assets	\$256,359 (includes \$53,525 in Working Capital Reserve/Sustainability Fund)
Long-term Investments (Endowment Fund)	\$ 26,235
Capital Assets	\$806,869 (includes bequested land for resale with a FMV of \$795,000)
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	(\$429,811) (includes 50% FMV of bequested land; 50% to co-benefactor upon sale)
Deferred Contributions	(\$155,068) (received or receivable in FY11 but committed to our work in FY12)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$504,584</b>

**In-Kind Contributions:** In addition to the revenue above, GSA received an estimated value of \$34,613 in donated goods, services and \$29,627 in volunteer time in FY 2011 for a total of \$64,240.

**Deficiency of Revenues over Expenses:** To comply with BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch regulations, revenue from gaming is recognized as revenue when received. Gaming funding dropped significantly in the current year, with a decrease in the net gaming fund balance of \$41,804, which has a direct effect of creating a deficiency of revenues over expenditures. The total deficiency of revenues over expenditures for the current year is \$49,912, with the non-gaming fund balance of \$8,108 being covered by excess earnings in the prior year.

The above report is a preliminary summary only and not intended to reflect the complete financial status of the Georgia Strait Alliance. The full financial statements will be presented at our annual general meeting June 2, 2012. Members unable to attend who wish to receive the statements should contact our Nanaimo office at 250-753-3459.

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