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Southern Resident Killer Whale Symposium Symposium sur les épaulards Résidents du sud

In November 2016, the Government of Canada announced the Oceans Protection Plan <http://www.tc.gc.ca/en/campaigns/protecting-coasts.html> (OPP), which includes a commitment to address threats to at-risk marine mammal populations, including the Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW).

A key milestone in contributing to our understanding of the threats facing SRKW and the actions needed for protection and recovery is the hosting of a SRKW symposium on October 11-12, 2017 in Vancouver, British Columbia at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

The Government of Canada is committed to taking action to better understand and address the primary threats facing this population of endangered whales, and has been working with key stakeholders and Indigenous groups over the last several months through face-to-face and on-line engagement opportunities. To further this commitment, the Government of Canada will build on the extensive work to date and further advance the understanding of the threats to the SRKW population.

Symposium Objectives:

1. Ensure that all interested parties have a full understanding of the most recent science on southern resident Killer whale (SRKW) and understand the short, medium and long-term challenges with potential solutions to address the threats to this population.
2. Promote further dialogue to improve our shared understanding of the complex issues and shared responsibilities among stakeholders with respect to protecting and recovering SRKW; and,
3. Develop the relationships, partnerships and governance elements required to protect and recover SRKW by confirming actions of key players, roles and responsibilities, and cooperative research opportunities.



AGENDA— Subject to Updates

OCTOBER 10 – By Invitation Only

11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Registration and Information Desk
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Technical Session 1: Contaminants and the Food Web Chair: Peter Ross, Vancouver Aquarium
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm	Technical Session 2: Noise and Disturbance Chair: Kate Moran, Ocean Networks Canada
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Technical Session 3: Prey Availability Chair: Brian Riddell, Pacific Salmon Foundation
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Technical Session 4: Integrative Dialogue Session Chair: Christianne Wilhelmson, Georgia Strait Alliance

OCTOBER 11

7:00 am to 5:00 pm	Registration and Information Desk
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast Action Showcase Exhibits
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Opening Coast Salish Protocol Welcome
9:30 am to 9:45 am	Welcome From Province of B.C.
9:45 am to 10:15 am	Opening Remarks
10:15 am to 10:45 am	Networking Break
10:45 am to 11:15 am	Setting The Stage For The Symposium Natasha Rascanin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Transport Canada
11:15 am to 12:45 pm	Lessons Learned: Addressing The Three Key Threats Panelist: Lynne Barre, SRKW Recovery Coordinator, NOAA Panelist: Orla Robinson, ECHO Others TBC

	Lunch
1:45 pm to 2:15 pm	Keynote Address: SRKW Ecology Dr. John Ford, University of British Columbia
2:15 pm to 4:15 pm	Linkages Between Threats Panelist: Dr. Teresa Ryan, Tsimshian First Nation Panelist: Tim Kulchyski, Cowichan Tribe Panelist: Carleen Thomas, Tsleil-Wuatuth First Nation Panelist: Ray Harris, Chemainus First Nation Panelist: Brian Wadhams, Namgis First Nation
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Networking Break
4:15 pm to 5:00 pm	Review and Day Two Outlook
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Reception / No Host Bar

OCTOBER 12

7:00 am to 5:00 pm	Registration and Information Desk
7:00 am to 8:15 am	Continental Breakfast Action Showcase Exhibits
8:15 am to 8:30 am	Welcome and Day One Review
8:30 am to 8:50 am	Call to Action
8:50 am to 9:00 am	Introduction to Day Two
9:00 am to 10:15	Outcomes of Technical Sessions
10:15 am to 10:45 am	Networking Break
10:45 am to 12:15 pm	Path Forward Panelist: Serge Buy, Canadian Ferry Association

Panelist: Christina Burrige, Seafood Alliance
Panelist: Robert Lewis-Manning, BC Chamber of Shipping
Panelist: John Ford, University of British Columbia
Panelist: Lance Barrett-Lennard, Vancouver Aquarium
Panelist: Andrew Trites, University of British Columbia
Others TBC

Lunch

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Path Forward (Continued)

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Networking Break

3:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Government Panel Discussion

4:45 pm to 5:00 pm

Symposium Summary

Trevor Swerdfager, Senior ADM, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

5:00 pm to 5:10 pm

Closing Coast Salish Remarks