

Candidate survey from Georgia Strait Alliance – Provincial election 2017

Georgia Strait Alliance is a registered charity with 15,000 supporters that works to protect and restore the marine environment and promote the sustainability of the Georgia Strait and surrounding communities. We are inviting candidates participating in the 2017 provincial election in selected ridings in the Georgia Strait region to complete the following brief survey on issues of importance to our organization.

We will share the results via email and on our website prior to general voting day.

If you have any questions about the survey or our work, please contact alexandra@georgiastrait.org.

1) What is your position on Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline project?

If you oppose the project, what specific steps would you take if elected to ensure the project does not proceed?

If you support the project, what specific steps would you take if elected to ensure BC's communities, environment and economy are protected?

2) In 2016 the *Environmental Management Act* was amended to develop [a new framework for land-based spill preparedness and response in BC](#), which will be implemented through future regulations.

What is your view of the proposed framework? What, if any, changes would you make to the framework if you were to form government, and what would be your first priorities?

How would you propose to work with the federal government to strengthen marine spill planning and response, and to ensure that the provincial and federal regimes are aligned?

What specific actions can the provincial government take to ensure that local communities are meaningfully involved in oil spill planning and response?

For example, would you support provincial recognition of and funding for a Regional Community Advisory Council ([a world-leading tool pioneered in Alaska, see p. 71](#)) as a formal mechanism for local governments, First Nations and coastal community stakeholders to participate in oil spill prevention, preparedness, planning and recovery?

3) Do you have any additional comments or activities you would like to share with our supporters?