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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FORUM 2013

Questions for Candidates

Land Use Planning - Most of the Province of BC has higher-level strategic land use planning in place. These plans offer certainty in meeting the land based needs for integrated commercial, social and environmental sustainability. Three times the Province has initiated and then cancelled strategic land use planning for this riding. What are your views on a Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) for the greater Sunshine Coast region?

Drinking Water Protection - Community watershed protection has been a hugely contentious issue for Sunshine Coast residents for more than 40 years. Currently there is an agreement (the Joint Watershed Management Agreement) between the Sunshine Coast Regional District and the Sechelt (shíshálh) First Nation in which these parties agree to seek management authority over the Chapman and Gray watersheds which provide 23,000 residents with drinking water. What are your views about protecting our region's drinking water? Do you support the JWMA agreement and are you prepared to help get it recognized by the Province?

Restoration of the Salmon Fishery - Pacific Salmon have been the mainstay of human societies in our region for at least the last 10,000 years. The Sunshine Coast's major Salmon spawning rivers have been in steady decline for many years now. What are your views on how to restore our region's salmon populations? And, do you consider fish farming and run-of-the-river hydro projects to be a threat to the recovery process?

Note; information about salmon returns for each of the region's major spawning streams is available at www.thescca.ca

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Our Mission
To preserve the natural biodiversity
of the Sunshine Coast region for
the present and future benefit
Of humanity and all life

The format of the evening will be as follows:

1. Moderator establishes format and rules, and reviews the three advance questions.
2. Five (5) minutes for each candidate to introduce themselves and to give a summary of their responses to the three advance questions.
3. The moderator will then open the floor to questions from the audience. Statements from the floor will be tolerated for up to one minute, but if no question is forthcoming by that time, the microphone will be cut off after a 10-second warning.
4. If a question is directed at a single candidate, that candidate will have two (2) minutes to respond, with all other candidates given the opportunity for a one (1) minute rebuttal.
5. If a question is directed at all candidates, each will have two (2) minutes to respond. Time extensions will be at the discretion of the moderator for complex issues and dependent on time available. Speaking order will be alphabetical alternating with anti-alphabetical by last name.
6. Closing statements of three (3) minutes will conclude the evening.

Thank you for participating in this valuable public event.

Sincerely,

Jason Herz
chair, SCCA