

RE: Congratulations - Letter and reports for your review from Stand.earth

From: Shoquist, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Shoquist@gov.bc.ca>
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 12, 2021 1:04:19 PM PST

Hi Sandra,
Just checking in, has there been any update on a possible meeting with Stand.earth?
Thanks,

Sarah Shoquist

Administrative Assistant to
The Honourable George Heyman,
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
and Minister Responsible for TransLink
(250) 387-1187

From: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX <Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>; Shoquist, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Shoquist@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Congratulations - Letter and reports for your review from Stand.earth

Hi Sandra,
PSD would like to attend meeting if it works for his schedule.
Thank you,
Lis

From: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX <Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca>; Shoquist, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Shoquist@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Congratulations - Letter and reports for your review from Stand.earth
Lisa, would PS Donnelly be interested if we meet?

From: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX <Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Shoquist, Sarah ENV:EX <Sarah.Shoquist@gov.bc.ca>; Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Congratulations - Letter and reports for your review from Stand.earth
Hi Sandra,
I just checked with Jack and he says this is something MoS Cullen should lead.
Thank you,
Lisa

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Good afternoon Sandra and Lisa,
Just checking in to see how your offices are actioning/have actioned the below meeting request. PS Greene is interested in joining if you will be meeting, but we will leave it to you to take the lead.
Thanks,

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From: Anna Barford <anna@stand.earth>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 2:11 PM

To: Cullen.MLA, Nathan <Nathan.Cullen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Greene.MLA, Kelly <Kelly.Greene.MLA@leg.bc.ca>;
Donnelly.MLA, Fin <Fin.Donnelly.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

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Sent: March 1, 2021 9:55:38 AM PST
Attachments: image001.png, 20201204 letter to Greene Cullen Donnelly.pdf, Stand_Cleaner Coast_Final_July2020 copy.pdf, 20200128-ICCT-StandEarth-Climate-Implications-LNG-As-Marine-Fuel.pdf, Air-water-pollution-scrubbers-dec2020.pdf

Good Morning Anna,

I am looking to schedule a 30 minute MS Teams meeting with yourself and Minister of State Nathan Cullen, PS Greene, PS Fin Donnelly, Deputy Minister Lori Halls, LNRO and Assistant Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Jen McGuire for:

March 30th

1:15-1:45pm

If you have other members that would like to attend, please let me know their email and I will send an invitation. Look forward to hearing back from you. If you have any materials you would like to forward on, or what I have as attachments is fine, please send to me.

Thank you

Sandra



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The attached report released in February of 2020, authored by the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) provides groundbreaking new analysis on the use of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as a marine fuel. LNG is primarily methane, a greenhouse gas that traps 86 times more heat in the atmosphere than the same amount of CO₂ over a 20-year timeframe. This report examines a previously poorly understood source of fugitive methane emissions from ship engines. It found that the most popular LNG ship engine leads to 70% - 82% more lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to the cleanest fuel currently available, marine gas oil (MGO).

Global shipping is already responsible for 3% of global carbon emissions. If it were a country, it would be the world's sixth largest GHG emitter. A 2015 European Union study, done before the new understanding of fugitive methane emissions from ship engines, showed that under a business-as-usual pathway, shipping would be responsible for a staggering 17% of global GHG emissions by 2050.

The ICCT report was submitted to the United Nations International Maritime Organization (IMO), which then used this new methodology in its analysis for the final report of the Fourth IMO Greenhouse Gas Study. The UN body found that methane emissions from the shipping sector increased by 150% between 2012 and 2018.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated that methane emissions must be reduced by 35% *or more* from 2010 levels by 2050 if a 1.5 °C target is to be met. Investments to support the use of LNG as a marine fuel, including increased fracking and building LNG bunkering infrastructure, makes neither economic nor scientific sense. The use of LNG must be phased out to meet our climate commitments, not expanded.

The second attached report examines the enormous volumes of water pollution from the multiple cruise ship waste streams that are dumped along the BC coasts, directly into the critical habitat of Southern Resident Killer Whales. These waste streams include sewage, greywater, and the contaminated washwater from Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems, also known as scrubbers.

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This analysis found that had cruise ships been permitted to travel the normal seasonal routes up the BC coast this summer, the ships would have dumped a staggering 31 billion litres of scrubber washwater, 1.8 billion litres of greywater, and 220 million litres of sewage. This enormous volume of untreated and poorly treated water pollution would have been permissible under the current, weak Canadian regulations, whereas Puget Sound and Alaskan waters are protected under no discharge zones and strict regulations and monitoring schemes.

Sewage and greywater are waste streams that are laden with excess nutrients, soap, oil and grease, and prescription drugs. These can promote algal blooms and oxygen-depleted marine deadzones that suffocate fish. Prescription drug and personal care products can have longer term impacts on fish fertility and health.

Scrubbers enable cruise operators to comply with more stringent sulphur pollution regulations while continuing to burn the cheapest and dirtiest fossil marine fuel available, heavy fuel oil. These systems are only permitted due to a loophole in the regulations. Scrubber washwater is laden with heavy metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) that can persist in the environment, bioaccumulate up the food web, and accumulate in sediment. PAHs are carcinogenic compounds that have also been demonstrated to affect red blood cells, the immune system, and can produce reproductive, neurologic, and developmental effects. Human exposures to these toxins can occur as contaminants are introduced into our seafood, such as salmon, herring, and filter feeders like clams, mussels, or scallops.

If and when cruise ships are permitted to return to Canada's waters, these vessels must not be allowed to continue dumping and exploiting the scrubber loophole. We must put the protection of public health and the health of the marine environment, including threatened and endangered species, before the cruise industry interests and profits.

The third analysis attached was authored by the ICCT and commissions by Environment and Climate Change Canada in November of 2020, and looks more in depth at scrubber usage and the regulations that apply. According to the report, scrubbers lower sulfur dioxide emissions but other emissions were increased, specifically those of carbon dioxide, particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and black carbon when using cheap fuel with a scrubber compared with ships that switched fuels. This illustrates the potential impacts of scrubbers on air quality in port and coastal communities.

The study also finds that the ocean pollution generated by these systems, i.e. washwater, bleed-off, and sludge, was often in compliance with the weak regulations that exist, which are not science-based standards, all the while containing unsafe levels of heavy metals and other toxins. Heavy metals and many PAHs do not biodegrade and instead collect in the food web. This makes these pollutants serious problems for the health of endangered mammals such as Southern Resident Killer Whales, coastal communities that depend on the ocean as a source of protein and food, and aquaculture operations that depend on clean waters to grow in.

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We respectfully request the opportunity to speak with you regarding our policy and technology recommendations that would address these issues. Now is the time to invest in building BC back better. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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The climate implications of using LNG as a marine fuel

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Keywords: shipping, LNG, methane slip, life-cycle analysis

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5 Lindstad (2019)'s methane slip values are taken from Stenersen and Thonstad (2017).

6 N₂O emission is not discussed because its amount is very small and contributes little to upstream emissions of LNG.

Air emissions and water pollution discharges from ships with scrubbers

Bryan Comer, PhD, Elise Georgeff, and Liudmila Osipova, PhD

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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StandEarth-Climate-Implications-LNG-As-Marine-Fuel.pdf, 100pm -
regulating_the_west_coast_cruise_industry_final4.pdf

Hello attached are some materials that STAND.earth has shared for all to review prior to meeting.

Thank you

Sandra



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An Investigation into the regulations
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Mtg with Stand Earth tomorrow - materials?

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Cc: Blackstock, Sara FLNR:EX <Sara.Blackstock@gov.bc.ca>, Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 29, 2021 10:17:03 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg

ENV is asking if we will be sharing FLNR materials for the 1pm Multi-Ministry meeting with Stand Earth tomorrow. I see MNC is attending, do you know if materials were prepared or requested?



Allison Tripp

Manager, Executive Issues

Deputy Ministers Office

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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FW: Coastal Marine Strategy | Letter of Support from 26 Environmental NGOs

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To: Halls, Lori D FLNR:EX <Lori.D.Halls@gov.bc.ca>
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FLNR:EX <FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 30, 2021 6:19:32 PM PDT
Attachments: Coastal Marine Strategy Letter of Support.pdf

Hi Lori,

Do you agree with direction below? ED was not involved in meeting, but the letter is really just a support letter for the initiative in general. MSNC signature?

Thanks for your advice!

Tristan

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Thanks,

Andrew

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The 26 signatories represent a broad range of BC environmental organizations working on a diversity of issues along the coast. We all agree that we need a Coastal Marine Strategy and Law that is co-developed between coastal Indigenous nations and the Province, that implements UNDRIP, and is informed by meaningful engagement with coastal communities and non-governmental organizations including ours.

When we met on January 22, 2021, you asked whether we could convene the environmental organization voice in BC and this letter demonstrates that ability. Looking forward, we hope consideration is given to allocating funds in the upcoming budget to the development of a coastal marine strategy. We also hope you can identify opportunities to provide a home for coastal issues while you lead the work to determine the future of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development, a key ministry involved in coastal management.

We look forward to learning about the progress of this commitment.

Sincerely,

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Coastal and marine areas of British Columbia are under threat of irreparable damage from climate change, habitat loss, and pollution. These areas are part of a complex and interconnected natural system, and habitat degradation is and will continue to affect the health of iconic species, such as wild salmon and southern resident killer whales, and damage key habitats such as kelp forests, seagrasses, and forage fish spawning grounds. Your government can take bold and urgent provincial action to make sure the coast is protected and responsibly managed with other orders of government.

We applaud the inclusion of a commitment to develop a Coastal Marine Strategy in the mandate letters of five members of cabinet following last October's provincial election. Unlike all the Atlantic provinces, neighbouring U.S. states, and many countries around the world, B.C. currently has no provincial coastal strategy or law. The development of a Coastal Marine Strategy and Law is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to revamp provincial coastal management to ensure marine life and coastal communities get the future they deserve.

We need a Coastal Marine Strategy and Law that is co-developed between coastal Indigenous nations and the Province, that implements UNDRIP, and is informed by meaningful engagement with residents and non-governmental organizations like ours. The Coastal Marine Strategy should protect shorelines, restore coastal habitats, protect marine environmental quality, implement long-term and enforceable marine use plans, and be backed by legislation.

We look forward to working with you and Indigenous governments on this initiative,

Annita McPhee, Executive Director	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - BC
Jessica Clogg, Executive Director & Senior Counsel	West Coast Environmental Law Association
Dorrance Woodward, Co-chair	Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards
James Casey, Fraser Estuary Specialist	Birds Canada
Paul Grey, President	B.C. Marine Trails Network Association
Harry Crosby, President	BC Nature
Kilian Stehfest, Marine Conservation Specialist	David Suzuki Foundation
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Sent: March 30, 2021 7:07:26 PM PDT

Yes please have this assigned to Charlie Short. He wasn't at the Jan 22nd meeting but I can connect with him on it. Thx.

Lori Halls
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Lands, Natural Resources Operations Secretariat

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When we met on January 22, 2021, you asked whether we could convene the environmental organization voice in BC and this letter demonstrates that ability. Looking forward, we hope consideration is given to allocating funds in the upcoming budget to the development of a coastal marine strategy. We also hope you can identify opportunities to provide a home for coastal issues while you lead the work to determine the future of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development, a key ministry involved in coastal management.

We look forward to learning about the progress of this commitment.

Sincerely,

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