

## THE POWER OF ONE PERSON

Here at home, cleaning up our waters starts with you!

The majority of waste entering the ocean from Canada and the United States is single-use plastic litter. This litter comes from our daily activities and can be eliminated with slight changes in our habits. For example, during the course of your day, avoid single-use plastics, opting instead for reusable metal or glass straws and drinking bottles; use cloth bags; refrain from purchasing products containing microbeads; ensure that your garbage and recycling is covered at home; and purchase products that come in recyclable packaging.

We have the power to make responsible choices, and together these actions will protect our waters and coastal environments for future generations!



Photo by Joel Baziuk

The exhibits in the Seine Net Loft building at the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site showcase themes of innovation and human ingenuity on the waterfront. "Our Coastal Connection" will be available to the public during regular operational hours.

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## OUR COASTAL CONNECTION

We are surrounded by breathtaking rivers and west coast ocean environments that have shaped our history and connected our communities.

What are we doing to celebrate and protect our waters today? What innovative things are we doing to ensure our rivers and oceans can be enjoyed by future generations?

## EXHIBIT GUIDE

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## SEINE NET LOFT BUILDING

The new "Our Coastal Connection" exhibit in the Seine Net Loft building explores our historic ties to our local rivers and west coast environments, and how this has sparked the imagination of many local groups working to celebrate and protect our waters for the future.

Over twenty local groups are profiled within the exhibit, all of which have dedicated remarkable efforts in areas of water conservation, education, awareness, recycling and entrepreneurship. In the face of 8 million metric tons of plastic waste entering our global oceans each year, local individuals have taken initiative, groups have formed and remarkable goals have been achieved - all in a fascinating effort to help us remember why we love our waters and what we can do to keep our rivers and oceans clean and safe for everyone to enjoy.



"This exhibit showcases water stewardship and educational initiatives that began with the efforts of local individuals. These remarkable stories will inspire us to remember that *one person can make a difference*, and that every effort at home and in the community can have far reaching impacts."

Above photos courtesy of Fraser Riverkeeper (left), David Burdick and Marine Photobank (middle), and Sea Smart School (right).

## FRIENDS OF THE EXHIBIT

This exhibit would not have been possible without the generous support of many local coastal champions. Find out more about what they've been working on and how you can get involved!

Canadian Coastal Champions  
[www.coastalchampions.ca](http://www.coastalchampions.ca)

City of Richmond - Engineering and Public Works Division  
<http://www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/water/community/wet.htm>

Emerald Sea Protection Society  
[www.emeraldseasociety.ca](http://www.emeraldseasociety.ca)

Experience the Fraser  
<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks/learn/projects-and-initiatives/fraser/Pages/default.aspx>  
<http://www.fvrd.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation/experience-the-fraser.html>

Fraser RiverKeeper  
[www.fraserriverkeeper.ca](http://www.fraserriverkeeper.ca)

Fraser River Discovery Centre  
[www.fraserriverdiscovery.org](http://www.fraserriverdiscovery.org)

Ghost Fishing  
[www.ghostfishing.org](http://www.ghostfishing.org)

Global Ghost Gear Initiative  
[www.ghostgear.org](http://www.ghostgear.org)

Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup  
[www.shorelinecleanup.ca](http://www.shorelinecleanup.ca)

Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site  
[www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org](http://www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org)

Kwantlen Polytechnic University - Graphic Design for Marketing; Product Design  
[www.kpu.ca/gdma](http://www.kpu.ca/gdma)  
[www.kpu.ca/product-design](http://www.kpu.ca/product-design)

Living Oceans Society  
[www.livingoceans.org](http://www.livingoceans.org)

Sea Smart School  
[www.seasmartschool.com](http://www.seasmartschool.com)

Skipper Otto's Community Supported Fishery  
[www.skipperotto.ca](http://www.skipperotto.ca)

Sound Experience  
[www.soundexp.org](http://www.soundexp.org)

Steveston Harbour Authority  
[www.stevestonharbour.com](http://www.stevestonharbour.com)

T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation  
[www.bucksuzuki.org](http://www.bucksuzuki.org)

Zero Waste Market  
[www.zerowastemarket.ca](http://www.zerowastemarket.ca)