Great Bear Sea Declaration



First Nations across the North Pacific Coast/Great Bear Sea have cared for and governed these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Today, First Nations, Canada, and British Columbia affirm our shared commitment to carry forward this tradition of coastal and marine stewardship.

We will work together, and with stakeholders and partners, to advance a Network of Marine Protected Areas, foster sustainable economies, reduce marine pollution, and promote healthy and resilient coastal ecosystems and communities.

We will work in the spirit of reconciliation, respect, and partnership, to uphold and demonstrate world-leading models of collaborative governance and Indigenous-led conservation — for the future of this coast and for the benefit of all.

Our commitments today will leave a legacy of hope and prosperity for generations to come.

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