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COASTAL CONSERVATION



MARCH

CARING FOR OUR COASTLINE

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Goodbye winter, hello spring!

The month of March was all about expanding on the knowledge of emergency response and management. The department of Coastal Conservation hosted several Marine First Aid courses throughout the month of March to give our members and participants the confidence when responding to emergencies. The department of Coastal Conservation hosted two ROC - M (Restricted Operator Certificate - maritime) during the month, giving members and participants the knowledge to use one of the most vital pieces of equipment on a vessel - the VHF radio.

The Director of Coastal Conservation Angel Fisher virtually presented on the department of Coastal Conservation to BC Métis Federation community North Thompson Cultural Society and presented in person to Nova Métis Heritage Association and Skeena River.

A few of the Coastal Water Protectors headed down to **WSÁNEĆ** Leadership Council in Saanichton to tour and observe the QENTOL, YEN Marine Guardians on their daily routine to protect marine environments in and around Vancouver Island.

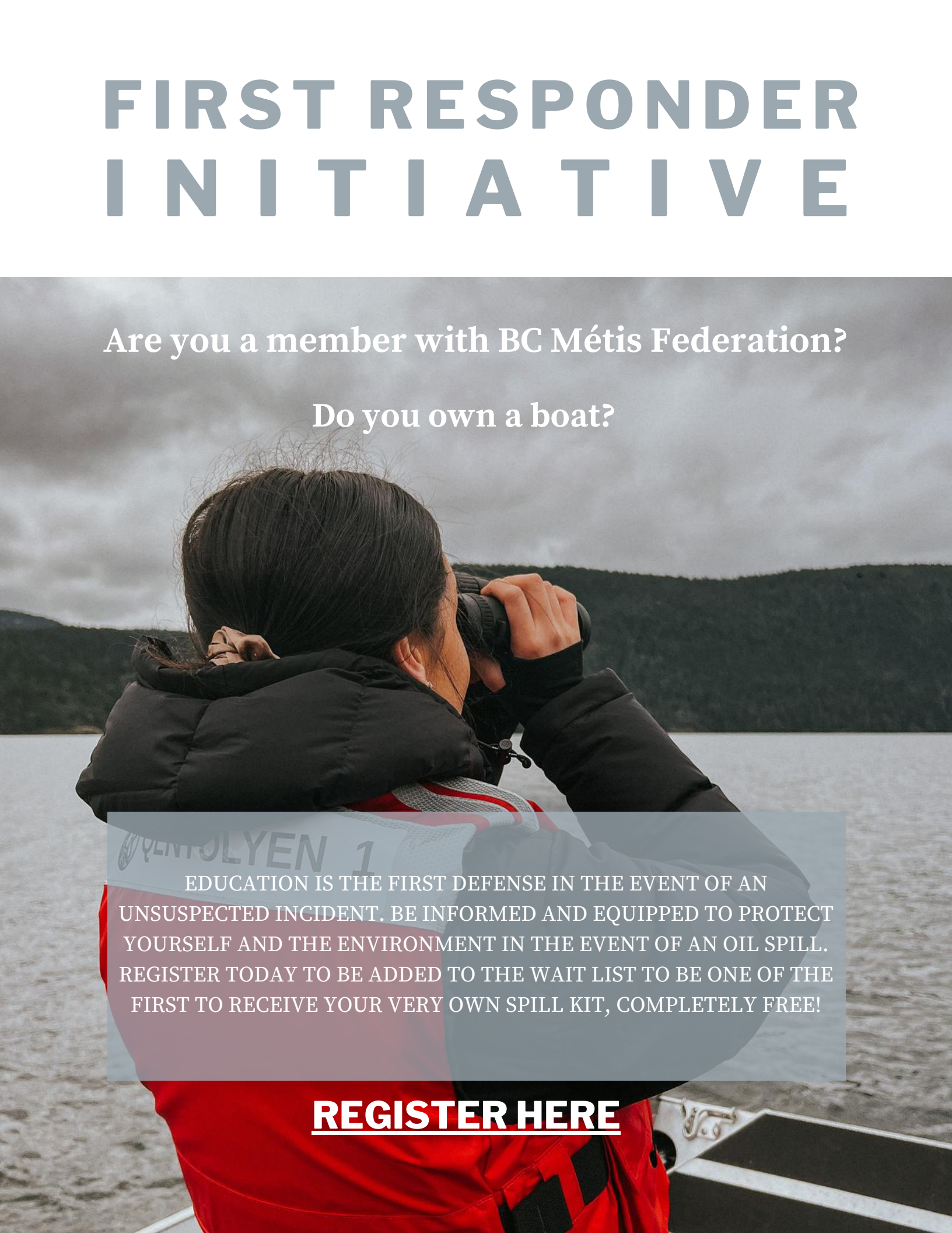


Coastal Water Protectors

FIRST RESPONDER INITIATIVE

Are you a member with BC Métis Federation?

Do you own a boat?

A person with long dark hair, wearing a black jacket and a red and white life jacket, is seen from behind, looking through binoculars. They are on a boat, with a body of water and a forested shoreline in the background under a cloudy sky. The life jacket has "KENTOLYEN 1" printed on it.

EDUCATION IS THE FIRST DEFENSE IN THE EVENT OF AN UNSUSPECTED INCIDENT. BE INFORMED AND EQUIPPED TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE EVENT OF AN OIL SPILL. REGISTER TODAY TO BE ADDED TO THE WAIT LIST TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO RECEIVE YOUR VERY OWN SPILL KIT, COMPLETELY FREE!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

GARY BESSE



I grew up in Boston Bar British Columbia. I spent a lot of my time Creek fishing and hunting in the fall is one of my favorite things to do!

My working career consisted of driving logging trucks, semi b-trains, and low beds. Ending up being a heavy-duty equipment operator with excavators, dozers, and graders in the mining industry until I later retired.

I moved to the island in the early nineties and pursued fishing in the waters within the Campbell River area.

Water conservation and beach clean ups are very important to me.

Gary Besse
- Coastal Water Protector



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SMALL DOMESTIC VESSEL BASIC SAFETY

Theory covered

- Types of Emergencies
- Emergency Response, such as Man Overboard, Flooding, Medical, and more,
- Liferafts, Survival Suits, and other Lifesaving Appliances
- Marine Fire Fighting
- Hypothermia and cold-water immersion
- Distress Signals, GMDSS, VHF Radio, EPIRBs, and SARTs
- The Coast Guard and other rescue resources

Email Angel Fisher at a.fisher@bcmetis.com to reserve your virtual course spot for FREE!. Space is limited.

WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD, 2023

BECOME A COASTAL AMBASSADOR!

Do you have a passion for marine conservation? Join the Coastal Water Protectors in their conservation efforts by becoming a Coastal Ambassador today!

WHO YOU ARE

- You have a desire to make a lasting impact on the environment
- You care about the ocean and the things that impact it
- You want to be more involved in your community

WHAT YOU GET

- Be one of the first to be notified of free training and courses
- Be one of the first to be notified of coastal events in BC
- Make a meaningful and lasting impact in your community
- Take part in virtual meetings with the Coastal Water Protectors

JOIN TODAY



COASTAL PUPS

The Coastal Pups pilot project will be kicking off this spring. If you have a child between the ages of 5 - 11 that are interested in conservation send an email to the Director of Coastal Conservation Angel to get registered today!



[CLICK HERE TO EMAIL TODAY](#)



A line of yellow buoys floating in blue water. The buoys are arranged in a diagonal line from the top left towards the bottom right. The water is a deep blue with some white foam from waves in the background. The text "COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE" is overlaid in white, underlined, bold font across the middle of the image.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE

SPILL RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT SURVEY

The department of Coastal Conservation is currently seeking feedback on a very important issue in British Columbia, spill response and management. Complete a very short survey to help the department better understand the needs and concerns of member residing in British Columbia and be entered for a chance to win a \$100.00 Visa gift card.



APRIL 16 | 1:00 P.M.

CATES PARK, NORTH VANCOUVER

JOIN THE COASTAL WATER PROTECTORS AND THE NORTH VANCOUVER SEA CADETS AT CATES PARK IN NORTH VANCOUVER ON SUNDAY APRIL 16TH FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M. FOR A BEACH CLEAN IN HONOUR OF WORLD EARTH DAY. LOCAL GOODIES AND A \$10.00 TIM HORTONS GIFT CARD FOR EACH PARTICIPANT + FREE WILDFLOWER SEEDS TO PLANT!

[EMAIL TO REGISTER](#)

