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What Is the Strait of Georgia Data Centre?

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Why Share Data (& Information)?

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- > Leads to increased personal visibility, recognition, and increased numbers of citations.
- Encourages collaboration among researchers to share resources, acquire more data, and produce new findings.
- Will assist in the development integrated scientific programs, interdisciplinary studies, modelling and ecosystem management.
- It reduces the risk of repeating work already done, and instead allows for researchers to build upon the work of others. This saves a lot of time and money.
- > It allows for informed decision making leading to better environmental planning and policy.

Objectives of the Data Centre



- ✓ To identify and obtain information resources relevant to the Strait of Georgia
- ✓ To create a secure archive for the data (bibliographic, data systems, and data files)
- To create a web-based, open access data system that makes the archived documents and data accessible
- ✓ To provide a map-based display that allows for spatial query of the data system
- ✓ To provide a search capability within the database to allow for a semantic search

Data Centre Components

- Marine Data BC Portal (metadata, data, and make-your-own maps)
- □ OGC Standard Spatial Data Layers (e.g. WCS, WFS, WMS)
- □ SGDC Map Catalogue (pre-configured static, interactive, and story maps)
- □ List of Salish Sea Researchers
- □ List of Publications
- Educational Webpages (e.g. on aquatic invasive species)
- □ Atlas of Oceanographic Conditions in the Strait of Georgia

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- ~1500 datasets referenced within the portal.
- Either direct data downloads or link to source portal where the data can be accessed.
- Spatial and non-spatial data available, useful for 'mappers' and 'modellers', respectively.
- Operated using GeoNetwork opensource technology.
- Provides a map tab in which you can load datasets for a visual representation.

Marine Data BC Portal (cont'd)

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Marine Data BC

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 Image-left: Make-your-own-map (add data from the portal or external source)

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OGC Standard Spatial Data Layers

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- Over 200 layers that we directly store via PostgreSQL with PostGIS, and host via GeoServer.
- Allows user to access vector and raster data using a variety of web-accessible layer services: e.g. WMS, WFS, WCS.
- Data is stored securely in the University of British Columbia cloud (Vancouver, Canada).
- Often data we are the primary custodian of (i.e. they were produced in collaboration with PSF), or we work with the author to make available data not hosted elsewhere.

SGDC Map Catalogue

Boundaries & Basemaps



Explore the Salish Sea and British Columbia coast through maps produced by the Strait of Georgia Data Centre on a range of marine topics.

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Human Use

- Over 40 pre-configured maps on a variety of marine topics.
- Three types of map:
 - Non-interactive maps PDF, PNG, JPG format maps created using desktop GIS software. Valuable for reports, presentations, etc.
 - Interactive maps Interactive displays of geographic information you can use to tell stories and answer questions. Valuable for education, in depth data analysis, etc.
 - Story maps Utilize various forms of media (e.g., videos, images, interactive maps, text) to form a narrative.

SGDC Map Catalogue (cont'd)

- Image-right: Non-interactive map •
- Image-below: Interactive map (ArcGIS Online • Dashboard style)



This map allows you to compare how herring spawn location and density has changed in the Strait of Georgia over time. Expand menu in the left of your screen to select the year or years you are interested in. Pan and zoom around the map to your area of int

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has been collecting records on location of Pacific herring spawn for over 70 years in British Colum was collected primarily by Officers on field patrol, with observations being made from beaches, patrol vessels and, occasionally SCUBA diver surveys, whih proved to provide more accurate measurements, became the Standard methodology (McCarter et al., 2005).

North Coast 4.5 million Central Coast 10 million Northeast Vancouver Island 9.5 million West Vancouver Island 36.1 million Strait of Georgia 39.8 million

Salmonid Enhancement Program (SEP) Fish Releases by Region from 2015 to 2019 excluding Spawning Channel Facilities



** Data was filtered to show only release sites active in 2019

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Average Annual Number of Fish Released, 2015-2019 (Millions)

Data Information - Herring Spawn Density and General Location

Notes (Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 2020):

SGDC Map Catalogue (cont'd)



The Strait of Georgia Marine Reference Guide (SOG MRG) is a recently launched interactive map that allows for:

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- Viewing of hundreds of layers on a variety of marine topics.
- Visual comparison of layers allowing for decision-making, marine spatial planning, and general education.
- Each layer in SOG MRG includes direct linkage to a Strait of Georgia Data Centre metadata record that has data about the data.

Data Centre Additional Components

Researchers

Many scientists in government institutions and in academia are carrying out research within the Strait of Georgia. Many of these programs are long term programs, while others last only a few years. Some projects are very collaborative in nature; others are being implemented by academics that may be at institutions overseas.

The following inventory provides information on many of the researchers currently working (or having recently worked) on projects within the Strait of Georgia.

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John Dower

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John Elliot

Karl English



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- Image-above: List of Publications search through hundreds of peer-reviewed marine articles.
- Image-left: List of Salish Sea Researchers learn more about researchers working on projects in the Strait of Georgia.

Atlas of Oceanographic Conditions in the Strait of Georgia



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WATER SAMPLES READY FOR ANALYSIS

Water samples from the Spring Bloom in 2021: nutrient vials in front, preserved phytoplankton at right, biotoxin assays (new!) at left. Log sheet in foreground.

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Welcome to the **Atlas of Oceanographic Conditions in the Strait of Georgia**, based on the Pacific Salmon Foundation's Citizen Science Dataset. The "PSF CitSci" Program visits about 60 locations in the Strait roughly 20 times a year to measure a variety of ocean properties, resulting in around 1000 stations sampled every year. Additional information in the atlas

- The PSF funds and operates a "Citizen Science" program to help acquire the data needed to investigate hypotheses surrounding salmon declines in the Salish Sea.
- All data from the CitSci program are archived and publicly available through the Data Centre.
- This web-based Atlas uses the most recent data to continue characterizing conditions in the Strait of Georgia.



Conclusion

- The Strait of Georgia Data Centre is an open-access portal to marine information for British Columbia, Canada.
- It is comprised of various components that deliver information to the public through:
 - Direct data downloads
 - Links to external data
 - Geospatial layer web services
 - Pre-configured educational maps

- List of marine publications
- List of Salish Sea researchers
- Educational webpages
- Atlas of Oceanographic Conditions
- Through offering these services we strive to ensure the marine science and conservation communities of the Strait of Georgia have the information they need to be successful.





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