

Party Positions on Some Selected Issues			
Issue	BC NDP	BC Green Party	(BC Liberal) Government Record
BC's At Risk Species	Species at Risk Act developed with EcoJustice and Suzuki. Strong on habitat and science; Will cover private land. Forestry tenure reform; No raw log exports; End old growth logging on Vancouver Island	Species at Risk Act in line with Wilderness Committee recommendations, will cover private land.	Dysfunctional; Obstructed
Parks	End to commercialism; Investment in parks, naturalist centres, public education; Entice the public back to parks	Reduce fees; Reinstate naturalists; Make environmental stewardship a high quality job	Some parks (53) created; More fees; More staff cuts
Climate Change and Carbon Tax	Tax not effective unless hundreds of dollars a tonne, not safe to leave to market where some people can buy way out; Needs regulation: 1) Cap on major emitters 2) CA fuel emission rules 3) Put royalties (\$250 million est.) on gas flaring which is 13% of BC GHG emissions	Yes to carbon tax but currently too many exemptions/rebates all over the place; Must have investment in infrastructure so people have alternatives; Tax-shift the subsidies away from fossil fuel; No new hydro incl. run of river. Change from BC Hydro to BC Energy Authority.	First carbon tax in North America and carbon reduction planning; Massive highways Gateway project; Pipeline for oil and gas; Renewable energy from private producers; mandate for BC hydro; No coal power plants.
Fish Farming	Moratorium north of Cape Caution, 2 years pilot then 3 years to transition to floating closed containment; Wild salmon are priority	Moratorium; Phase out ocean based in favour of closed container on land; Full cost accounting for value of wild fish used as feed	Expansion
Coal Exports	Continue	Phase out but carefully – fossil fuel exports major part of economy – maybe out in 10-20 years.	Yes
Coalbed Methane	No. Not enough knowledge of how to reinject process water	Shut it down.	Yes. Promoting
Offshore Oil and Gas	No oil	Make moratorium in perpetuity.	Yes
Oil Tankers (moratorium on the coast)	No oil or (maybe) condensates; Liquid Natural Gas different, but there are no jobs for BC in it. Not in Georgia Strait.	No LNG on Texada; No northern pipeline; Save natural gas for BC's use in face of peak oil and peak gas	In favour of tankers
Automobile Alternatives	The Green Bond: \$ 3.5 billion for fast bus and light rail, Vancouver and Victoria	Invest in transit; Tie in to compact communities; 30 year transition to electric car; Change need for use of automobile.	Some money to public transit but cuts in recent budget; Olympic "hydrogen highway"
Ground Water	Standing Committee for Environment to evaluate water; Watershed Reserves; Evaluate economic activity in watersheds	Support preservation of watersheds; Provincial pesticide reduction	Legislation promised in 2011
Environmental Assessment	Needs cumulative impact; Experts should feel free to recommend no; Needs to be strengthened, more comprehensive and expedited.	Mandate EA on all actions that have impacts; Watershed based for cumulative; Use as a filter for all activity; Inclusive of local govt, FN and public.	Partially Disabled, weakened since 2001