



SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS FORUM

Meeting Agenda for Monday July 29, 2024 – 8:30 – 9:30am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89553353298?pwd=VDkxdVhtTldXS1kd1BIN2owcWE0QT09>

Meeting ID: 895 5335 3298

Password: 907958

8:30 – 8:35: Welcome/acknowledgement (5mins):

8:35 – 9:15: (40mins):

1. Discussion of the proposal of an indigenous-led port authority for the Salish Sea, as a follow-up Action Item from the May meeting. These are the notes from that meeting:

- *language to include the idea in a draft letter for further discussion re: Indigenous Port Authority proposal*
 - *Adam: Not yet – but have had numerous conversations. Cousin is involved with Tsartlip Marine Stewardship Program*
 - *And just found out that funding set up under oceans protection act – is over – just as the tankers start to flow the money has stopped – not even sure the office will still be in place*
 - *also on-going conversations around dock management issues... starting to be organized and a more coherent response to Prov govt*
 - *“Ben and Dag concurred on the timing of the program cuts and agreed on the need for further action, with Dag suggesting to raise the issue to the appropriate levels.”*
 - *Dag: very concerning re program cuts when it is most needed – what can we do?*
 - *Adam: agreed – some dramatic action needs to be taken – let’s[discuss] fully in July meeting - Action Item*

2. Next meeting: will be a half-day meeting: Thursday September 5, 10:30 - 2:30

(Reminder: regular date of Monday September 9 conflicted with Islands Trust holding a Governance committee mtg., therefore new date was found that suited most peoples’ schedules)

- **It will be Chaired by MP Elizabeth May – topic to be determined**
 - Of note from last meeting June 10, Elizabeth suggested: *“inviting FNNESS to a future Forum mtg, to speak on their work in forest fire preparedness and climate emergency preparedness - First Nations’ Emergency Services Society Of British Columbia - <https://www.fnness.bc.ca>”*

- Hybrid meeting: in MLA office and on IT Zoom
 - IT Zoom link was sent in 07/15 email *“Southern Gulf Islands Forum Group: Meeting notes from June 10 - Next meeting July 29”*
 - MLA office will follow-up with a calendar invite week of July 29th

9:15 – 9:30: Next Steps/Action Items (15mins):

- **Next regular meetings** (second Monday of each month)
 - **Chair(s) needed** for meetings after September, as MLA Olsen will not be:
 - October 7, 8:30 – 9:30am (instead of regular scheduled date of 14th as is Thanksgiving)
 - November 4, 8:30 – 9:30am (instead of regular scheduled date of 11th, as is Remembrance Day)
 - December 9, 8:30 – 9:30am