

Municipal Candidates' Responses to Candidate Survey Regarding Skeena Wild Salmon

Questions:

- 1. What do you perceive as the single greatest human-caused threat to Skeena wild salmon?**
- 2. If elected, what will you do to ensure sustainability of our Skeena wild salmon?**
- 3. Do you support or oppose the Enbridge pipeline?**
- 4. What do you think is the single greatest opportunity for non-industrialized community economic development?**
- 5. Do you support protection of the Sacred Headwaters?**

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Robert Henwood - Could not reach/Did not respond

Gail Lowry - Could not reach/Did not respond

Norm Andersen

1. I perceive that the single greatest human-caused threat to Skeena wild salmon is overfishing.
2. If I am elected I will be willing to hear from various groups on what their concerns or suggestions are in regards to ensuring sustainability of our Skeena Wild Salmon. I think that being on council we can access the government and voice potential concerns.
3. I am on the fence in regards to whether I am for or against the Enbridge pipeline. I am for it as it will create jobs for the building of it. I do realize that once built it won't employ many. I also think that there is the potential for many environmental disasters. I think that in order for this to pass there needs to be very strict regulations and safety precautions in place before it is given the go ahead. I am not sure if the benefits outweigh the negatives.
4. I think that the single greatest opportunity for non-industrialized community economic development is to enhance current tourism in this area. We need to maximize on what our community can offer whether it be through eco adventure or historical/cultural adventures. I think that all of the communities need to come together to collaborate and see how the existing tourism can work together to create a bigger attraction to potential visitors.
5. Yes I support the protection of the Sacred Headwaters. I have had the opportunity to see that part of the country and it is amazing. This area is so important as it is the start of all of the water systems in our area as well as other areas. If the headwaters are damaged....so too are our water systems.

George Burns - Could not reach/Did not respond

Braunwyn Henwood - Could not reach/Did not respond

Richard Simms - Could not reach/Did not respond

Ray Sturney

1. Coalbed Methane extraction in the headwaters.
2. I am not running for council to protect our wild salmon and will not bring the matter up to council. I have supported and will continue to support the opposition to coalbed methane extraction and any other threat to our rivers, lakes and streams.
3. I oppose oil tanker traffic on our coast. The best way to stop the tankers is to stop the pipeline.
4. The tourist industry. We have, in the Skeena (Kispiox) Bulkley valleys, a vast hiking area, full of mountains, lakes, streams, birds, plants and animals, all in a pristine environment. We are one of the best kept secrets in natural Canada.
5. Yes.

Pete Weeber - Could not reach/Did not respond

Mike Weeber - Could not reach/Did not respond

Janet Willson

1. I think that one of the greatest threats to Skeena wild salmon is the danger of contaminating an area of the river if there were an industrial accident. Both road and rail follow the Skeena closely for long distances.
2. I feel that an additional threat could be the over harvesting of wild salmon before and after they enter the Skeena.
3. I am opposed to the Enbridge pipeline.
4. Tourism is a great opportunity for non industrialized community economic development. We should continue to promote and build on it.
5. I support protection of the Sacred Headwaters