

# **Christianne Wilhelmson**

**Executive Director at Georgia Strait Alliance**

Vancouver , BC, CA

Non-profit leader in ocean conservation in urban British Columbia, where 75 per cent of the province's population lives, works and plays.

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## **Biography**

Christianne has been Executive Director of Georgia Strait Alliance since 2010 after spending six years as the organization's Clean Air and Water Program Coordinator. She is an Ontario transplant who came to BC in 1995 to pursue her MSc in ecology at UBC and, like so many, stayed on after graduation. Past experience includes time as a lab technician and freelance science writer. Christianne leads Georgia Strait Alliance's government and media relations efforts, along with supporting the organization's strategic campaigns and programs. She has a deep passion for social change and connecting with people across sectors to build a better future for our communities. Christianne is the Past-President of the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival Board of Directors and a Founding Board Director and Vice-President of The Elbow Theatre Society.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Non-Profit/Charitable, Renewables and Environmental, Fishery and Aquaculture

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Ocean Conservation, Whale protection, Habitat protection, Marine planning, Salmon Aquaculture, Sewage, Environmental Policy, Charitable Sector, Governance and leadership, Water and Wastewater Treatment, Waterfront planning, Fresh water conservation, Protection environnementale, Ecology, Environmental Protection, Pollution Ecology, Marine and freshwater aquatic ecosystems, Marine Biodiversity, Climate Change

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## **Affiliations**

PuSh International Performing Arts Festival (Board), Elbow Theatre (Board)

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## **Education**

**University of Ottawa**

BA English/History/Political Science

**Trent University**

BSc Biology/Environmental and Resource Sciences

**University of British Columbia**

MSc Ecology

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