



NATURAL STANLEY PARK

Lifeforce was formed in 1981 to raise public awareness of the interrelationship of human, animal and environmental issues. This is our 25th Anniversary of protecting ecosystems such as Stanley Park for both people and animals to enjoy.

The purpose of this brochure is to raise public awareness of the need to protect wildlife and the natural beauty of Stanley Park from the aquarium and zoo industry.

During the past several decades individuals and organizations have been struggling to stop these private vested interests from commercializing precious parkland and encroaching upon nature. Our park won't continue to survive destructive and haphazard business expansion without your help. We must stop the destruction and privatization of public green space.



PROTECTING NATURE

People and organizations worldwide are opposed to the Vancouver Aquarium's destructive expansion plans. The Aquarium claims that there is only a small vocal minority. However, there are no captive dolphins in the UK. South Carolina and two Australian states have banned dolphin capture/captivity. 50 facilities worldwide have stopped dolphin captivity. In 2006 Mexico banned all imports and exports of primates and dolphins.

STANLEY PARK!

Let's continue the Legacy!



A child with a squirrel as they find a moment of happiness.

Write to: Parks Board Commissioners
(pbcomment@city.vancouver.bc.ca),
Vancouver Mayor and Council
(mayorandcouncil@city.vancouver.bc.ca)
Your Federal/Provincial Politicians

The Vancouver Aquarium Expansion would be at least \$80 million and 50% - 1½ acres more public parkland. Tell them to oppose it in order to stop the suffering of cetaceans, the imprisonment of more zoo captives and the destruction of Stanley Park green space.

GET INVOLVED. JOIN LIFEFORCE!

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PROTECT NATURE:

Stanley Park



LET STANLEY PARK BE !

HISTORY

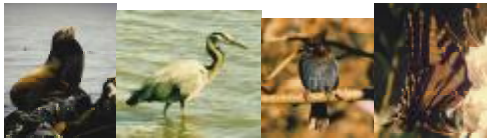
In 1889, Lord Stanley, Canada's Governor General, dedicated a unique 400 hectares of forested peninsula "To The Use And Enjoyment Of People Of All Colours, Creed And Customs For All Time." Stanley Park is recognized internationally as a rare, natural urban park. The federally leased land has been recognized by the public as an area which provides a "sense of place" (Stanley Park Master Plan, 1988). In 1989, Lifeforce succeeded in having Stanley Park designated as a National Historic Site.

As a gift of nature - that vital link between people and wildlife - the park is a legacy to be protected.

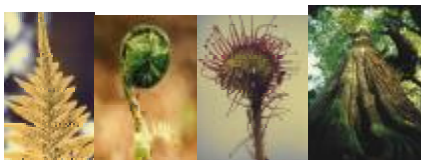
A NATURE SANCTUARY

A diversity of fauna and flora can be found in Stanley Park and its surrounding shoreline with sea lions, seals and much more.

The park provides a home for numerous bird species including seabirds, Great Blue Herons, eagles, owls, jays, waterfowl and geese. There is also a variety of reptiles, amphibians and butterflies. Mammals include raccoons, skunks, beaver, river otters and many more. One of the most popular animal is the entertaining squirrels who meet you as you enter the park.



Beautiful flora includes ferns, mushrooms and flowering plants. Old coniferous and deciduous trees with their undergrowth provide homes for many types of songbirds. Stanley Park is truly an area of ecological importance which provides a valuable, yet free, educational experience and peace of mind.



NATURE THREATENED

§ The Vancouver Aquarium now wants an \$80 million expansion with your tax monies and your public parkland. This will be an increase of at least 50% - 1½ acres. At least 32 trees would be clearcut. They would control 4.4 acres. This is part of six phases including more research space for experiments on animals. More land for aquarium business has always destroyed precious Stanley Park for local wildlife and public access.

§ In 50 years, the Vancouver Aquarium has not had a successful dolphin breeding program. In captivity, dolphins suffer physically and psychologically because their social and behavioural needs cannot be met. There have been 29 known cetacean deaths at the Vancouver Aquarium. More and bigger pools have always meant more captives.

§ While Vancouver voted against having a zoo in Stanley Park the Vancouver expansion could include polar bears, walruses, Arctic seals, Arctic foxes, beavers, seabirds and more. Some of these species and numerous others are seen free in Stanley Park.

§ In 1988 the Vancouver Aquarium promised that a new beluga pool would be for the three belugas but when one died they captured three more. This resulted in overcrowding, abnormal aggression, wounds and isolation. Two have been sent to Sea World in the US. They started construction without the Federal government's Environmental Impact Study.

§ Aquariums and zoos have depleted wildlife populations. The Vancouver Aquarium harpooned an orca to kill as a model for a sculpture. When the orca survived for 86 days and attracted the public they started the orca slave trade. This led to the capture of 48 from one population. The Southern Community lost a generation and future babies. These orcas are now facing extinction.



STANLEY PARK PROGRAMS

For 25 years Lifeforce has been campaigning to protect precious Stanley Park and to stop capture and imprisonment of fellow sentient creatures with whom we share this planet. In spite of our progress the park is becoming too expensive and inaccessible for all to enjoy. The Aquarium/zoo business will control most of the park and charge more and more if we don't Save Stanley Park

OUR VISION TO PROTECT STANLEY PARK AND ANIMALS

§ Implement Parks Board Bylaws that would truly phase out animal prisons and prohibit all major construction.

§ Instead of spending millions of tax dollars on artificial zoo/aquarium buildings use scarce time and funds to protect and clean up habitats by supporting eco friendly lifestyles.

§ Create marine and terrestrial sanctuaries with Eco Centers to educate people and to get them involved!

§ Spend scarce funds on protecting wildlife – more enforcement and education.

§ Educate people about speciesism – being brainwashed to accept human domination over other species. Tourists who are on shopping tours and others are unaware of the Aquarium's sad history. Attendance numbers do not represent informed public opinion.

§ International organizations continue to educate people about global warming, climate change, over-fishing, pollution and other problems. This is done without keeping animals in captivity.

§ More emphasis on learning about Stanley Park and Supernatural British Columbia. Implement programs such as Lifeforce's self-guided Stanley Park Nature and History Walks, Live Link Video Trail Walks, Imax Films, cultural activities, theatre shows and Marine eco tours including seeing orcas near Stanley Park. Develop stamps and licence plates supporting freedom.

Freedom – Not Captivity!