



BMSC Environmental Policy

Purpose

The Bamfield Marine Science Centre's environmental policy has been developed to demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices. Environmental stewardship is a shared responsibility. Employees, researchers, visitors, and contractors must strive, where feasible, to purchase environmentally preferable products and services, and engage in sustainable practices to meet operational and research needs.

Policy Statement

The Bamfield Marine Science Centre is committed to protecting the environment, the health and safety of our employees, and the community in which we conduct our business. It is our policy to seek continual improvement throughout our business operations to lessen our impact on the local and global environment by conserving energy, water and other natural resources; reducing waste generation; and recycling. We are committed to environmental excellence and pollution prevention, meeting or exceeding all environmental regulatory requirements, and to purchasing products which have greater recycled content with lower toxicity and packaging, that reduce the use of natural resources.

Responsibilities

Purchasing

Wherever possible, purchasing decisions will favor products and feedstocks that:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Are made with renewable energy.
- Reduce pollution from all discharges (releases to air, water, and land).
- Reduce the use of toxic materials hazardous to the environment, employees and public health.
- Contain the highest possible percentage of post-consumer recycled content.
- Reduce packaging and other waste.
- Are energy efficient.
- Conserve water.
- Are reusable and/or durable.
- Minimize transportation (local sources, concentrated products).
- Serve several functions (examples: copiers/printers, multipurpose cleaners) to reduce the number of products purchased.



Operations

Whenever possible consideration should be given on how to reduce, reuse, recycle in an effort to:

- reduce waste.
- conserve water.
- protect natural resources.
- reduce energy consumption.

Research and Innovation

Every effort will be made to encourage and engage in innovative research that actively seeks to:

- reduce energy consumption
- reduce waste
- reduce pollution and/or greenhouse gas emissions
- conserve water
- is environmentally sustainable
- demonstrates environmental stewardship and conservation

References & Resources

- [Overview of Environmental Law and Regulation in BC](#)
- [Environmental Compliance in BC](#)

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