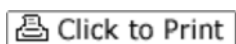


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## Fish farm foe migrating to Victoria

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By the time Alexandra Morton leaves Sointula on April 22 (Earth Day) and arrives in front of the legislative buildings May 8, thousands of Vancouver Islanders will have taken part in this journey.

Among those walking with her will be Grand Chief Stewart Philip, some MLAs and MPs and Iona Campagnolo, former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

Morton is a marine biologist who lives in Sointula on Malcolm Island in the Broughton Archipelago. She has dedicated many years of study into the role fish farms have played into the impending demise of B.C.'s wild salmon.

Out of absolute frustration over the government's inaction over this issue, she is taking the story to the road in an effort to reach the people of B.C. As she passes through communities, she welcomes people to join her in the migration.

"I'm doing this so the people of British Columbia can stand up for our wild salmon and insist on their protection from Norwegian salmon farmers," Morton says in a news release. "The Get Out Migration is an eviction notice to all industrial fish farms. Get out of the way of our wild salmon!"

There are rallies and welcoming ceremonies being planned in communities not only here on Vancouver Island, but throughout the province, including a 'migration' down the

Fraser River in canoes and kayaks.

The Migration will leave Black Creek on April 29 at 9 a.m. Morton plans to arrive at the Sports Centre Arena No. 2 parking lot off Vanier Drive and Headquarters Road in Courtenay by 2:30 p.m. Comox Valley residents are welcome to gather and join her there from 2:30 to 3. Starting at 3:15, everybody is welcome to 'migrate' — walk, bike, skateboard — over to Simms Millennium Park by 4 p.m.

Supporters from the community who are not coming from the Sports Centre can meet at Simms Park. There will be music in the bandshell for Morton's arrival. After being greeted to the Comox Valley, she will give a brief overview and update of the Migration.

Between 4:30 and 5, people will leave Simms Park to walk, kayak, canoe, or cycle over to the K'ómox Band Hall along Dyke Road with a planned arrival at 5:45 p.m.

There will be a native greeting ceremony with Andy Everson and dancers to welcome Morton. A wild salmon burger dinner and refreshments will be available for \$6.

At 7 p.m., special guest Wedlidi Speck will talk about wild salmon and the native culture. Following this, Morton will give a presentation sharing her scientific research and personal reasons for her passionate journey down the Island.

After the initial reception and following dinner and presentations, musical guests will take to the stage including Bruce and Judy Wing, Sue Pyper, Luke Blu Guthrie and Ali Romanow and 5Play. The activities will conclude by 9:30 p.m.

To confirm the Comox Valley's schedule (subject to change) and to follow the route of The Get Out Migration, check in with Morton's official website at [www.salmonaresacred.org](http://www.salmonaresacred.org). — Alexandra

Morton

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