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**Re: Urgent need to address derelict vessel in Sidney, BC**

November 19, 2024

Dear Ministers,

I am writing to draw your attention to an urgent situation in Sidney, BC.

In late August, a 45' wooded pleasure craft in a derelict state of repair was tied to a mooring less than a few hundred yards from the boat launch at Tulista Park in Sidney. By mid-October, the individual living on board had left and the craft was clearly abandoned less than 500 yards from shore on a makeshift mooring. By the end of October, the vessel was beached against the rock seawall just 50 yards from the boat launch and five yards from the seawall pathway.

The vessel is now breaking apart and becoming increasingly dilapidated as storms and winter conditions increase in frequency. It has lost its superstructure and decking, the engines and tanks are exposed, and the surrounding area has a strong stench of fuel and oil.

It is imperative that this be treated as an emergency situation requiring an immediate response. The federal government must act to both remove the derelict vessel and now



also clean the pollutants from the surrounding area. At minimum, the government must install a boom around the vessel in the interim while waiting to remove the vessel.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth May". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Elizabeth May, O.C.  
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