Eelgrass Mapping & Stewardship in British Columbia

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Eelgrass meadows serve as nurseries for numerous species at risk, including Coho and Sockeye salmon (endangered in some areas of BC); foraging grounds for the Great Blue Heron (listed as of special concern) and the threatened Marbled Murrelet, and they provide the basis of the food web for for Orcinus orca (both resident and transient populations). Twenty coastal stewardship groups are working to protect, conserve and restore this critical marine nearshore habitat. Information about their progress, and the Seagrass Conservation Group will be displayed at this poster presentation.