

# BIOGRAPHY

## NANCY L. WILKIN

Nancy L. Wilkin retired Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Division, Ministry of Environment (October, 2008) and retired Director of Sustainability from Royal Roads University. (March 31st, 2018)

Nancy has worked for the people of British Columbia at the local government, provincial government and federal government levels. From 1998 to 2002 Nancy served as a Chief Treaty Negotiator for the Province of BC and from 2002 to 2008, and as the Assistant Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Environment. Nancy has over 30 years of experience in the public sector which has resulted in wide and deep roots in the fabric of British Columbia, working collaboratively with First Nations, local government, recreation and conservation organizations and resource industries. Nancy has a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the University of Victoria, with distinction, in addition to graduate work in Geography and Environmental Studies at UVIC.

As the ADM for Environment, Nancy had responsibility for Fish and Wildlife, Ecosystems and BC Parks. During this time Nancy was the Trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (now Foundation) and a Board Member of the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC. In 2008 Nancy's Environmental Stewardship Division received 3 Premier's Awards. Nancy successfully retired from the BC Public Service and accepted a position as "Executive in Residence" at Royal Roads University. Nancy was the Director of the Office of Sustainability at Royal Roads University and retired in 2018.

Now fully retired, Nancy volunteers her time as a Director with Ducks Unlimited Canada and Chair of their Governance Committee, and as Vice President of the Elder's Society for Parks in British Columbia. Her term as a Canadian Commissioner with the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission has just been successfully completed. In 2020, Nancy was appointed Co-Chair of the Ministers Wildlife Advisory Council, created as part of B.C.'s Together For Wildlife Strategy. Nancy has long had a passion for fish, wildlife and habitat in BC, and the Council is charged with providing strategic advice to the Minister to bring about a paradigm shift where ecosystem health is considered first, within another paradigm shift towards shared decision making with indigenous governing bodies in BC.

Nancy and her husband Barry Wilkin live in Victoria, and also on Galiano Island. They have two children, Dexter and Jennifer, a son-in-law, Stephen Bailey and two grandchildren, Dublin and Oliver!