

**PEOPLE IN PLACES CONFERENCE 2011**

**Kenote Addresses**

**Presenters:**

Clifford Atleo Sr: Hishshuk Ish Tsawalk - Everything is One

Dan Edwards: The Importance of Including Communities of Place and Local Fisheries in the Development of Fisheries Policy

**Session Chair:** Tony Charles

**Rapporteur:** Chris Burbidge

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- ① Opening Program
- ② Keynote Addresses: Reflecting on the Past

- ① A. Tony Charles
- B. Colin Dodds
- C. Mi'kmaq Grand Council - Ron Knockwood

B. News - oceans in trouble

Welcome to those from away - to NS, Halifax, SMU

C. Ron:

- Welcome + History (Natural Resources)
- Territory (5 provinces)
- protect and share - maintain sovereignty
- rely on rivers and watersheds.
- right to hunt + fish for livelihood
- Shubenacadie - on of 7 districts
- reliance on marine resources
- ↳ overall health of Nation
- striving to build bridges between past and future
- Mi'kmaq pride

Tony & ② Clifford Atleo - Everything is One  
↳ Atleo.

and Bios  
for both  
speakers

- Aquatic Resource Management
- opening thoughts in his language
- Shaun Atleo in his ~~last~~ nephew
- Thank Mi'kmaq for welcome
- honoured to be at conference
- sometimes forget about enthusiasm to manage - need to pay more attention to people and resources
- long history of managing resources
- Territory map - history of whaling
- territory
- Presentation Overview

History - long history of mgmt.

- Oneness - all things are connected
  - including spirit world
- Title and Rights - looked at local treaty
- Mi'kmaq and West Coast - peace and cooperation - didn't sign anything away
- State of Resources - seen a lot in lifetime
  - ↳ allowable cut for forestry has escalated
  - ↳ no reason we should be struggling with state of resources
  - ↳ apply principles of respect for ourselves and resources and oneness
  - ↳ have names in his language for ~~man~~ all species known by biologists
- Use of aquatic resources: fish, sealing, whaling
- grandfather's whaler
  - ↳ thanking whale for sacrifice
  - ↳ take 8 months to prepare for whaling
  - ↳ would feed whole community

Whaling

- ↳ photo in (Makah)?
- ↳ Makah Whaler - controversial - Harpooned last whale
- ↳ Makah Welcome - songs of welcome
  - ↳ ask for permission to land

Modern Day Treaty Process

- ↳ Trudeau 70s 80-90s
- ↳ 19 Recommendations
- ↳ Respect - each playing field
- ↳ Hasn't seen it without a fight
- ↳ R.16 - accommodate their interests
- Clayoquot Sound Agreement
  - ↳ heavily involved, own land

- spent time with Ted Kennedy and other high ranking members of U.S. Gov.
- wanted to file complaint over forestry
- ~~the~~ lobbied for injunction - supported by U.S. officials
- regulations and laws must be changed to accommodate interests
- We have activities here on island - applied for injunction
- negotiated for 40 days non-stop
- came to agreement
  - ↳ said "no where else in BC" similar agreement.
- lack of commitment by govt to modern treaty ~~drag~~ agreements
- Clayoquot invited DFO because ~~they~~ we wanted aquatic resources to be included
- proposed agreement for aquatic resources
- Community Engagement
- survival coalition
  - ↳ fight for aquatic resources
  - ↳ how they should be managed in the long-term
- WCSA - came about largely from non-indigenous brothers → Dan Edwards
- concerned about how aquatic resources are managed → evidence of lack of sustainability is everywhere
- DFO - claims to be best ~~man~~ managers
  - not true
- Coastal Community Network
  - ↳ at first did not include First Nations communities
- Community Engagement - Moksah Tribal Council
- Neg. w. DFO
  - ↳ DFO - not enthusiastic
  - took 2 years to get to table
  - not willing to show power

(A)

- bound by policies and regulations; forget about people
- 'career folks': lot of turnover, deal with different people all the time
- we've said "we're here to help you"
  - ↳ put some meat + substance to your claims
- development of ~~Act~~ Oceans Act: inclusion of community involvement provisions positive

### West Coast Aquatic:

- ↳ great potential b/c it holds on to principles
- ↳ focused on building capacity
- ↳ family b's from looks forward to hunting + fishing
- ↳ 80 member mtd. in past; today only 12-15 licences. Participating has been cut; non-access to aquatic resources is unacceptable

### Opp/Challenges

- access unfortunately determined by litigation
- modern day treaty process - plan to share resources
- refused - no choice so they went to court → won, but still no access
  - ↳ must ask ourselves "did we really win?"

### Future

- ↳ hasn't pushed since 1977
- ↳ dream of healthy aquatic resources
- ↳ no different from newcomers: must teach values, what about future gen.?
- ↳ think about 7 generations down the road
- ↳ why is it so challenging for gov't to embrace?

Fish Forever

"Who in their right mind would oppose such a concept?"

Dan Edwards

↳ Cliff + I co-chaired 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of WCAR

↳ focus on 2 initiatives:

① ~~WAMB~~ board - resigned from board last year b/c of problem with lack of commitment

- boats: middle of pic; Jap/Kan. friend: on of the last: retired first

Francis: Gov't. framework for shared stewardship  
AMB

↳ former DFO director: "They're going to destroy your troll fleet"

- conflict - atmosphere for comm. coming together

- US-Canada: linked, issue if there is conflict - affect other relations

↳ get rid of troll fleet.

- fish Fraser River sockeye - concern over stocks

- Rec. expanding; more impt. than comm.

- Wanted to transfer effort

- Fish Farms - stable, mgmt. easier - get rid of wild fishing

- cancelled salmon enhancement

- weak stock approach

- add up these issues - needed to do something

- 20 trolls left, 80% loss

- mitigation / rebuilding strategy presents to Minister

↳ said no, buy back licences

- conflict between what comm. wants and

what gov't wants

- Example of failure on slide
- Board's principles ignored
- RDB when pressed about access, court cases, strategies → doesn't want to talk about it
- Resigned - broke principles of shared decision making
- appealing Minister's absolute discretion
- AMB - lost so many fishermen
  - community was wiped out
  - 4 left out of 70 FM 20 years ago

Second kick...

- pic of boat owned by son and him
- troll for groundfish
- have hope despite odds
- boat is 20 m offshore fishing right now

Area A

- works with them
- large ind. fishery; electronic monitoring
- open source monitoring: more credibility to your fishery
- Trap locations...

↳ ex. of data from system

↳ need for marine planning

- PNCIMA planning

↳ part of group working to make sure fishing industry interests are considered in future

- 10 years of data ~~up~~ on the North Coast

Market Innovation:

- he's been tagging fish - supply - informed decision by consumers

Challenges:

- deficit and budget reductions
- <sup>fishing</sup> communities are the eyes and ears of ocean change + effects - feel them 1st

- Centralized corporate structure alternative and not ideal
- Ocean Act needs to be implemented for better
- stakeholders must be involved in decision-making for EBM or else it's just power politics which hasn't worked well.

### Question Period

#### ① Working with Cliff & Dan

Count ~~Covers~~ Case - Wed. Concurrent Session.

- DFO Budget reductions - opportunity for community groups? Means for comm. to have more say in how resources are managed.

Dan - hope so.

- hope included in PNCIMA process
- need to have gov't. resources to be used in comm.
- innovative partnerships
- raise money for soft-shell survey
- Port Mouton interesting: volunteer projects efficient

#### ② Geoff. LeBoutillier

- issue: land-based impacts on SMB fishing
- lost in <sup>Cross</sup> jurisdiction mess: Muni. Prov. Fed.
- West Coast: Land-based impacts

Cliff

- ↳ still a challenge
- ↳ aquaculture prov. challenge was won
- ↳ transfer to DFO
- ↳ WCA foundation needs to be expanded
- ↳ gov'ts working together
- ↳ still in budding stage
- ↳ actually put to practice - shared management & cooperation
- not a lot focused on these challenges.



③ Why was forestry agreement let go?

Cliff

- opportunity
- comm. didn't understand opp. that was there.
- event that was ahead of its time.

④ What is the foundation / claim ~~for shared~~ ~~stewardship~~ as a place at the table for the state?   
 govt.

Cliff

- we often ask ourselves that
- we <sup>try to</sup> respect that there is a governing agency
- we are trying to help them
- happy ~~to~~ to have the opp. to take care of things.
- some progress with <sup>wishing</sup> certain agencies