

Marine Spatial Planning and the Art of Engagement



Our Objectives Today

- Reflect on our story and collaborate to learn together
- Benefit from the value in bringing people together in a room. Our planning has taught us that all answers to our challenges are already with us.
- Leave with solution options and ideas for other organizations

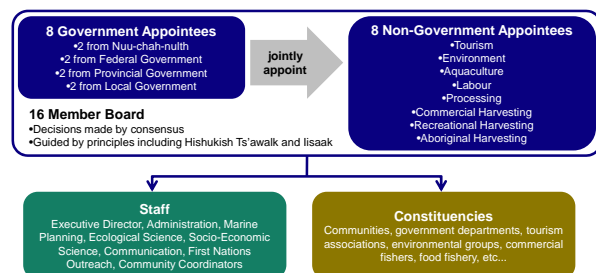
Who We Are



A forum for the coastal communities, individuals and bodies affected by aquatic resource management to participate more fully with governments in all aspects of the management of aquatic resources in the West Coast Vancouver Island area.



Organizational Structure



Chronology of WCA and Tsawalk Partnership

1994-1997: The WCA and Tsawalk were originally conceived by First Nations and other communities in the WCVI in the 1990s – period of developing political will, a common vision, and capacity in the WCVI

1997-2001: Capacity Building and greater than \$3 million in projects delivered

1998-2001: Negotiating and Ratifying the WCA Terms of Reference

2002: Authorized by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans under the *Oceans Act*

2002-2005: Board 'Pilot' Phase

2005- 2006: Board Evaluation and Review Period

2006-2008: Strategic Plan (2007-12) and Fundraising (Moore Foundation)

2008-2012: Fundraising, Branding, Communications and Marine Plan Development (TSAWALK Partnership)

What do people and communities want from the coastal and marine environment?





Coastal Planning: Tsawalk Partnership

- multi-year coastal planning process
- brings governments, industry and communities together to develop a vision and strategy for the protection and future development of the region
- funded by the Federal, Provincial, Local and Nuu-chah-nulth governments, and private foundations and donations
- Plan outputs:
 - Goals and objectives for the WCVI region (300 km Brooks Peninsula to Sheringham Point)
 - Coastal plans for Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds
 - Communications and decision support tools to support the plans
 - Implementation!



Principles of Our Planning Approach



Na-a-qu-us Project

Telling Stories



To Create a New Story



Increasing the Knowledge Base

- Review previous work
- Identify data requirements and sources
- Gather existing data
- Vision, values, issues and opportunities surveys and interviews
- local knowledge and sector interviews
- First Nation community meetings
- Open house and community dialogue sessions
- Symposiums



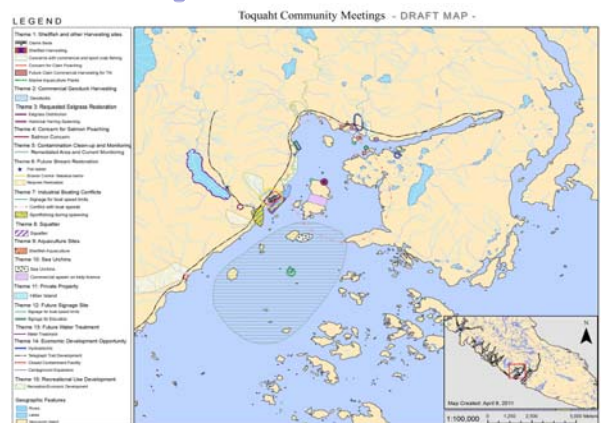
Common Vision, Values, Goals, Objectives



Methods To Implement Goals:

1. Marine Spatial Planning/Zoning
2. Projects And Partnerships
3. Resource Management Plans
4. Monitoring And Indicators

Turning Stories Into Powerful Tools



First Nation Community Marine Plans

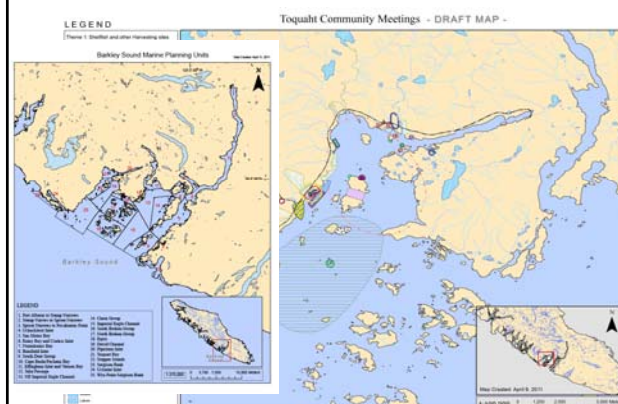
Area	Important feature or attribute	Issue	Goals	Objective (including specific locations)	Possible Strategies
Toquart Bay	CLAMS and clam beds	<p>Clam Bed health is low compared to 10 to 15 years ago. This is a threat.</p> <p>Toquart wants to own additional clam tenures for commercial clam harvesting.</p> <p>2. Clam poaching is happening in Toquart Bay.</p> <p>3. The current clam tenure areas.</p>	<p>1. Improve clam harvesting opportunities with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. increased monitoring and enforcement 2. reduced impact of poaching 3. expand clam site tenures for economic development opportunities for Toquart <p>2. restore clam tenures and productivity in Toquart Bay.</p> <p>3. Diversified beaches for tenures and restoration with high potential for clam restoration.</p>	<p>1. Toquart to gain additional clam site commercial harvest of clams or for oysters on beach. Would be intended the seasons. They currently have 10 licenses for seasonal oyster harvest.</p> <p>2. Objective to set criteria for wild oyster tenure areas for harvesting (Criteria is as follows):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Areas should be protected (not exposed to wind) 2 needs to have quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. possible commercial harvest area for Toquart (backside of Hiller Island is traditional (late site). Very productive 2. restore the beach and good water quality 3. need a lease for the Hiller site.
	Deep water Oyster	Shellfish Aquaculture activity: Toquart has 4 shellfish aquaculture tenures in Toquart Bay	1. restoration	1. a scallop tenure belonged to the O'Brien's and is being given to Toquart. Objective to proceed this with scallops or oysters	
	Elkgrass habitat for herring spawl Wild oyster distribution	<p>Spotted depletion of some elkgrass beds</p> <p>Importance of wild oyster distribution in Toquart Bay</p> <p>Concern with boat speeds</p>	<p>1. elkgrass Restoration (habitat restoration)</p> <p>2. Preserve the effectiveness of wild oyster spat spawning in Toquart Bay</p> <p>3. Slow down boat speeds in Toquart Bay</p>	<p>1. Toquart in wet grass restoration.</p> <p>2. Reduce speeds during oyster runs</p> <p>3. Reduce chance for kayaks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partnership 2. Establish speed limit signs at the deep water aquaculture sites. 3. Mr. Murrells has been

Products To Support Planning

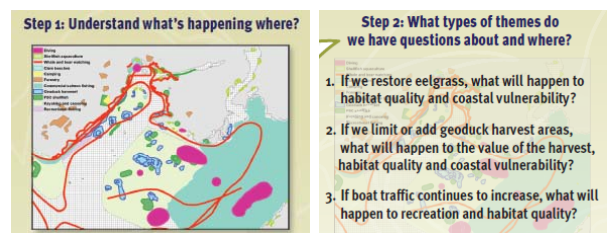
- Socioeconomic and Ecological Assessment
- Marine Atlas



Planning Units And Zoning



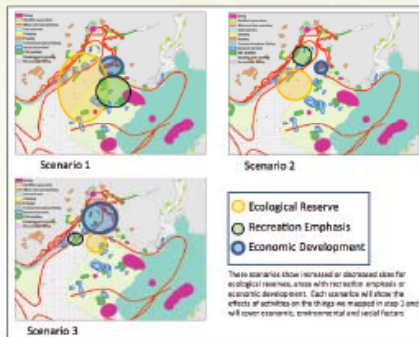
Decision Support Tools: INVEST model



Themes we can receive answers to:

- Water quality •Habitat and biodiversity health • food from fisheries
- float homes •aquaculture •recreation and tourism needs • aesthetic quality • wave energy

Step 3: Consider possible outcomes and safely understand consequences of our actions in a certain area.



Next Steps

- Develop strategies and process to draft zones at the community level
- Ramp up political relationships
- IMPLEMENTATION:
- Common objectives as catalyst for partnerships
- Collaborative activity and projects
- Innovation and new opportunities
- Monitoring and enforcement

Questions?

Discussion

1. How do we maintain and nurture relationships at a grassroots level AND at a government, decision-making levels? How do we manage peoples' expectants?
2. The plan is only as good as the people who share their knowledge. How do we move people from being in a place of being divisive and reactive to a place of being open and collaborative?
3. open to discussion

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