



Islands Trust Council

Quarterly Meeting

ADDENDUM

Date: June 21-23, 2022

Location: Electronic meeting, Public venue
Islands Trust
200-1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8

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**June 2022 Islands Trust Council
Session Outline
Port Optimization Initiatives**

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Purpose: To update Trust Council on the engagement with Indigenous groups, local governments, and community stakeholders in spring 2022, about opportunities to increase port efficiency and to help better manage the effects of vessel traffic on local communities.

The update will report on what we heard from participants in this first phase of engagement, as well as plans for subsequent phases.

Resources: Captain Shri Madiwal, Director, Marine Operations and Safety, Harbour Master, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

TIME	TOPIC	WHO
1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.	Port Optimization Initiatives Engagement Update	Captain Madiwal
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Q & A Discussion	All



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Port optimization initiatives/Active Vessel Traffic Management

Spring/summer 2022 Local Government briefings:
Early engagement results and planned next steps

Our vision

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) vision is – *to be the world's most sustainable port.*



www.portvancouver.com/about-us/sustainability/

Our role in the Southern Gulf Islands

Port authority

- Manage vessel traffic and anchorages within the Port of Vancouver
- Assign anchorages in accordance with the Interim protocol
- Coordinate with vessels in response to Indigenous, local government and community concerns

Transport Canada

- Decisions regarding Canadian trade
- Designate anchorages outside of the Port of Vancouver

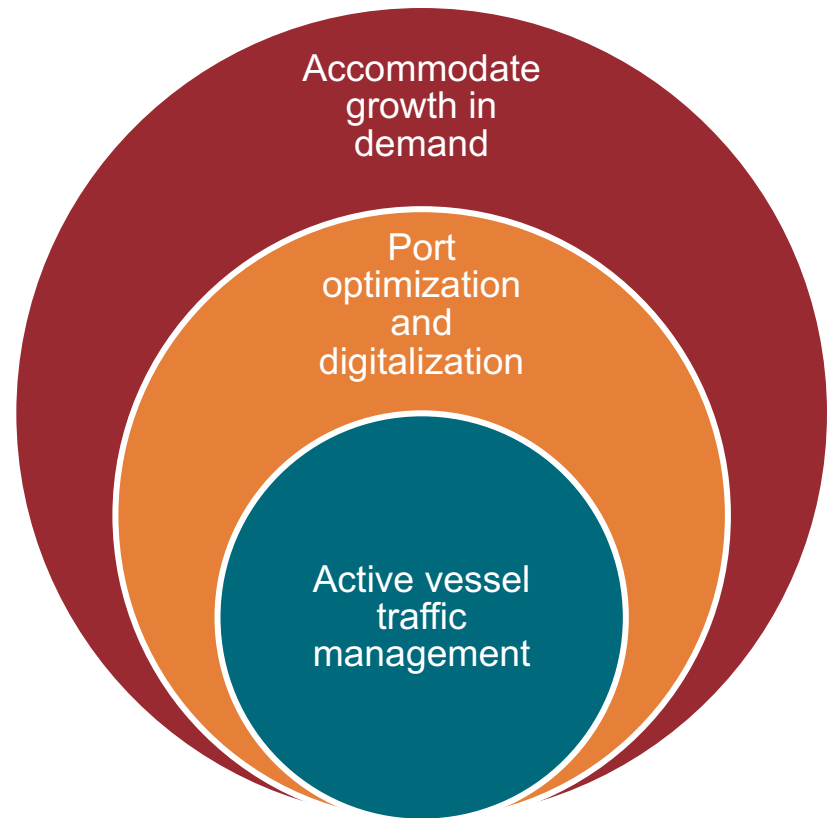
Coast Guard

- Provide MCTS and emergency response

Port optimization initiatives

Purpose:

- Increase efficiency
- Help better manage the effects of marine vessel traffic on local communities



AVTM Engagement Plan



Listen and learn
Inform scope, understand Indigenous and community interests and concerns, identify engagement formats and timing



Inform and engage
Educate, discuss constraints, explore options



Decide and engage
Share draft plans and how engagement input was considered, invite feedback



Ongoing feedback
Share results of new AVTM, invite input/feedback on other initiatives

	LISTEN AND LEARN		INFORM AND ENAGAGE		DECIDE AND ENGAGE		ONGOING FEEDBACK
Target timing	2021	Winter 2022	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Winter 2023	Spring 2023 >>
Industry (<i>collaborate</i>)		●		●	●		→
Indigenous groups (<i>involve</i>)		●					→
Local governments (<i>consult</i>)		● ●	●		●		● →
Community stakeholders (<i>inform/consult</i>)		● ●	●	●	●	●	● →



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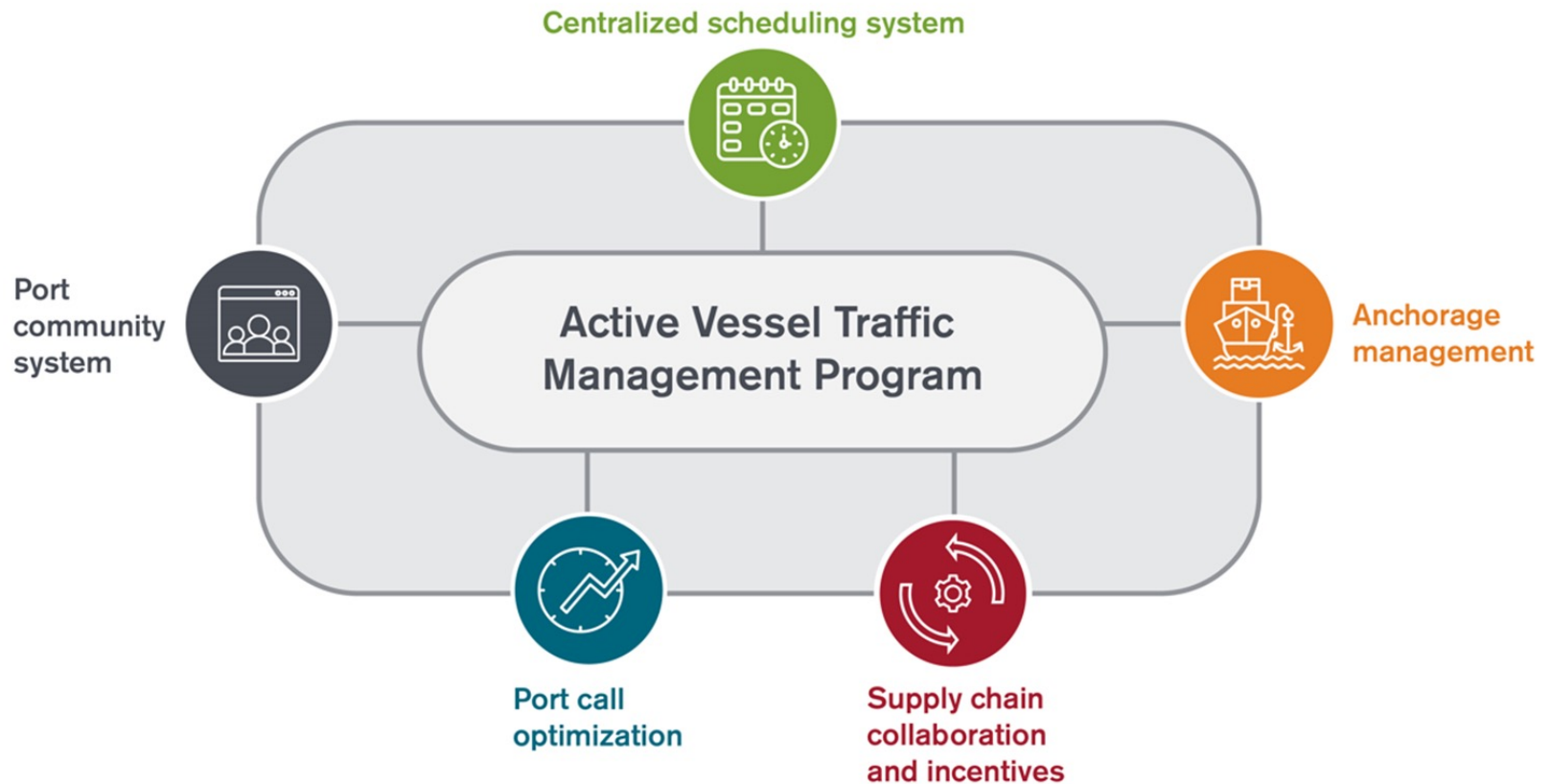
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Early engagement: what we heard

- Need for clarity of jurisdiction and governance including:
 - How anchorage locations were selected
 - Role of Indigenous groups in decision making
- Appreciation for trade and desire for improved efficiency; questions about intended outcomes
- Concerns about potential environmental and health impacts of anchorages; desire to protect special places
- Interest in code of conduct for vessels
- Polarized opinions about “solutions”
- Suggestion to create common understanding through outreach in advance of engagement including clarifying purpose and scope
- Desire for combination of online and in-person meetings

Potential improvements we are exploring

AVTM program elements



Next steps

- **Listen and learn**

July/August 2022

- Launch engagement site
- Online information sessions

- **Inform and engage**

September 2022

- Report back on what we heard
- Invite feedback on potential changes:
 - How anchorages are assigned
 - Minimizing noise, light and air quality effects
 - Understanding environmental impacts
 - Enhancing port efficiency and vessel safety
 - Information sharing and complaint resolution

Intended benefits



Strengthen marine safety



Reduce environmental impacts



Reduce social impacts



Make the movement of goods more efficient and reliable



Maintain port competitiveness





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Thank you

For more information:

- portvancouver.com/marine-operations/avtm

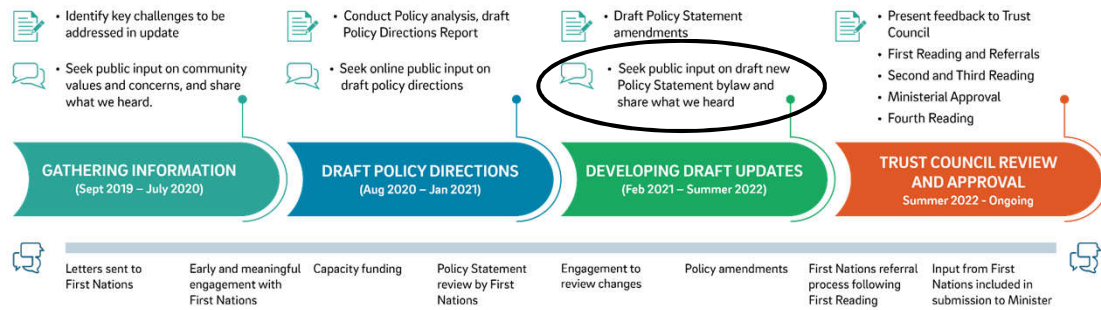


Presentation Overview

- Engagement Overview
- Participation Highlights
- What We Asked
- What We Heard Highlights



Engagement Overview



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Engagement Overview

Phase 3 engagement activities:

- An information session
- An online survey
- A community discussion guide
- Community event booths and drop-in events
- A multi-day virtual workshop
- Focus groups



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Participation Highlights

EVENT TYPE	DATES / TIMELINE	PARTICIPATION
Online Survey	February 20 to April 17, 2022	1,299 responses
Information Session and Q+A	March 1, 2022	Approx. 90 people
In-person Events (25*)	March 18 to April 13, 2022	595 people across all events
Virtual Workshop #1	March 22, 2022	Approx. 100 people
Virtual Workshop #2	March 29, 2022	Approx. 100 people
Virtual Focus Groups (6)	April 14 to 21, 2022	24 people

*Gambier Island Virtual Event is included in the in-person event numbers



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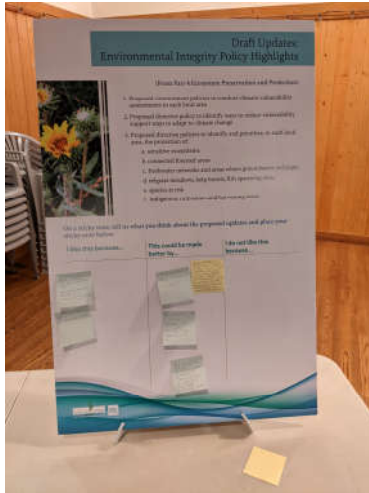
What We Asked

- Tell us to what level you agree or disagree with the proposed Policy Statement amendments in various categories...
- Do you have suggestions for policies to be included to support reconciliation in the Islands Trust Area?
- Do you have feedback you wish to share related to the structure of the Draft New Policy Statement?
- Would you like to see a Glossary of Key Terms added to the Draft New Policy Statement?
- Do you have feedback you wish to share related to the implementation of the Draft New Policy Statement?



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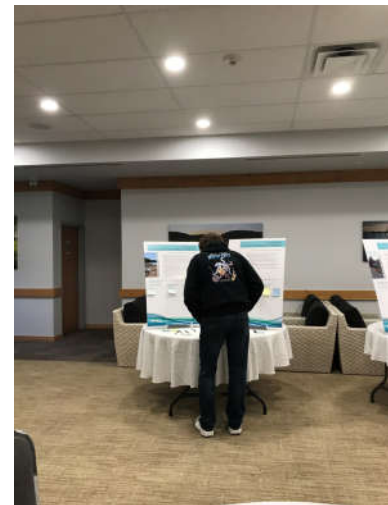
What We Heard Highlights



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What We Heard Highlights

- Regional governance
- Advocacy
- Ecosystem preservation and protection
- Freshwater stewardship
- Coastal and marine stewardship
- Forest stewardship
- Agricultural stewardship
- Sustainable and resilient communities / housing
- Engagement process
- General policy structure
- Reconciliation



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What We Heard Highlights

- Private docks and seawalls
- Desalination
- Tree cutting by individual landowners on private land
- Agriculture as a valued activity
- Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) advocacy
- Floor area and lot coverage limitations for residential development
- Need for definitions of key terms (Glossary)
- Need for more information about reconciliation
- Need for simpler structure and language in the Policy Statement



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BRIEFING & DISCUSSION

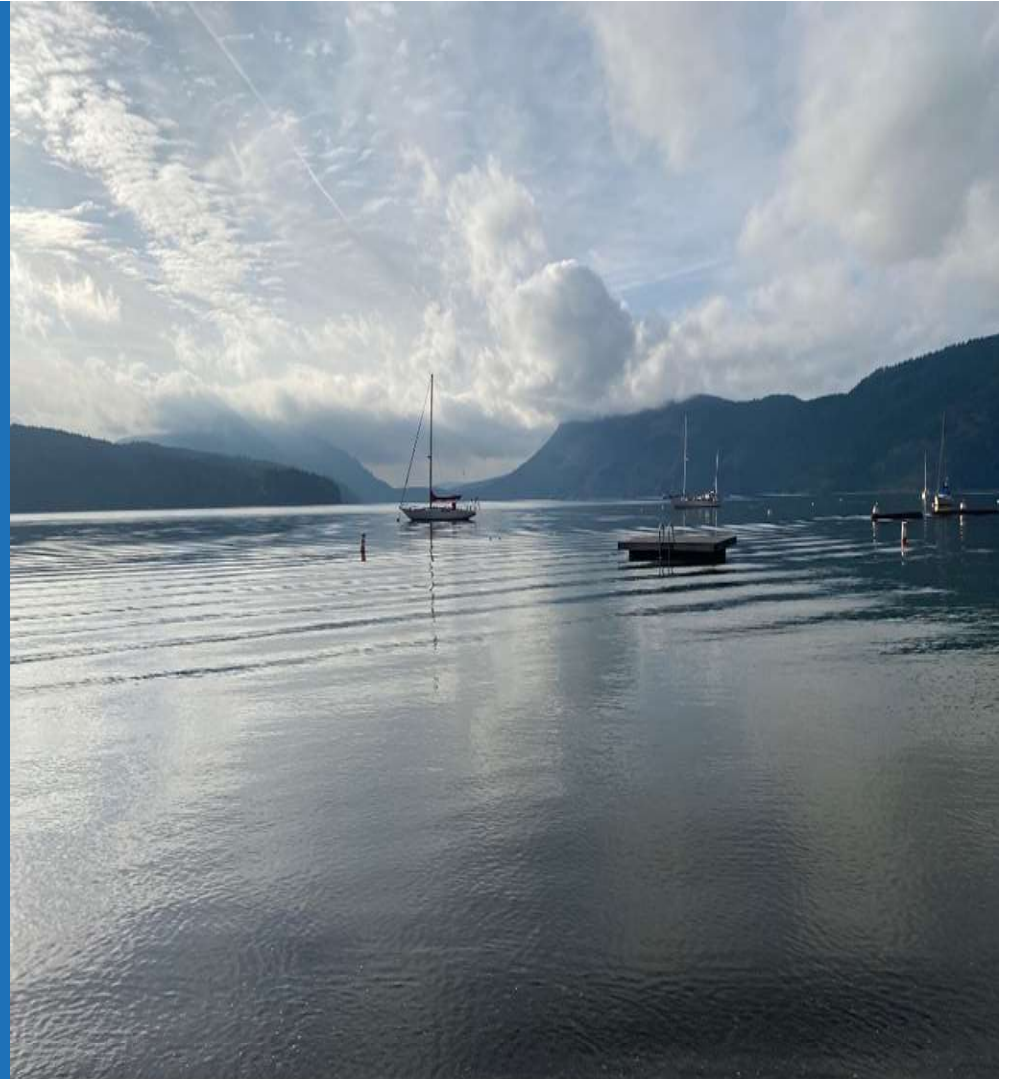
Proposed SSG NMCAR Update and Next Steps

Presented to Islands Trust
June 23rd, 2022



Agenda

1. Marine Activity on the Pacific Coast
2. First Nations Update
3. SSG Update





Pacific Region: Marine Overview

NORTH COAST Major Marine Initiatives	Parks Canada	DFO	B.C.	FN
Reconciliation Framework Agreement (RFA) for Oceans Management		X	Pending	X
PNCIMA Plan Implementation	X	X	X	X
Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP)			X	X
MPA Network Planning	X	X	X	X
Oceans Protection Plan		X		X
Rockfish Conservation Area Review		X		
Gwaii Haanas Land Sea People Plan Implementation	X	X		X
Environmental Stewardship Initiative (Cumulative Effects)			X	X
SGaan Kinghlas-Bowie Seamount MPA				X
Hecate Glass Sponge Reefs MPA Management Planning		X		X
Scott Islands marine NWA Management Planning		X	X	X

SOUTH COAST Major Marine Initiatives	Parks Canada	DFO	B.C.	FN
Marine Spatial Planning	X	X	X	X
West Coast Aquatic	X	X	X	X
Salish Sea Initiative	X	X		X
Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery Planning	X	X	X	
Southern Strait of Georgia NMCAR Feasibility	X		X	X
Rockfish Conservation Area Review		X		
Pacific Rim – Marine Management	X			
Coral & Sponge Reef Conservation		X		
Oceans Protection Plan		X		
Pacific Offshore Area of Interest		X		X

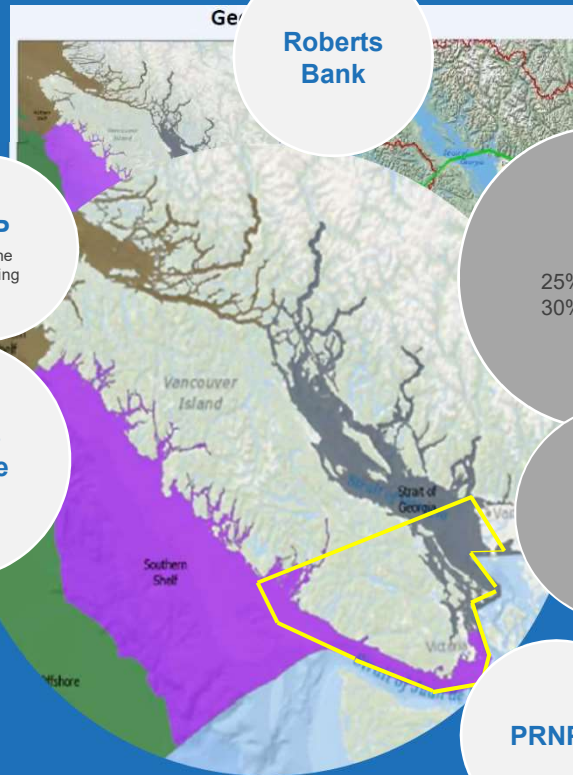
List is incomplete. There are other regional, national initiatives.

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Pacific Region: South Coast Context

SOUTH COAST	Parks Canada	DFO	B.C.	FN
Major Marine Initiatives				
Marine Spatial Planning	X	X	X	X
West Coast Aquatic	X	X	X	X
Salish Sea Initiative	X	X		X
Southern Resident Killer	X	X	X	
Whale Recovery Planning				
Southern Strait of Georgia	X			X
NMCAR Feasibility				
Rockfish Conservation				
Area Review				
Pacific Rim – Marine				
Management				
Coral & Sponge Reef				
Conservation				
Oceans Protection Plan				
Pacific Offshore Area				
of Interest				



Roberts Bank

OPP
Baseline Monitoring

OPP
\$1.5bn to protect oceans

Whales Initiative
SRKW

Salish Sea Initiative
Assess and manage cumulative effects of marine activities (except shipping)

TMX
Accommodations

MCT
25% by 2025
30% by 2030

Marine Spatial Planning
Coordinated use and management of marine spaces to achieve ecological, economic, cultural and social objectives

NMCAs

MPAs & OECMs
e.g., sponge reefs

PRNPR

SSG NMCAR



Mutual Considerations & Opportunities

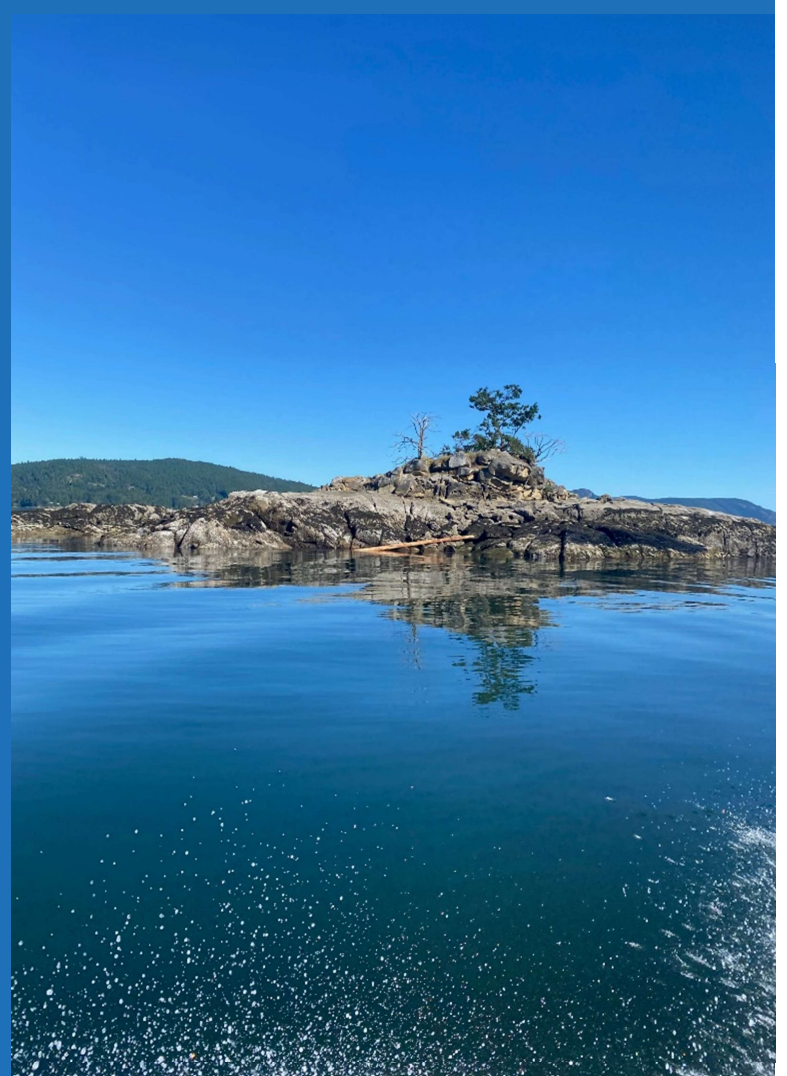
- Jurisdictional Overlap & Opportunities
- Building on Mutual Priorities
- Capacity Limitations
- Relationships & Collaboration
- Balancing interests and needs





FN's, BC and PCA

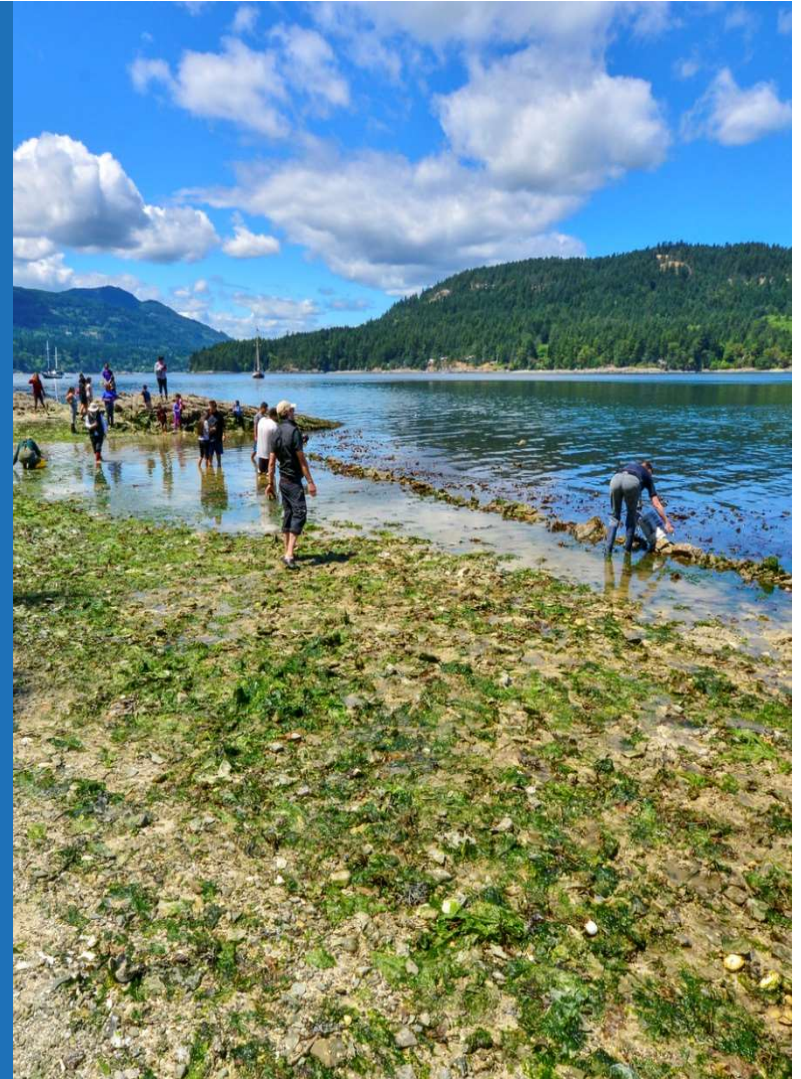
- FN's Coordinator
- Steering Committee
- Indigenous Management Board (IMB) and Indigenous Management Board Technical Committee (IMBTC)
- June 22nd FN Leadership, BC and PCA Executive Meeting





DISCUSSION POINTS

- Governance
- Aboriginal and treaty rights
- Harvesting and traditional food security
- Protection and remediation of traditional sites
- Anchorages, private moorages and shipping lanes
- Negotiation of agreements
- Transfer of seabed and tenures
- Waste, dredge disposal
- Strength of claim
- Exclusions of areas within the proposed boundary
- Overlap of different forms of MPA's

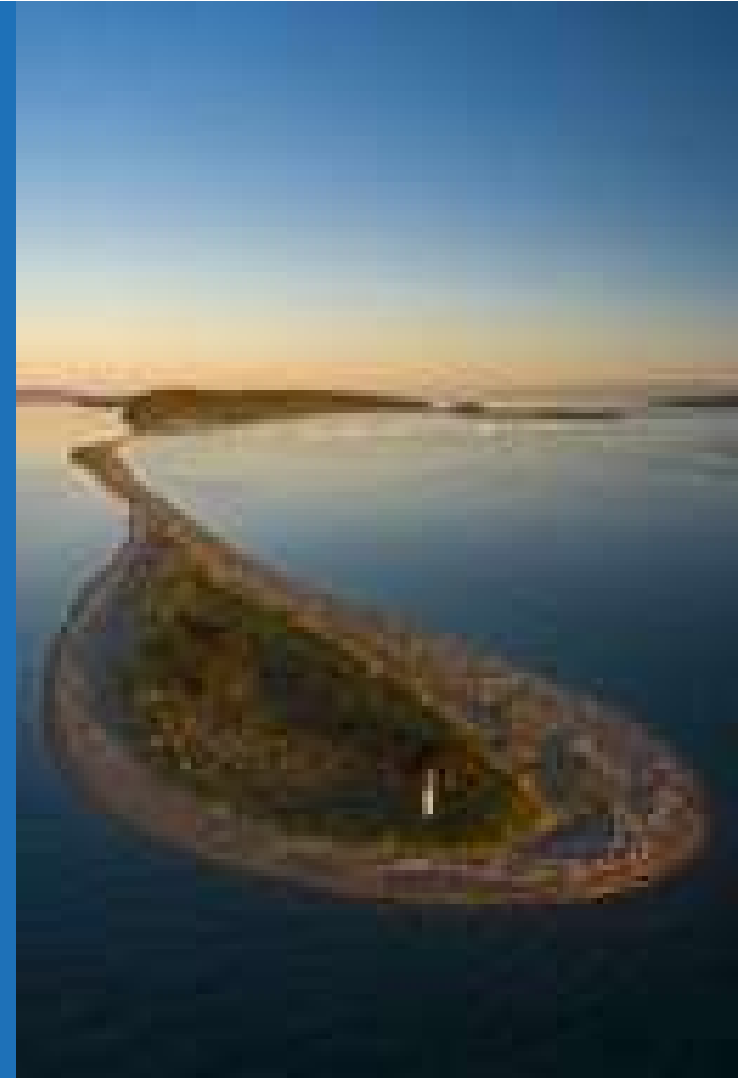




SUPPORT for STEERING COMMITTEE for DECISION-MAKING on FEASIBILITY

Joint preparation for Steering Committee:

- Terms of reference
- Work-planning
- Technical work to support the topics of discussion
- Capacity





EXPRESSED INTERESTS

(abbreviated and not exclusive to FN's)

- Anchorages and shipping lanes
- Jurisdictional concerns re seabed transfer and tenure management/zoning
- Advisory roles
- NMCAR policy and zoning
- Commercial resource extraction implications (fishing, foreshore, aquaculture)
- Conservation objectives
- Waste, dredge disposal
- Exclusions of areas within the proposed boundary
- Overlap of MPA's and jurisdiction (i.e. DFO MPA's, NMCAR's, TC, Islands Trust legislation)



NMCAR ESTABLISHMENT PROCESS





UPCOMING CONSULTATION STEPS

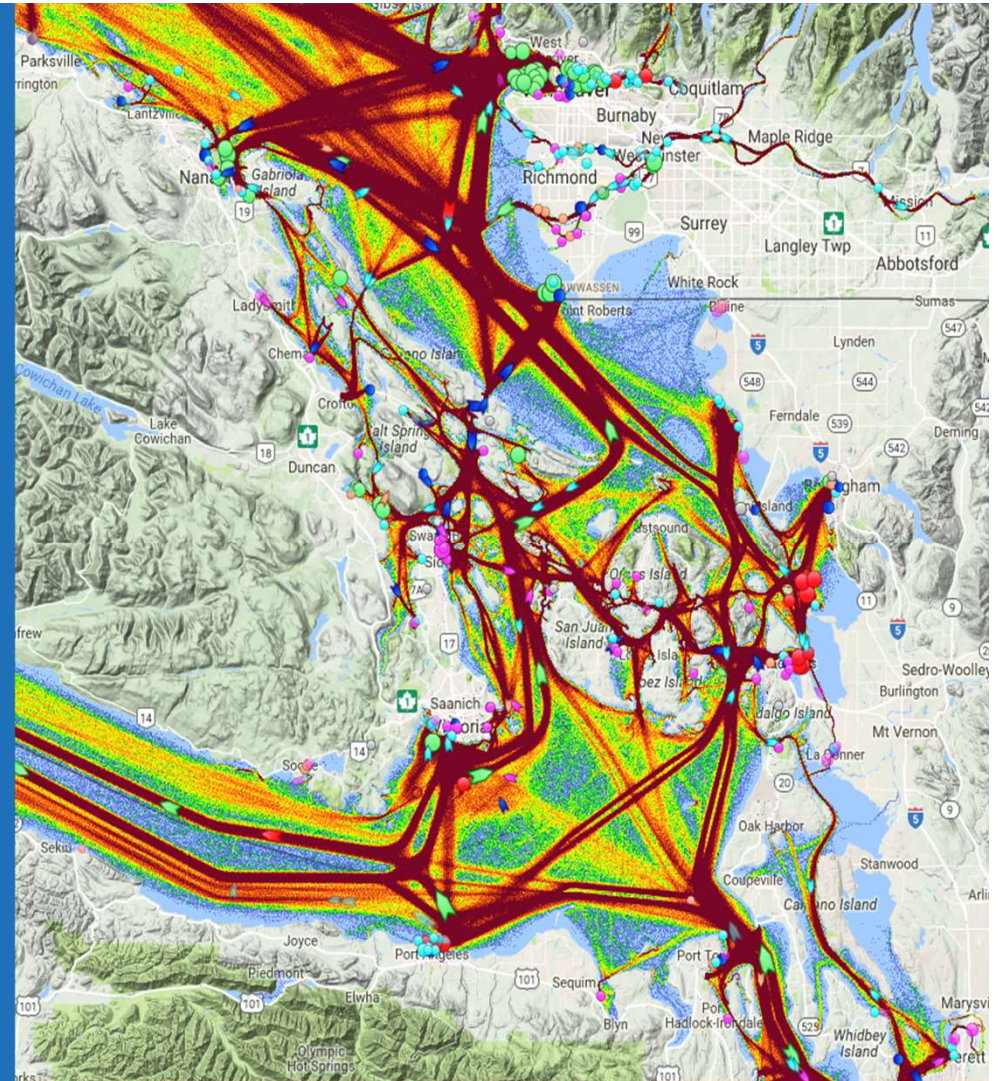
- Consultation Timelines, Public Engagement and “What We Heard” Report
- Many key players involved
- Feedback Portal
- New Communications Products
- Staffing

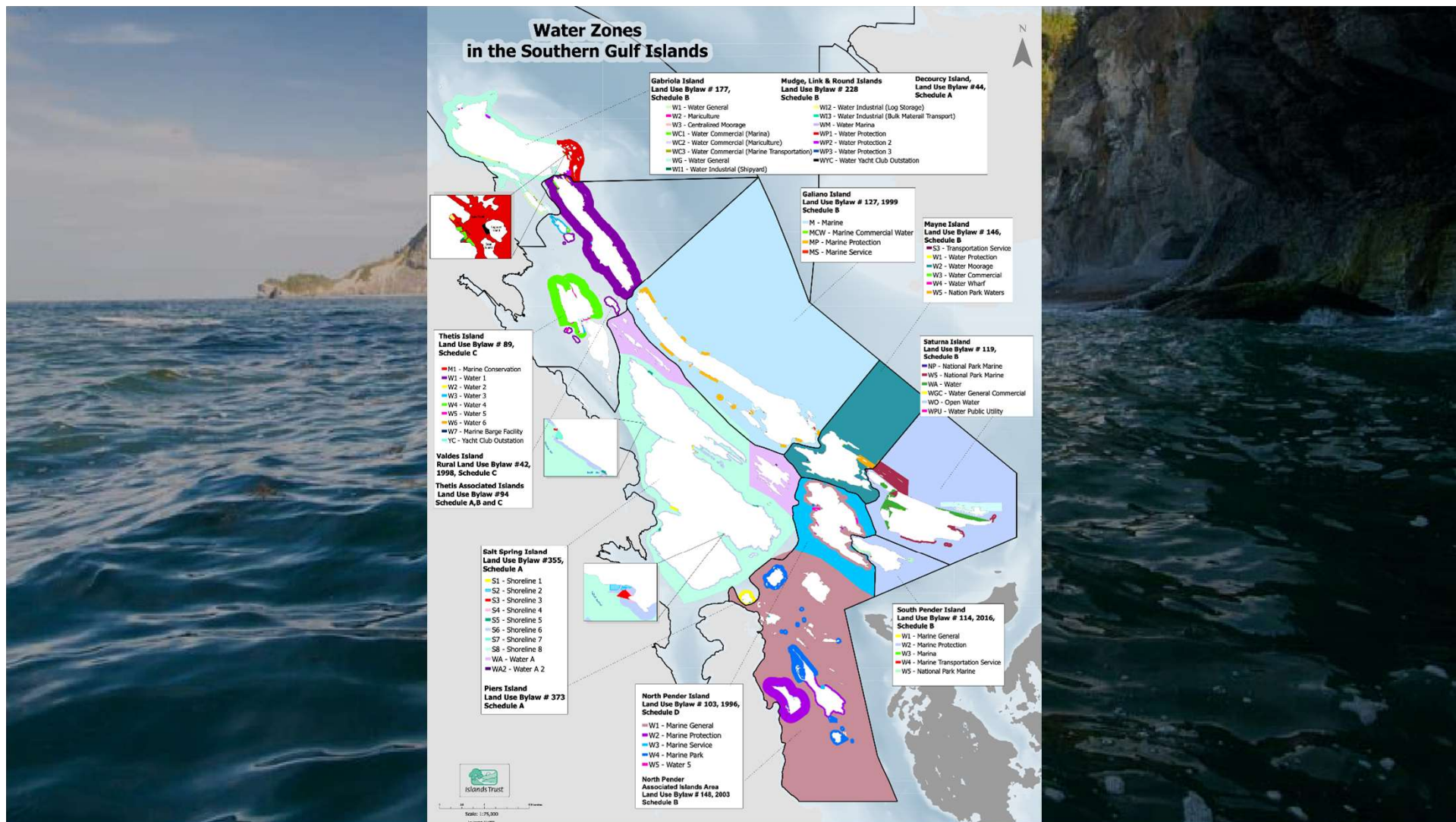




Government Collaboration (abbreviated, non-Indigenous)

- Islands Trust
- BC
- Municipalities
- DFO
- Transport Canada
- Coast Guard
- DND
- PCA Family (Ops, Policy, PAEC, PC Comms, etc.)







NMCA Policy and Directive Key Elements

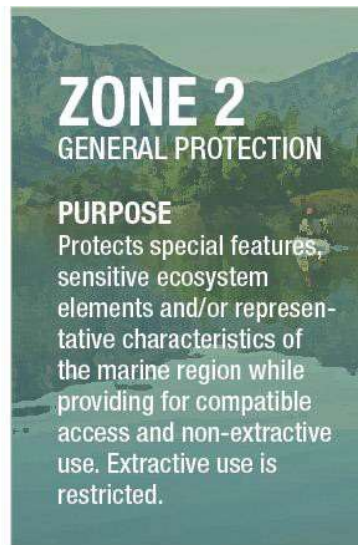
REVISED ZONING FRAMEWORK (PROPOSED)



ZONE 1

STRICT PROTECTION

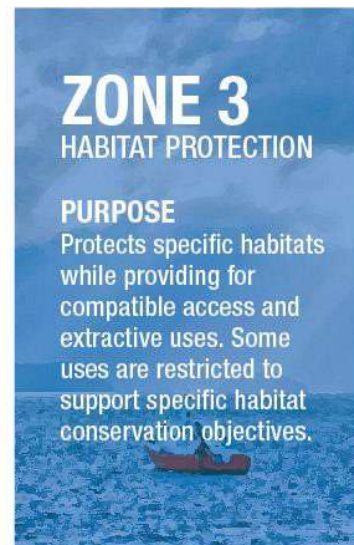
PURPOSE
Strictly protects special features and/or sensitive ecosystem elements that may be susceptible to disturbance. Access and extractive use are restricted.



ZONE 2

GENERAL PROTECTION

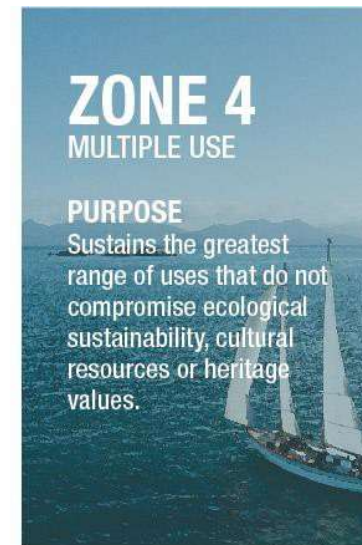
PURPOSE
Protects special features, sensitive ecosystem elements and/or representative characteristics of the marine region while providing for compatible access and non-extractive use. Extractive use is restricted.



ZONE 3

HABITAT PROTECTION

PURPOSE
Protects specific habitats while providing for compatible access and extractive uses. Some uses are restricted to support specific habitat conservation objectives.



ZONE 4

MULTIPLE USE

PURPOSE
Sustains the greatest range of uses that do not compromise ecological sustainability, cultural resources or heritage values.

Indigenous traditional use continues in all zones, consistent with Section 35 of the Constitution Act.

Parks Canada, in collaboration with others, works towards the long-term goal of placing the majority of each NMCA in fully protected zones (1 and/or 2).



NMCA Policy and Directive Key Elements

REVISED ZONING FRAMEWORK (PROPOSED)

	FULL PROTECTION ZONES		ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE USE ZONES	
	ZONE 1 STRICT PROTECTION	ZONE 2 GENERAL PROTECTION	ZONE 3 HABITAT PROTECTION	ZONE 4 MULTIPLE USE
Research, monitoring and restoration	C	✓	✓	✓
Recreational activities (non-extractive)	×	✓	✓	✓
Commercial tourism (non-extractive)	×	✓	C	✓
Coastal and in-water infrastructure	×	C	C	✓
Commercial shipping	×	✓	C	✓
Recreational fishing	×	×	C	✓
Commercial fisheries	×	×	C	✓
Aquaculture (non-industrial scale)	×	×	C	✓
Renewable energy (non-industrial scale)	×	×	C	✓



COMMUNICATION

- Essential for Mutual Success
- Clear
- Complete
- Regular and Timely





WHAT WE CAN DO NOW

- Work together to explore and support a technical discussion of the foreshore and zoning implications, challenges, opportunities and potential solutions of specific interest to Islands Trust
- Formalize Islands Trust feedback to the establishment process

