

Aquatic Resource Management A Nuu-chah-nulth Perspective

Fisheries

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Presentation

- Brief History
- Modern Day Treaty Making Process
- Community engagement
- Negotiations with DFO
- West Coast Aquatic
- Opportunities/Challenges
- Future

History

- Ha'wiih/Ha-Hahoulthee – Title and Rights
- State of our aquatic resources
- Management
- Use of aquatic resources
- Whaling
- Sealing
- Trade

Whaling



Makah Whaler



Makah Welcome



Modern Day Treaty Making Process

- Tripartite Task Force
- Adoption
- Recommendation 16
- Vision of First Nations/Clayoquot Sound Forestry Agreement
- Lack of commitment by Canada/BC
- Engagement with DFO

Makah support for Treaty Negotiations



Community Engagement

- Survival Coalition
- Treaty process recognized the importance of community involvement –IMA's
- West Coast Sustainability Association
- Coastal Community Network
- Application to all newcomers and First Nation members

Community engagement



Negotiations with DFO

- Unwilling partner
- Watering down intent
- Bound by policy and regulations
- Changing faces
- Unwilling to share power
- Refusing help readily available from communities and First Nations

West Coast Aquatic

- Maintains the vision of community based management, using Ha'wiih Ha-Hahoulthee
- Board consists of sixteen members appointed by First Nations; Municipalities/RD's; BC; Can.
- Engages coastal communities about policy, planning, partnerships and projects
- Works closely with Uu-a-thluk, NTC Fisheries
- Works on Capacity Building

Opportunities/Challenges

- Focus on Healthy People and Resources
- Access – Home use/Commercial
- Education/Dialogue/Understanding
- Inclusiveness
- Sharing of resources and power
- Support from the Oceans Act
- Sustainability

Future

- Strong, healthy West Coast Communities
- Vibrant contributors of the economy
- Sustained eco-system management
- Resources for the next seven generations
- Healthy eco-systems
- Community based resource management benefitting all Governments.

Mapping for Aquatic Management



Fish forever!

