

National Advisory Panel Presentation

Maa-nulth First Nations



Introduction

- KCFN Citizen
- Joint Fisheries Committee
Rep - KCFN
- Maa-nulth Fisheries Rep
- Consultant
- Offshore Advisory
Committee Member
- Halibut Advisory Board
Member



Maa-nulth Final Agreement

- Maa-nulth Part of Nuuchahluth First Nations
- Signed Maa-nulth Modern Treaty April 1 2011
- Section 35 Canada Constitution

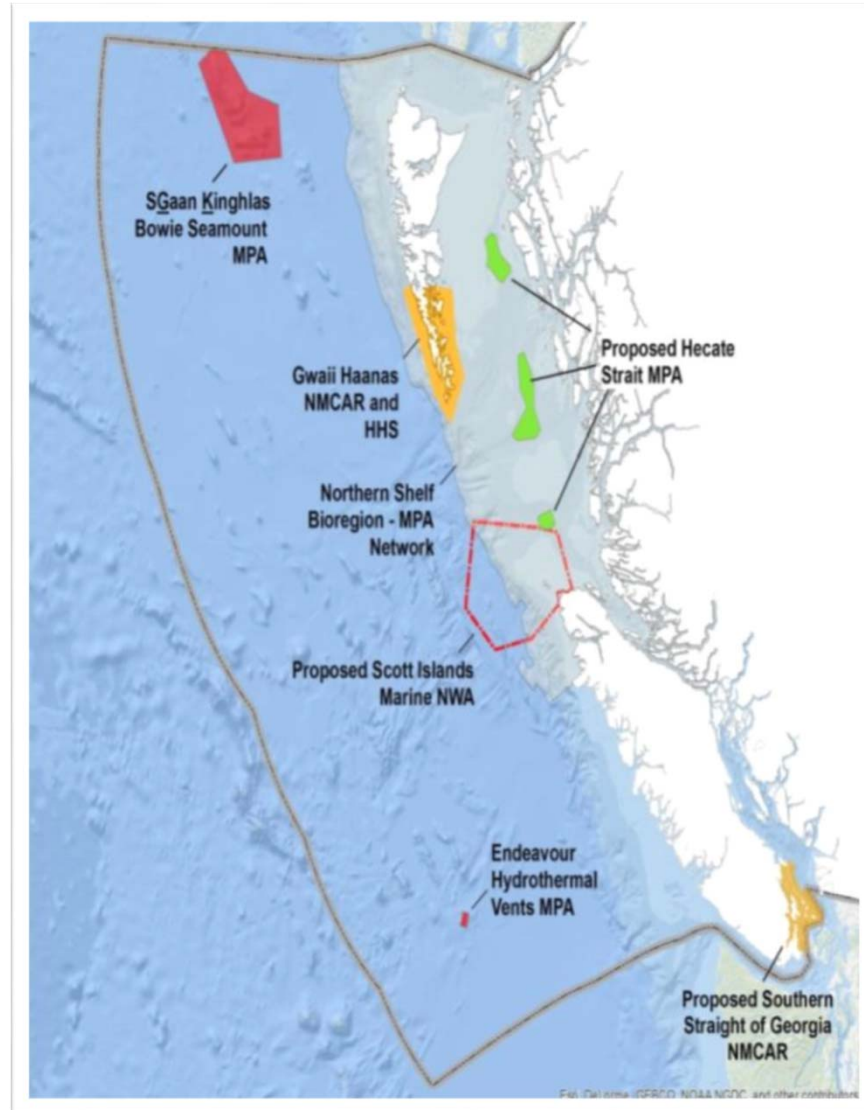


We are fishing people



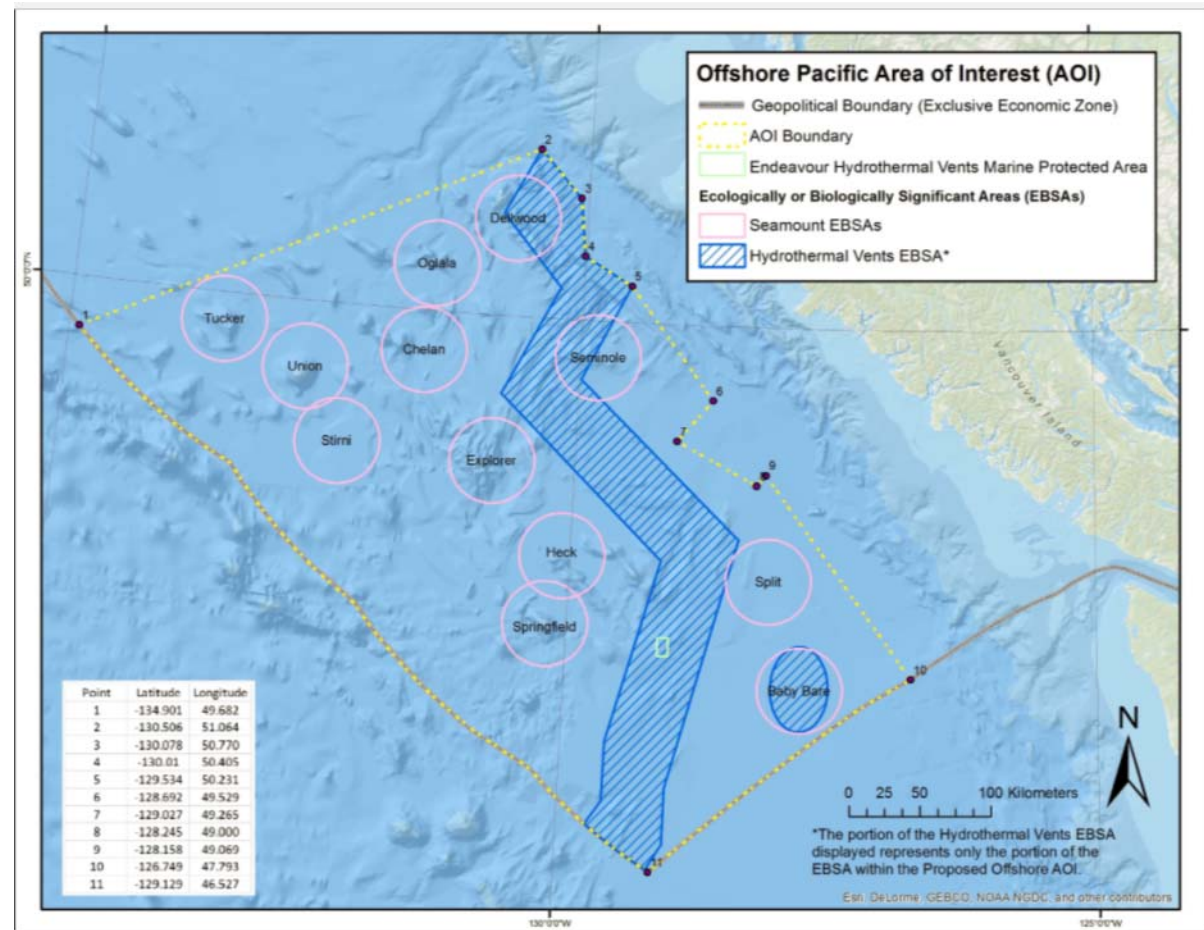
Our interest in MPA's

- We actively steward our territory
- MPA's Proposed in our traditional territory



Our interest in MPA's continued

- Nuu-chah-nulth
First Nations Fishing
Modern Right
- Maa-nulth Treaty
Right



Nuuchahnulth and Maa-nulth Principles

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- Hishuk'ish tsawalk
- Isaak
- Uu – a – thluk
- T'aaq-wii'hak



Hishuk'ish tsawalk

Hishuk'ish tsawalk -
Everything is one,
everything is inter-
connected

This management
principal extends to
areas outlined in the
MPA. Impacts to
marine life, marine
habitat and abundance
impact Nuuchahnulth
people.



“ I believe that fishing is in my blood. It's something that I was born with.” –
Barney Williams Jr. Ka:'yu:' k' t' h' /Che:k' tles7et' h' First Nation

Isaak

Isaak – respect

This principle relates to respecting fish, waterways, lands, people, nature and mankind generally. The only way forward is with Isaak



Uu – a – thluk

The word **Uu-a-thluk** means "taking care of" in the Nuuchah-nulth language.

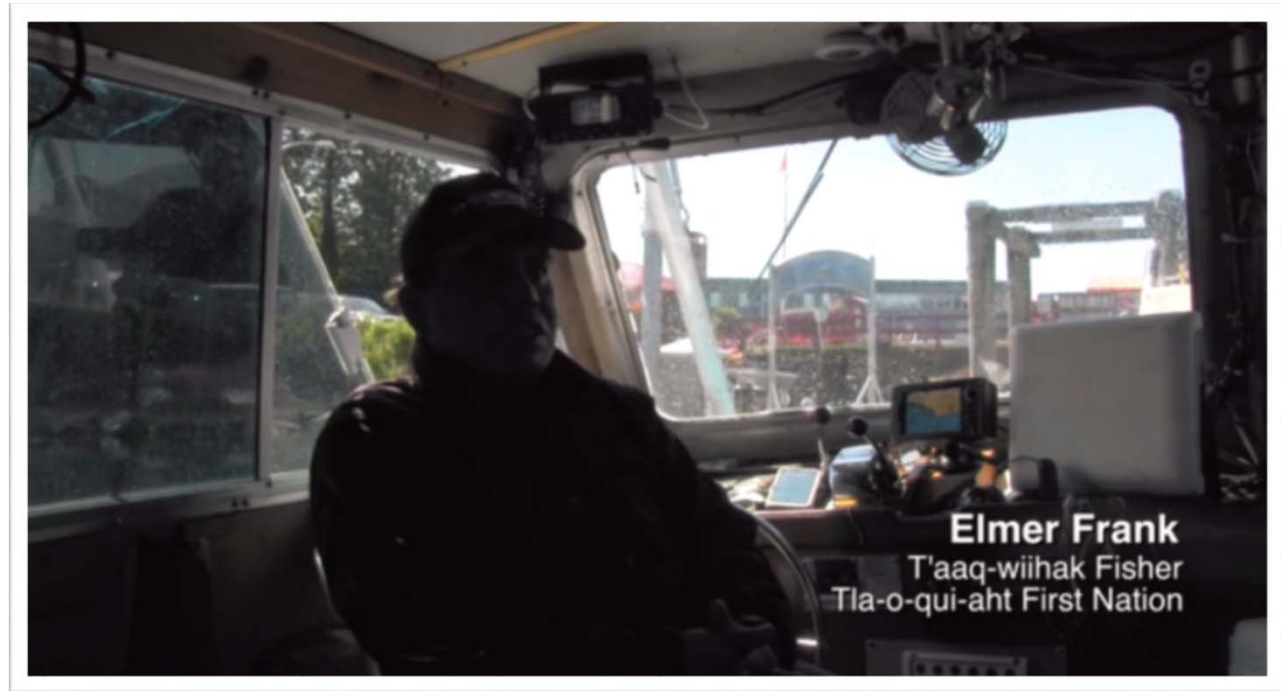
Uu-a-thluk is the aquatic resource management department of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council.



T'aaq-wii'hak

T'aaq-wii'hak –
fishing with
permission of the
Ha'wiih*

- Commercial
Fisheries



<http://uuathluk.ca/litigation/fisheries-litigation-trial/>

* Ha'wiih - Hereditary Chiefs

MPA Process Opportunities

- Partnership
- Collaboration
- Cooperation
- Co-governance
- MPA's as a nation to nation framework promoting positive interaction between nations and Canada



MPA Consultation

- Gain better understanding of impacts on Lands and Water – we are here all the time and have been always. We know these waters.
- Maa-nulth treaty - protecting food fishing
- Maa-nulth participation in the Commercial Fishery
- Consultation to date resulted in MPA boundary that mirrors Treaty Boundary – positive consultation.



Possible Negative Impacts

- Continued systematic reduction of ability to exercise First Nation right
- Halibut and Tuna fisheries impact
- Mismanagement legacy



Question

- If the MPA's are in place, who would be in charge of enforcement
- Why are the Canadian standards for protected areas set considerably higher than other countries?
- These areas are self imposed by Canada. These areas are one management tool.
 - What other management tools are being considered for these areas?
- Will RCA's be included on the WCVI total?
- What is the ongoing plan for engagement with Nuuchahnulth communities and First Nations?