

# **Nanwakolas Council**

## **Presentation to National Advisory Panel on MPA Standards**

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# Our Views

- We support the concept of marine protection and standards.
- They must reflect our sovereignty, rights and title.
- They must benefit future access and utilization by members.
- They must prioritise areas of vulnerable and sensitive cultural features, as well as ecologically significant areas.



# What Shapes Our Views

- Shaped by rights, title and sovereignty.
- Shaped by extensive experience in BC land/coastal plans, federal PNCIMA plan, and MaPP marine planning.
- Shaped by Member Nation marine plans and co-development of MaPP plan for North Vancouver Island.
- Shaped by identification of areas for special protection management & related standards in these plans.



# Views on IUCN Tools

- IUCN Categories used to characterize our NVI Plan protection management areas - for comparison purposes.
- IUCN standards for allowable uses, activities considered as a starting point or general check for management.
- IUCN categories and standards not needed as a starting point in our territories – our marine plans are our starting point, as they outline acceptable uses everywhere.
- IUCN standards are single-area focused, do not represent an integrated, ecosystem approach to marine management and planning.



# Role of Indigenous Approaches

- A much greater need for consideration of indigenous approaches is required- not only standards but other aspects of management and planning.
- A greater need to consider protection standards in the broader context of rights, title, stewardship roles of First Nations.
- A greater need to consider standards in the context of inter-connectedness, and integrated management of the broader territory.

