



Howe Sound/Atl'kitsem marine conservation assessment

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Climate change

Sea level rise & coastal squeeze
Increase in storm frequency and intensity
Increase in ocean temperature and acidity

Unawareness of best practices

Shoreline development & coastal squeeze
Mooring & docks
Existing protection and regulations

Absence of collaborative planning and management

Between governance levels (local, First Nations, provincial, federal)
Across local governments

Unmanaged population growth

Cumulative effects
Growth outpacing support capacity
Increased visitation and traffic

Limited monitoring and enforcement

Shoreline and industrial development
Existing protection and regulations
Long-term ecological monitoring

Unprotected sensitive habitats

Knowledge gaps
Cumulative effects

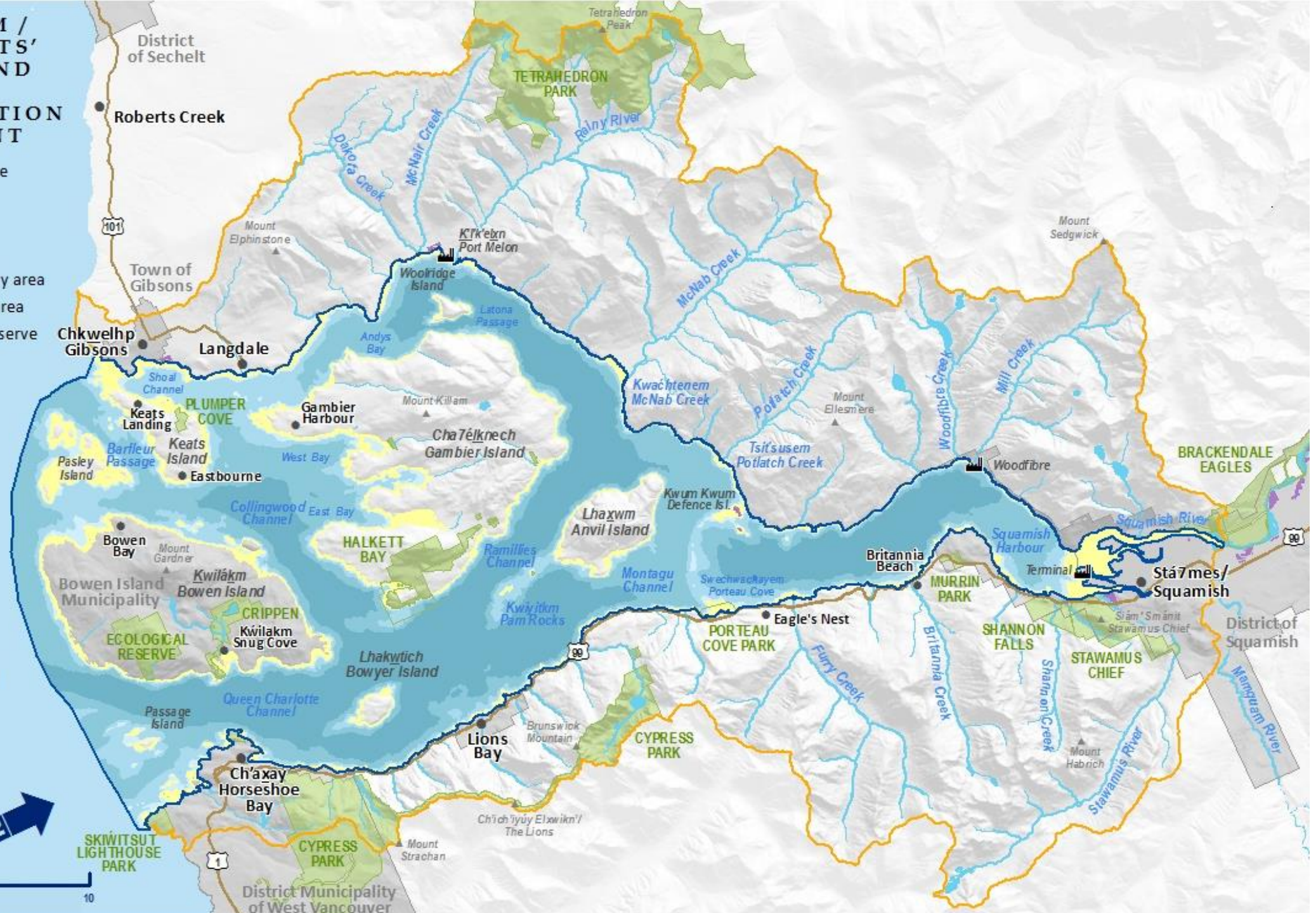
Pollution and contamination

Industry and urban contaminants
Problem vessels
Noise and light pollution

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- Populated place
- 🏭 Industry
- 🛣️ Highway
- 🌊 Watercourse
- 🟡 Terrestrial study area
- 🟦 Marine study area
- 🟪 First Nation Reserve
- 🏠 Municipality
- 🌳 Park

- Depth zones (metre)
- 🟡 0 - 30
 - 🟩 30 - 50
 - 🟦 50 - 100
 - 🟦 100 - 200
 - 🟦 >200



Project Goal

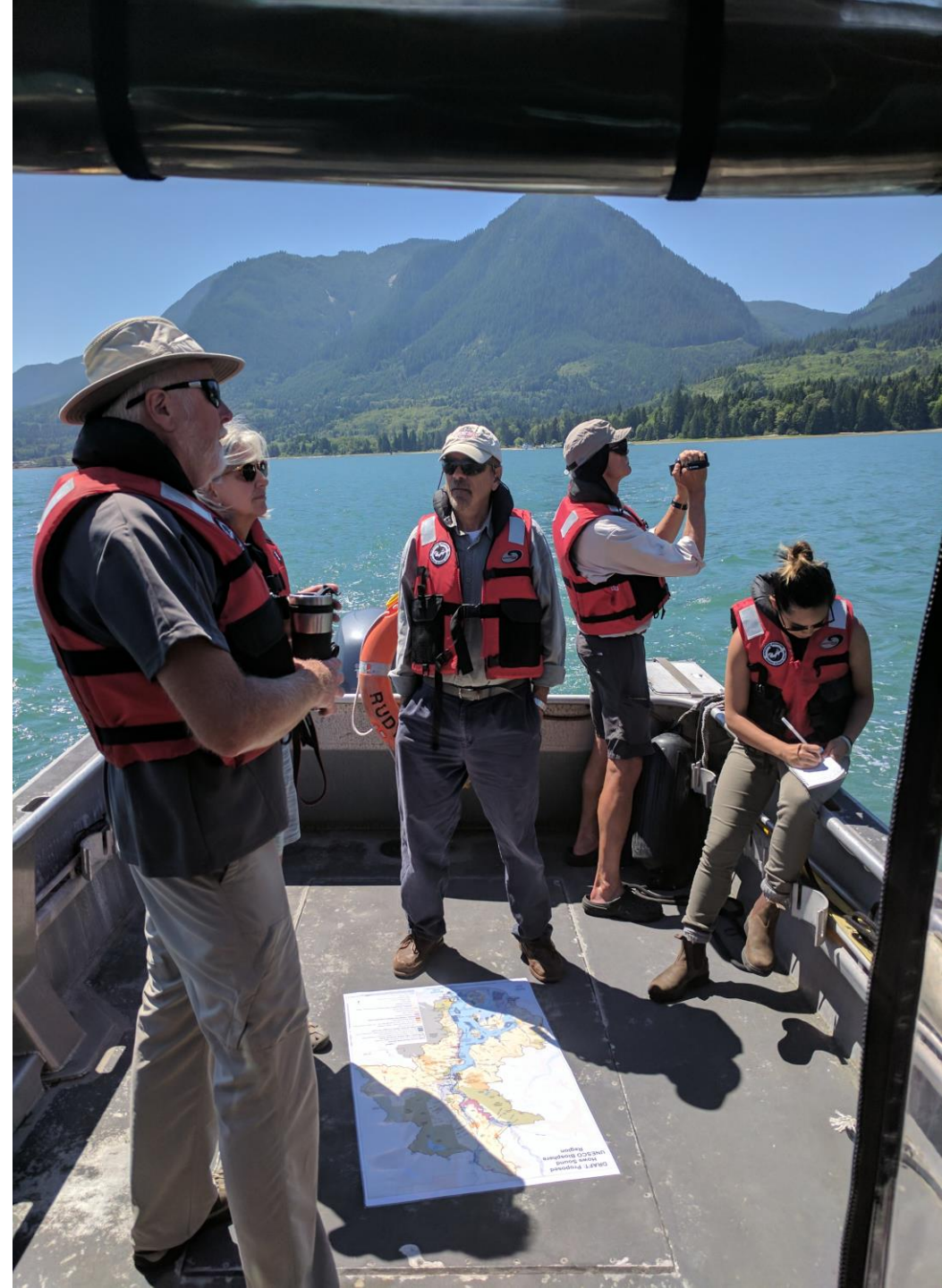
Define a path for improving/maintaining the ecological health of the Howe Sound marine environment

Project Objectives:

- 1. Consolidate data for ecological/cultural values in Howe Sound.*
- 2. Identify areas of priority conservation needs and opportunities.*
- 3. Establish an online tool that catalyzes and guides conservation action.*

Project Activities

- Field trips, interviews
- Partner with Squamish First Nation to assess and document cultural data
- Science forum
- Collate data into spatial data layers
- Conduct conservation analysis (values/threats/priorities/designations)
- Produce an interactive online map





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Gibson Creek

Scheink

Shoal Channel

Plumper Cove

Barnabas Landing

Gibsons Nearshore Eelgrass bed Biodiversity (fish)

Shelter Islets

PLUMPER COVE MARINE PARK

Keats Island

Cotton Point

Steep Bluff

Eastbourne

Collingwood Channel

Keats Landing

Keats Camp

Preston Island

Barfleur Passage

Pasley Island RCA

Salmon Rock Marine birds Biodiversity (fish) Marine mammal

Pasley Island Group Biodiversity (fish) Eelgrass bed Marine birds Marine mammal

- Ferry terminal
- Marina
- Recreation anchorage
- Recreation camp
- Boat launch
- Bathymetry contour (m)
- Focus area
- Protected area
- Rockfish conservation areas
- Herring spawning site
- Forage fish
- Eelgrass
- Clam bed
- First Nation Reserve

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Our conservation assessment process

1. Identify diversity of values associated with Howe Sound's marine environment

a) Ecological

b) Economic

c) Cultural

d) Social

2. Map data associated with diversity of values

a) Existing spatial data

b) Local ecological knowledge

c) Traditional ecological knowledge

d) Other (non-spatial data etc.)



Our conservation assessment process

3. Review, define, identify

- a) Threats and areas of conflict
- b) Priority areas
- c) Priority activities
- d) Integrated assessment



Our conservation assessment process

4. Recommend appropriate management activities

a) Legal tools

b) Stewardship

c) Protection

d) Multi-stakeholder roundtables

5. Motivate Stakeholders to Implement recommendations



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