



Future of Howe Sound Forum

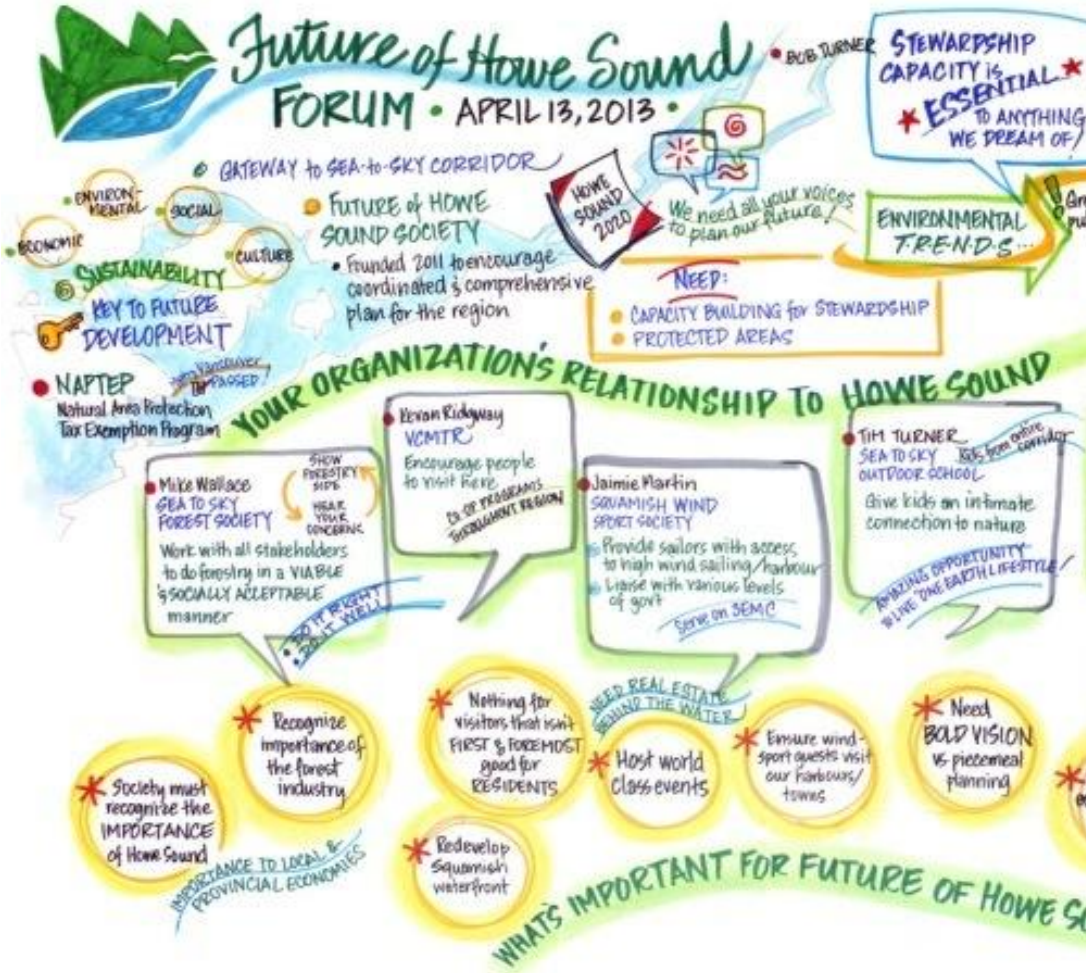
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Main Ideas, Key Themes & Common Ground

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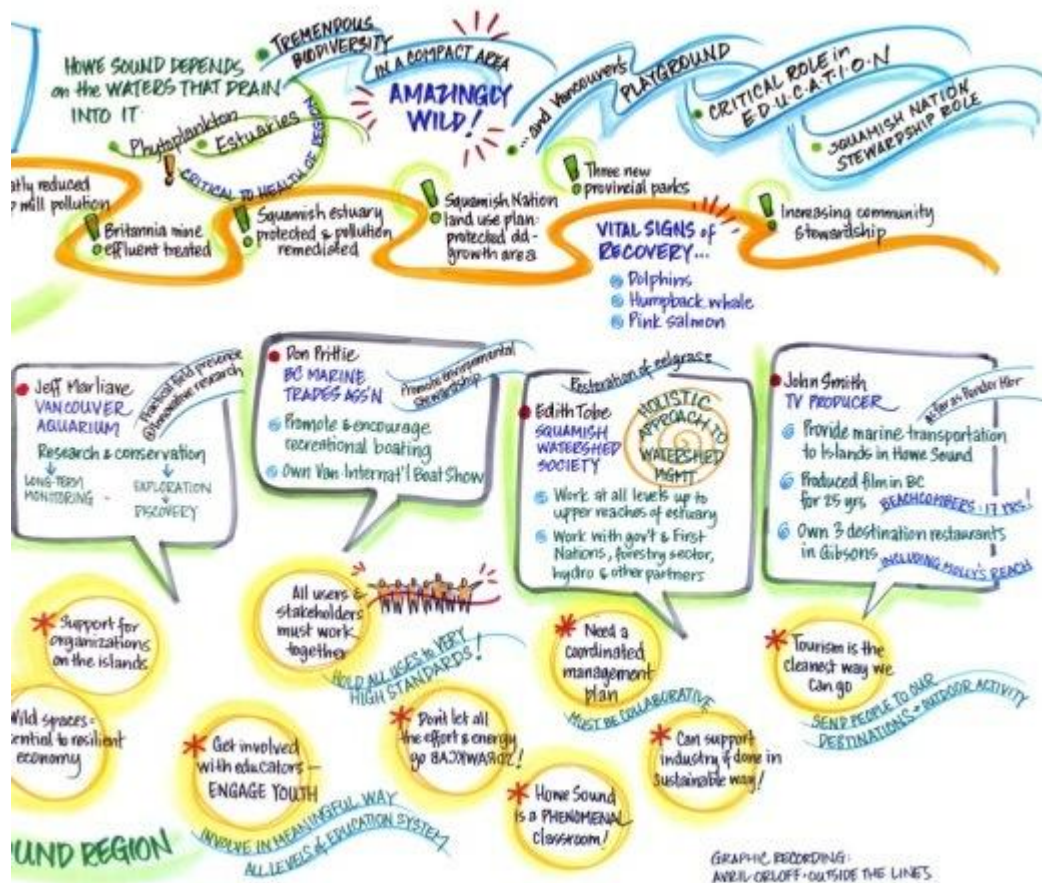


Panelists – Q&A Round 1

- Many people here interested to protect our key jewels in the region
- LRMP needed for lower Howe Sound
- Need a common vision
- Importance of informed decisions on management plan
- Need balance between all interests
- Enable industry to happen but commit to green technology
- Responsible development practices
- Improve best practices; reduce impact
- Involve youth



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Panelists, Q&A Round 2

- Communication and collaboration between stakeholders
- Protect wild spaces
- Support island organizations
- Balance competing needs – employment vs recreation vs environment
- Quality of wind is world class
- Public access to foreshore
- Exposure and access to local environment
- Research, recovery, remediation, resources
- Recognize S2S is a main trade and travel corridor
- Education about local environment
- Impact of humans on environment



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MARINE + TERRESTRIAL PROTECTION

• STEVE OLMSTEAD

PLANNING:

PIECEMEAL?
—OR—
PIECES OF THE PUZZLE?

Aspirations:

- Regional framework for independent power production
- Visual management

✓ Wins

✗ Losses

Transition of public areas
Economic opportunity

SQUAMISH-LILLOET REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY
Planning for settlement in non-settlement areas within non-urban Compact/urban growth

SQUAMISH-NATION DRIFT LEAD USE PLAN

METED VANCOUVER LAND USE PLAN
Conservation at higher level land
Settlement in existing communities

RIS-HOWE SOUND
Ferry Creek - 900 housing units
Britannia Beach - recovery & mine remediation
Porteau Cove

Several OCPs in various communities

GAP:
McNabb Creek - not part of local gov't ocp



LONG-TERM VISION

BASED ON KEY PRINCIPLES

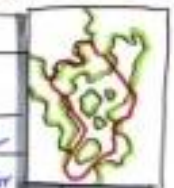
- MATTERS OF COMMON REGIONAL CONCERNS
- INDIVIDUAL JURISDICTIONS' NEEDS
- SUSTAINABILITY
- DIVERSITY
- RECOGNIZABLE BALANCED STAKE INTERESTS

STEPHEN FOSTER PROPOSAL for PROTECTED AREA in HOWE SOUND

"PARTNERS FOR THE PARK"
Advocated for development of a PARK on crown land

PARK ON BOWEN = BIRTHHOLD to SOMETHING MUCH GREATER FOR HOWE SOUND

- 3 STAGES:**
1. CONSULT & LISTEN!
 2. FORMAL PROPOSAL
 3. TAKE TO GOVT for RESOURCES & FEASIBILITY PLANNING



3 STUDIES

- NATURAL CAPITAL ASSESSMENT
- ECONOMIC BASELINE EVALUATION
- MARINE MAPPING

• Lots of ENTHUSIASM

• Lots of MOMENTUM

• We need YOU!



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Planning:

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- Build awareness of the issues

- Establish an appropriate marine or terrestrial park or protected area.



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Words of Wisdom

- Bring your voice to Government
- Speak with a unified voice
- Integrate First Nations into all planning
- Be inclusive of all groups
- Find balance between environment and economic activity
- Treat Howe Sound as you would your backyard.



Roundtable sessions Main Ideas What do we Value:

“The passion evoked by the inspirational and diverse natural and cultural experience in Howe Sound as your experience spans from the underwater world to the top of the world – from the sea to sky.”

- Holistic Heath ecosystem
- Natural community for families
- Pristine wilderness in harmony with nature
- Accessible, diverse natural beauty



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Roundtable session main Ideas.

How will we move forward with an overall plan to protect our values?

- Create a comprehensive management plan that is collaborative; is stakeholder-driven - involves all key players, including youth; is sustainability-based, science based.
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Who will do this?

- Howe Sound Community Forum members
- a grassroots committee
- An organization or coalition or committee to be created to initiate and move forward in developing this proposal and obtaining coordinated government support



Be it Resolved

We will actively participate and collaborate with all key players, including youth in the development of a comprehensive land and water use plan that is sustainability focused and science based.

We will actively engage our members by building awareness of the issues regarding Howe Sound.

We will engage in the development of a plan that protects a holistic healthy ecosystem, continues to provides a natural community for future generations of families and preserves the pristine wilderness in harmony with nature.