

Future of Howe Sound Forum

Summary of Key Ideas

These notes are the typed from:

- the morning key highlights from the Panel discussion and Q&A sessions
- the roundtable discussion #1 and #2.
 - o One-idea summaries per table
 - o Flipchart notes
- Feedback

Morning Key Ideas

Notes of only the key ideas raised - taken by Dave Crewson and Sandra Bicego during panel discussion (Q #2) and all the morning Q&A's.

- 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
- 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

Roundtable Discussion No 1 – Top Idea: What do we value?

Summary Sheets (table's best top idea)

- The passion evoked by the inspirational and diverse natural and cultural experience in the Howe Sound as your experience spans from the underwater world to the top of the world – from the sea to sky.
- To promote knowledge and respect of our “backyard.”
- A liv[able?] natural community for families past, present and future.
- Semi primitive area close to metropolitan centre
- Accessible opportunities to extreme nature
- Accessible diverse natural beauty
- Natural beauty with diversity of opportunities, people, flora and fauna
- Accessible pristine wilderness community in harmony with nature
- Our incomparable wilderness home
- Natural beauty, opportunity for sustainable activities that preserve the ecological health of Howe Sound
- Holistic healthy ecosystem
- The ecological health of the environment

Roundtable Discussion No 2 – Top Idea: How will we move forward with an overall plan to protect our values?

Facilitator summary of key themes

What:

- Create a comprehensive management plan that is collaborative; is stakeholder-driven - involves all key players, including youth; is sustainability-based, science based.
- Build awareness of the issues
- Establish an appropriate marine or terrestrial park or protected area.

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

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Summary Sheets (table's best top idea)

- Collaborative management plan for the whole of Howe Sound.
- Collaborate across political boundaries to build a harmonized, sustainable eco-region plan based on environmental, social and economic needs; and including youth education and engagement.
- Require a Howe Sound comprehensive resource management plan.
- In meantime, get Howe Sound Community Forum members meeting on a more regular basis to better coordinate their various priorities.
- Review management plans in place, fill in gaps and create a comprehensive management plan that takes into consideration the r=Regions Vision for conservation and sustainable development for land, water and the marine environment.
- This plan will be driven by key stakeholders in partnership with all levels of government and First nations.
- Science-based plan: inclusive, integrated, [cannot read this word], green, sustainable = perfect plan where stakeholders guide the process.
- Enduring protection
coordinate key players to focus on creating / obtaining high level permanent protection in a park or protected area for all of Howe Sound!
- We need ONE voice. The views of ALL stakeholders need to be involved. This includes industry, economy, residents, First Nations, local government, regional districts, not for profits (environmental, social, cultural), NGO's, governmental organizations, scientists – reflecting the full spectrum of the Howe Sound community.
- Immediate steps to create a “framework” between all levels of government and interest groups, initiated through a grass roots committee that makes recommendations to ‘fast track’ key criteria.
- Increased communication and a system that promotes accountability and cooperation.
- Establish an appropriate marine and terrestrial protected area
- lead an organization / coalition to initiate and move forward in developing proposal and obtaining coordinated government support
- A coalition of the willing and able who are representative of all stakeholders.
- Build Awareness
- Educate and teach people the values of Howe Sound through training.
Example, Marine Life Sanctuaries Society of BC.
- Howe Sound protected area
- Howe Sound community festival around the Sound
- Who? Rotating Committees

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Roundtable Brainstorm

Brainstorm of ideas on flipchart sheets - in answer to Q 1 and 2

Table 1 – Troy Speedie Host.

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restoration - Better legislation - Preservation - Careful management - Any developments need to be assessed before being approved - The connection to the environment - The close proximity to nature is important - The marine environment - A diverse balanced economy - The biodiversity (custodian of the land) - Sustainability - The ecological health of the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create incentives to industry - Educate the government - Information is key to proceeding - Action versus just talking - Involve government federally - Educate people - Involve youth - Identify the value structure - Network first with like-minded organizations - Awareness - Be part of the process - Make it a campaign issue - Empower people - Start with the community (local) and work up - Focus on inviting all stakeholders - Draw in people from all sectors - A plan is needed

Table 2 – Ruth Simons Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Healthy water - Beauty of Howe Sound - History of First People - Heritage - Future – shared values - Shared understanding - Holistic healthy ecosystem - Connecting children to nature - Accessible - Quiet sense of peace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Respectful dialogue - Listening effectively - End fragmentation - People need to take ownership - Perspective - Inclusive dialogue - Small community empowerment - Electoral reform - Elect - More roundtable - Agreement on common principles - Assertion of common goals - Stop being lazy; be more proactive - Stop fragmenting interest groups - More cohesion between NGOs - More research - Linkage to groups on website

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responsibility for pristine environment – stewardship - Build community - Howe Sound festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o move to different communities, rotate o Educate, culture, history, community – joint host, Hering – showcase; Sustainability - Connect after event; Don't wait for government - Include water currency in discussions and all dialogue - Join facebook - Marine and terrestrial protected areas - Law enforcements cross jurisdictional
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Table 3 Tracy Wachmann Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversity of vegetation - Advantage of easy travel – boat/water - Interface between water and land - Beauty - Co-operation of commercial and recreational users - Recreational opportunities - Urban wilderness - Sense of community built around Howe Sound - Resilience - Possibilities for outdoor education - Ability to access wild spaces on land and sea - Abundant marine life and wild animals / birds - Park areas that have been preserved - People's willingness to work towards bettering Howe Sound (to behave better) 	<p>Establish a marine and terrestrial protected area</p> <p>Have elected officials put in place strong environmental laws</p> <p>Develop a proposal in consultation with community stakeholders</p> <p>Lead organization/ coalition to initiate and move forward in developing proposal</p> <p>Obtaining coordinated government support</p> <p>First Nations participation is essential</p>

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Table 4 – Lani Johnson Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessible opportunities to extreme nature - Ability to do adventure in all its forms in a very small area on the doorstep of 3 million people - Important economic corridor: access for forest products; input of materials to Squamish - Shared resource - Squamish Estuary – breeding ground for life - Beauty and diversity of marine ecosystem - Enjoy the nature and healing of it - The physical experience greater than the sum of its parts - Inspirational story of recovery - Access to shore, climbing - Home - Preservation of the wildlife 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear discussion on intent of Howe Sound Protected Areas - More resources to the estuary - Help from the Southern Communities - Its stating already; damage to the environment is being fixed; by Streamkeepers - Embrace and extend best practice example: Britannia remediation (streamkeepers have helped here) - Education - Dialogue - Speaking with one voice - Collaborative management plan that has balance provided by 3 pillars of sustainability - Look at the plans in place; do they need to be adjusted? - Stringent environmental safeguards; we cannot lose our biodiversity. - Government has made protected space, but need to provide resources to manage them better. - A unified voice, demanding direction or approach - A collaborative management plan for the whole of the Sound.

Table 5 – Ione Smith Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unspoiled wilderness - Lifelong home - Marine habitat preservation - Close to Vancouver – yet so wild - Privacy - Peace and tranquility - Clean environment - Shoreline in its natural state - Safe wilderness - Escape - Cell phone doesn't work there - So close but so far - Envable environment, enviable home - Unique landform - International journalists took notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Howe Sound Protected area - Crown land over to Park on Gambier - Marine Conservation area - LRMP for lower sound Provincially led - Resolve derelict vessel issues around water/sea bed - Rationalize boundaries of Sunshine Coast & Squamish Lillooet forest districts so Howe Sound is in one forest district (watershed) - Zeitgeist change - Personal responsibility - Need a clear long term vision for the area - Need more access to data

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heritage - Vigilance re air, land, water - Overlapping/disjoint – gaps in planning - Plans need to lead somewhere - Too many regulators - Get narrow, one project, one group
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Partners/leaders: Islands Trust, Province, Individuals, First Nations, NGO's s spokespeople, Regional districts, local governments, property owners, federal gov't.(DFO, MOT, MoE, Forests, Mining), Citizens in Action, Camps, Burrard Yacht Club.

Table 6 – Iva Dietrich, Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspiration, spiritual - The natural beauty - The combination of wind & water - Accessibility – available to all - From the underwater world to the top of the world – sea to sky it is a spectacular world for us to preserve and enjoy - Ability to work, play & learn in one area - The return of the wildlife, the biodiversity, recovery & the ongoing existence - Outdoor recreation that is free & unstructured - Diversity of population, recreation, lifestyle, economy, topography - Passionate community stewardship & involvement - Embracing the First Nations Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need one voice - The view of ALL the stakeholders need to be involved (includes industry, residents, First Nations, local government, regional districts, not for profits, environmental, social, cultural, NGO's, government organizations, scientists – reflecting the full spectrum of the Howe Sound Community - Signage to learn & caution of fishing boundaries - Businesses that use the sound –for profit give back with education – yacht clubs, marinas, boat rentals - Citizens groups to patrol sound when on water - Educate Youth! – getting people to discover the beauty of Howe Sound

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Table 7 - Sarra Gau Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holistic, visual aesthetics - Marine & aquatic biodiversity deepens connection with nature - Spectacular scenery - A place that creates employment & wealth - The wild nature of the Howe Sound - The co-existence of the terrestrial & marine environments - Natural beauty, diversity of uses, and people/floral/fauna opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a Regional protected area with different zones of activity - Ecoregion protection - Harmonized, sustainable collective plan - Collaborate across political boundaries to build a harmonized sustainable ecoregion plan based on environmental, economic & social needs. - Youth education and engagement - -

Table 8 - Barb Finley Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - History of place - First Nations history - “Smart development”, limits - Respect for nature - Natural state - People – real, grounded, energizing - Food systems, “local”, land, sea - Families – long term, memories of place, connections - Natural resources, recreation, nature – land/sea – opportunities - Playground/recreation in compact area - Air quality - Dramatic wild spaces/scenery - Value recovery that has taken place and needs to continue - Proximity to nature - Creative communities/value - Young families – arts driven - Solitude so close to the city - Enjoyable transportation routes - Multiple usage - Educational opportunities - Sense of place - Fishing/crabs - Recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive plan for entire sound - Research more, sound asset mapping (all facets) - Existing studies done on ecological or visual impact areas - Create protected areas - Cultivating youth with sense of place - Experiential learning - Exposure to place/caring - Education - Comm.. involvement \$ - Inclusive – work to strike a balance – cultural/economic/environment/1st Nation - Not compromise values in decisions made - Expand on econ. Vision/- value added. - Not exporting resources overseas - Green technology – maximize resources we have - Full economic analysis - Understand community identity - Honor past while transforming to future – youth - Honored to transform/change identity tied – respect identity while transitioning to a new economy - Economic revolution - Local planners/politicians engaged in process. Top down grassroots & sub

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> area plan, inclusive of all stakeholders - Political will - Collaboration needed between all stakeholders – gov't. non-profit, individuals - No commercial fishing Roberts Creek to Greenlight @ Point Grey - Sharing/recognize needs for equity of space.
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Table 9 - Lea Bancroft, Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Huge potential close to major metropolitan - Allows various usage & easy to manage - Rugged and close - Valuable air and water quality - Diversity – social & economic (varied skill set & well engaged community) - Peace and quiet with low impact life style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross connection between areas - Own priorities – city, province, special interests - Future of Howe Office planning to better facilitate plan - Howe Sound resource plan - Require Howe Sound comprehensive resource management plan - Better communication between areas to coordinate various priorities - Protected area similar to PMV model to oversee our? - Treat as an independent entity - Provincial authority - Prioritize views - Howe Sound community forum on a more regular basis

Table 10 - Jeff Gau Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversity of the area – people, regions, ecology, industry - Excellent forest, water, air and wildlife - Protection of shoreline from development - Magnificent natural viewscapes - Forestation protection - Green spaces, clean water, co-existence with other habitat - Sustainability = food and water - Quality of light, air, sense of community - Wilderness & spectacular setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration of interested parties & communities - Broadcast our values - Don't work in a vacuum - Widen pool of talents - Establish rights & responsibilities of everyone established in a forma forum - Drive from the ground - Organizations step up to accept leadership - Think big, start small, don't go backwards - Need a comprehensive plan like Stephen

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	<p>Fosters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have to have some political support - Use precautionary principle - Get all stakeholders together get clear on what we agree on then 1 body tell three levels of government to get a mgnt plan and to complete a plan for marine and land conservation. Bring forward to provincial leaders. - Need an organization that is responsible to create this. - Grass roots common vision - Public officials take a role of stewardship - Review management plans in place, fill in gaps & create a plan.
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Table 11 – Peter Snell Host

What do we Value?	How to move forward to protect values?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecological Health - Economic stimulus - Protecting the estuary - Good ecological balance - Value habitat – fish, salmon, herring - Beauty - Sustainable tourist activities - Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication between the areas/regions . - Accountability - Fast track so doesn't take 10 years to develop the "perfect" plan - Marine park - Need a willing Provincial Gov't and other levels - Cooperation between different levels - Someone to pay for the plan - Start with a framework – model on Whistler and Squamish Estuary plan? - LRMP – Provincially funded - OCP to close the gaps

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