



Ocean Watch Action Committee Report

April -October, 2021

Since the last HSCF, the committee met: June 25, October 1, 2021. Meeting notes, plans and Action Tracker [can be viewed here.](#)

Participating organizations: Representatives of the Howe Sound Community Forum member communities- Town of Gibsons, District of West Vancouver, District of Squamish, Bowen Island Municipality, Islands Trust, Area A Metro Van, SLRD, MLA Sturdy's office, Squamish Nation, David Suzuki Foundation, Marine Reference Guide, Squamish River Watershed Society, Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society

Organizer & Moderator: Ruth Simons, Executive Director, Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society (HSBRIS)

Objectives of the Committee – Terms of Reference:

1. Learn and build consensus on collective actions Local Governments can take to advance Ocean Health.
2. Advance actions emerging from [Átl'ka7tsem/Txwnéwu7ts/Howe Sound Edition 2020 \(OWHS 2020\)](#)
3. To review and share updates on each of the recommended actions and strategic plan.

Activities since April, 2021:

1. 49 Actions added to the [Ocean Watch Action Tracker.](#)
2. Education and presentations received on:
 - Presentation from Fraser Basin Council – Salmon Safe Program
 - The State of the Salish Sea Report
3. Updated the Best Practices for Dock Management Guidelines
4. Support for Marine Reference Guide 2.0 succession and continued funding.
5. Planning for workshops on:
 - a. Sea level rise
 - b. Vessels of Concern, Mooring Buoys and Marine Debris
 - c. Species and Habitat Research and Monitoring

Recommendations to HSCF:

- Support for the Fraser Basin Council's [Salmon Safe Programs](#)
- Support for Marine Reference Guide continued funding and succession
- Implementation [of Best Practices for Dock Management](#)

Note Taker: Bridget John, Research Assistant, Marine Reference Guide (MRG)

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