



## Ocean Watch Action Committee Report - November - April, 2022

Since the last HSCF, the committee met: January 14 and March 25. 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 Stewardship Initiative, 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 October 2021 report:

1. Zoom meetings were well attended in January and March.
2. Monitoring, restorations and funding actions added to the [Ocean Watch Action Tracker.](#)
3. Education and presentations received on:
  - a. Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Strait of Georgia and Howe Sound Glass Sponge Reef Initiative
  - b. Green Crab Monitoring - Invasive Species Council
  - c. Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Nchu'ú7mut/Unity Plan - HSBRIS
4. The transition of the Marine Reference Guide to Marine Stewardship Initiative
5. Planning for Howe Sound Marine Debris clean-up and cooperation.

### Recommendations to HSCF:

- Renewed support for the Principles for Cooperation, ongoing forums and Ocean Watch Action committee.

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

**Renewed Financial support from:** Islands Trust for Secretariate Services.

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