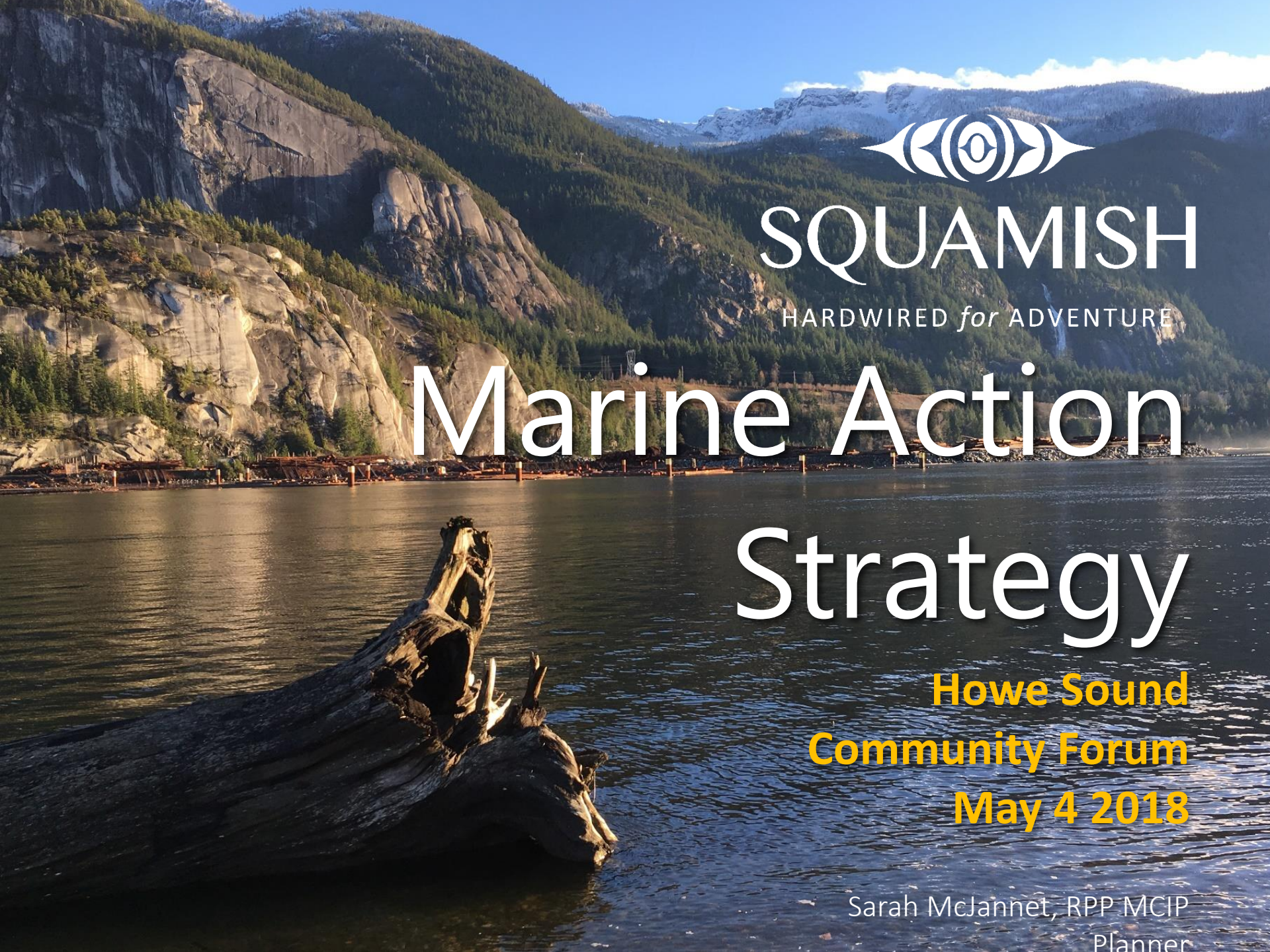

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Marine Action Strategy

Howe Sound Community Forum
May 4 2018

Sarah McJannet, RPP MCIP
Planner

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Free Environment

Coastal/Marine Planning Initiatives

Marine Action Strategy

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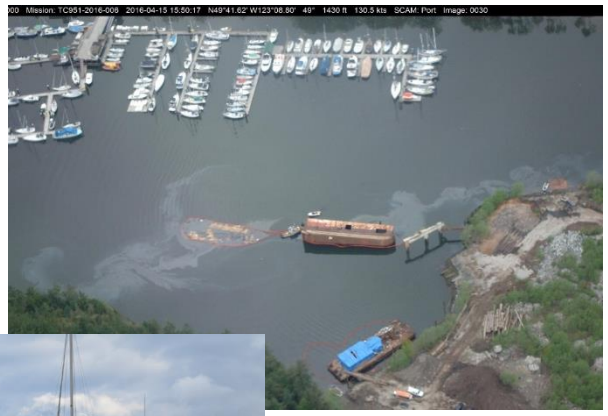
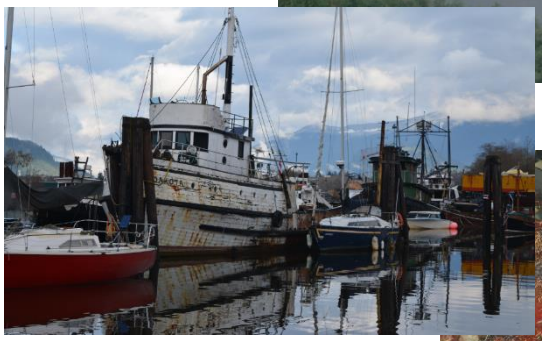
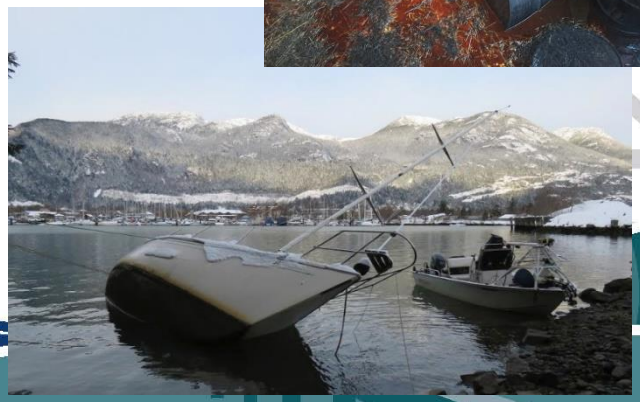
Marine Strategy – *Taking Needed Action*

Phase 1

- Building capacity to take action on local marine issues (best approaches, tools, strategies)
- Support for community projects to address vessels of concern, habitat restoration etc







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Marine Action Strategy – *What is it?*

- Strategic frame for local marine ACTIONS
- Aligns and coordinates marine priorities + activities by District, working with governments, Squamish stakeholders + agencies
- Deliverable: Strategy Document + Implementation Plan (prioritized short, medium, long term actions)

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Intentions + Key Objectives

- Mobilize shared leadership
- Identify marine focus areas + prioritize actions to protect and maximize waterfront resources/assets
- Inform and align decision making and coordinate efforts

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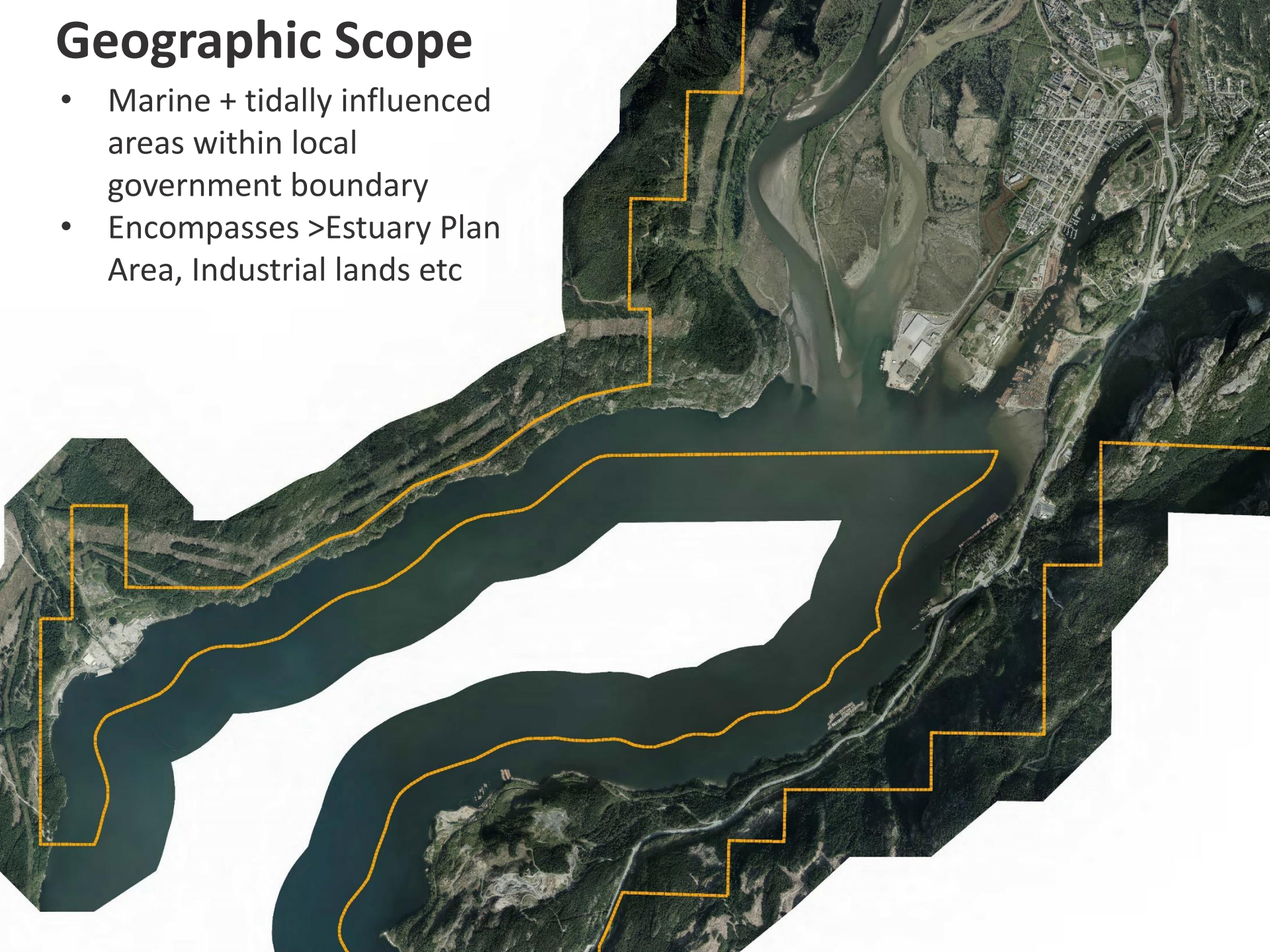
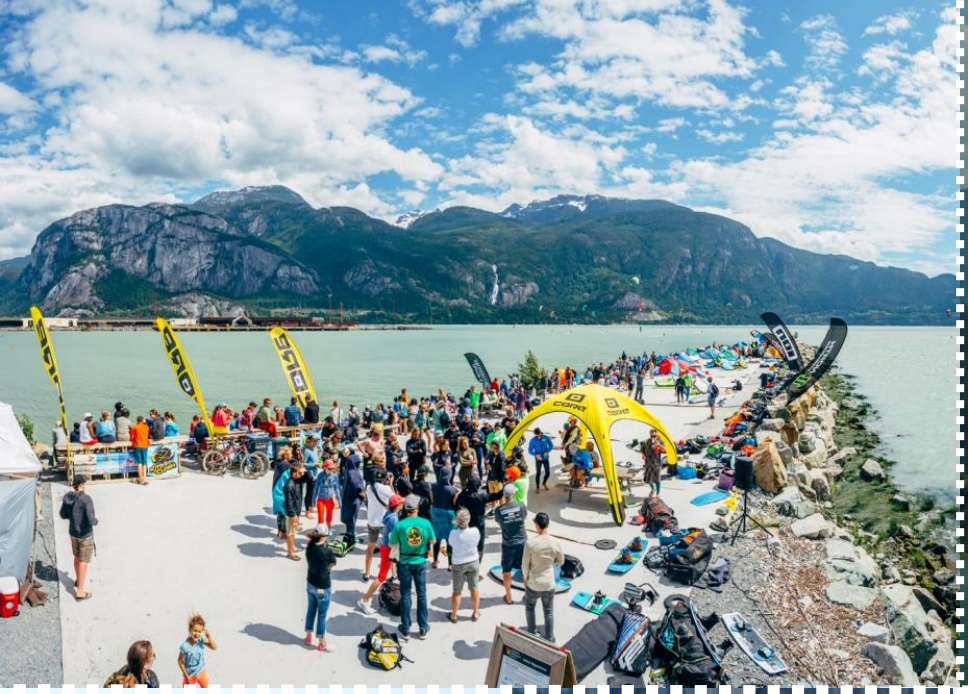
Geographic Scope

- Marine + tidally influenced areas within local government boundary
- Encompasses >Estuary Plan Area, Industrial lands etc





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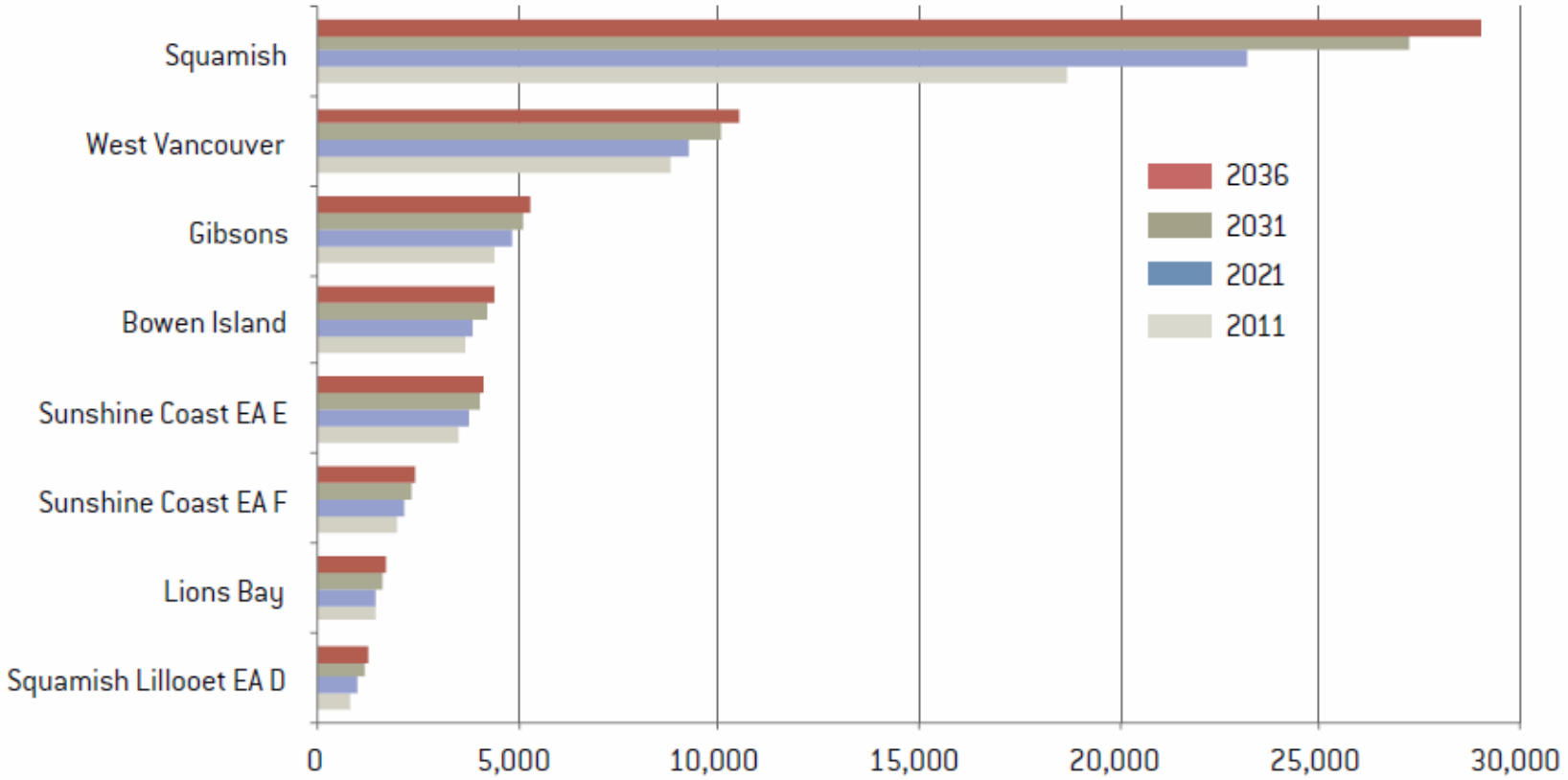
Squamish

- 19,893 people
- 13.8% growth 2011-2016
- 4.3% increase 2016-17
- Major residential unit + employment growth expected in next 20 years
- Active development files for ~3500 units Downtown alone

FIGURE 3: PROJECTED GROWTH RATES, 2011 – 2036



Source: Lionsgate Report.

Note: Sunshine Coast EA F = Sunshine Coast Electoral Area F; Sunshine Coast EA E = Sunshine Coast Electoral Area E; Squamish Lillooet EA D = Squamish Lillooet Electoral Area D.

Project Stages

STAGE 1
PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION
Oct - Nov 2017

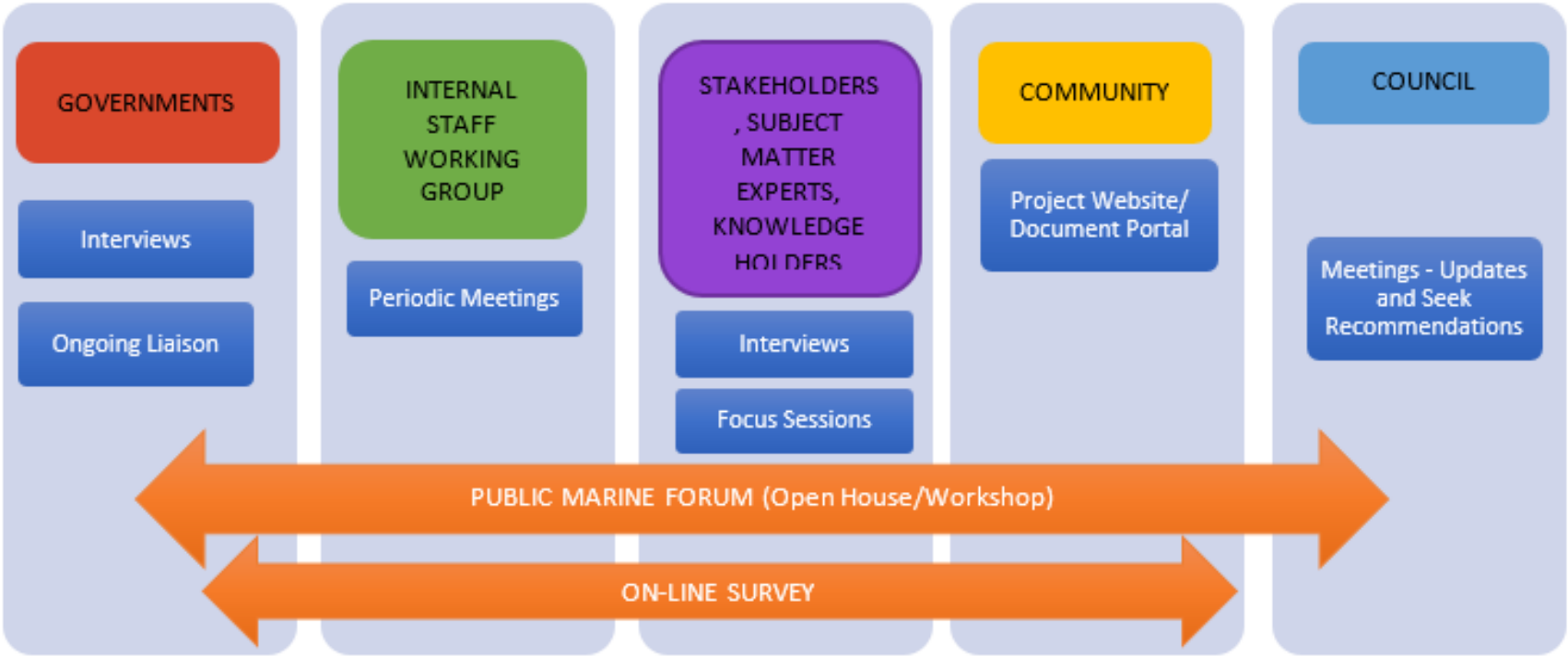
STAGE 2
REVIEW / DEVELOP DIRECTIONS
Dec 2017 - Jan 2018

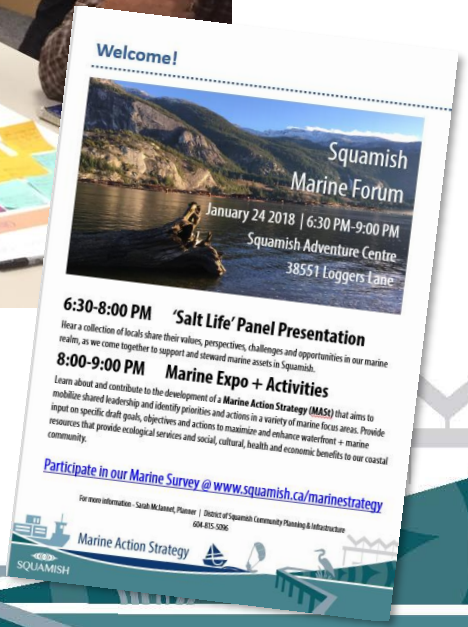
STAGE 3
PRIORITIZE + ACTION PLAN
Jan - Feb 2018

STAGE 4
RESOURCE
Feb - Apr 2018

STAGE 5
IMPLEMENTATION
April 2018 Onwards

Process + Engagement





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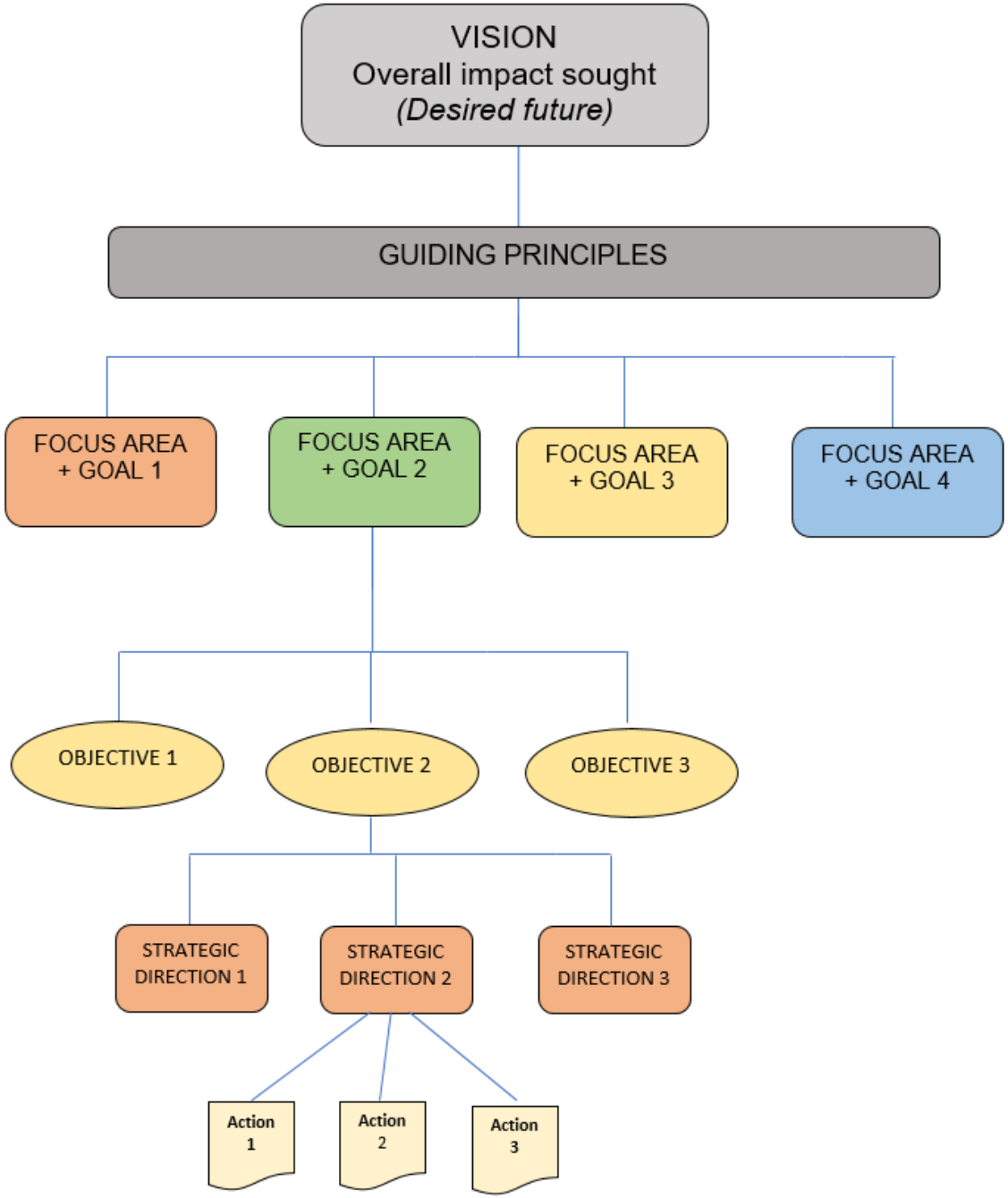
Framework


VISION
Overall impact sought
(Desired future)
GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOCUS AREA + GOAL 1
FOCUS AREA + GOAL 2
FOCUS AREA + GOAL 3
FOCUS AREA + GOAL 4
OBJECTIVE 1
OBJECTIVE 2
OBJECTIVE 3
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1
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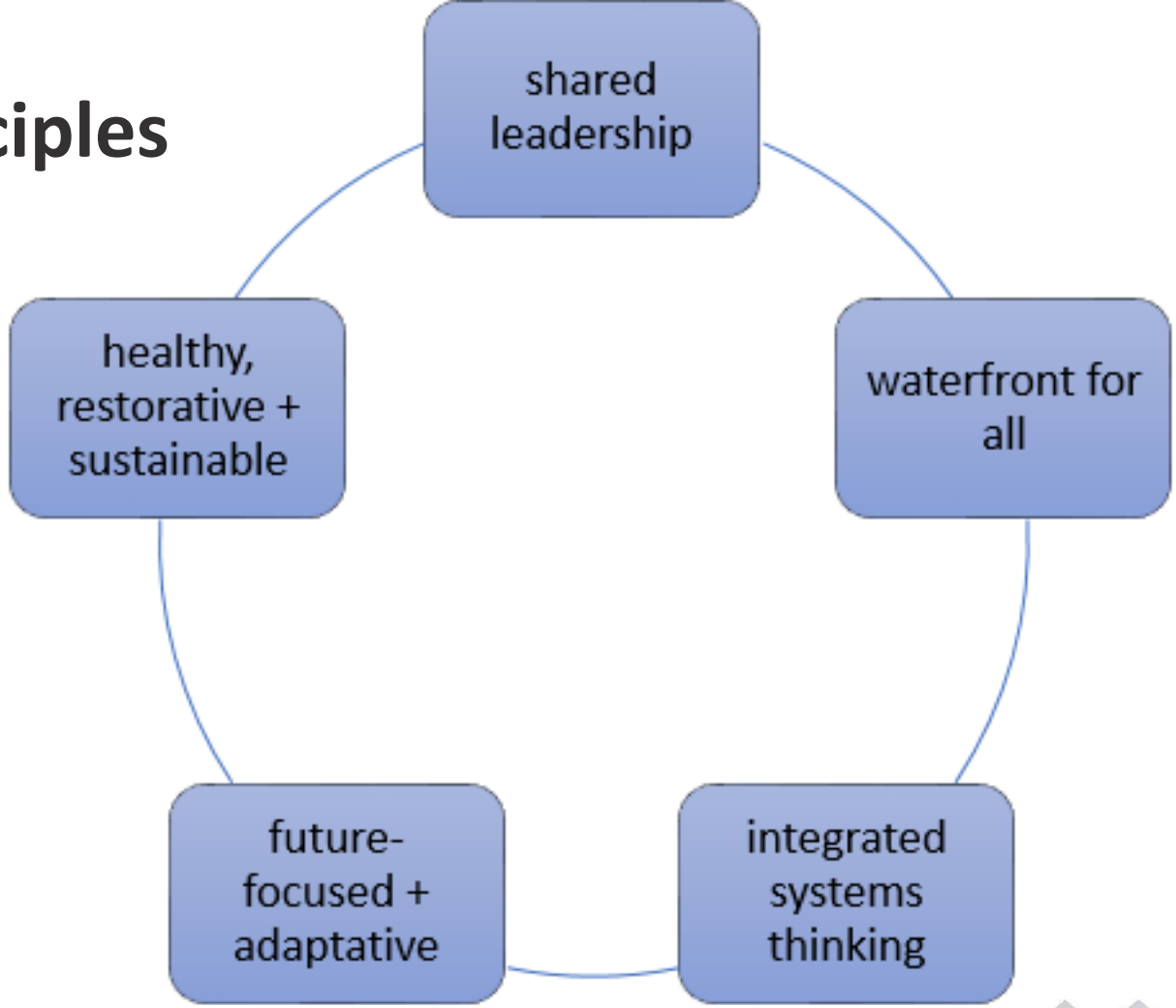
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3
Action 1
Action 2
Action 3

Guiding Principles



Focus Area 1

Governance + Shared Leadership

Mobilize shared leadership to enhance coordination and good governance of the marine environment.

Focus Area 2

Coastal Ecosystems

Support stewardship and the protection of the marine environment and our local coastal ecosystems.

Focus Area 3

Marine Economy

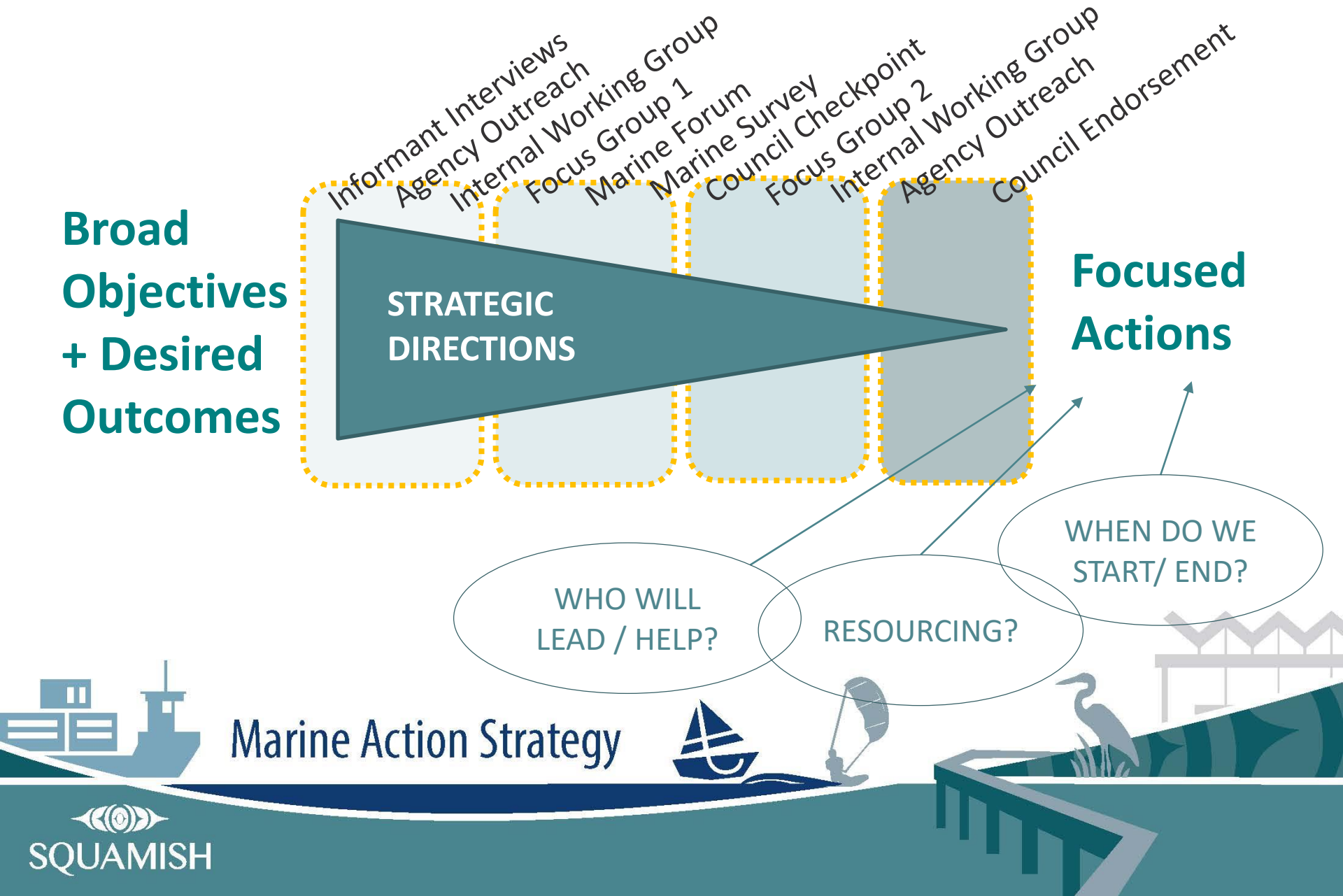
Support a thriving marine economy and working waterfront in harmony with community social, cultural, environmental and economic aspirations.

Focus Area 4

Marine Gateway

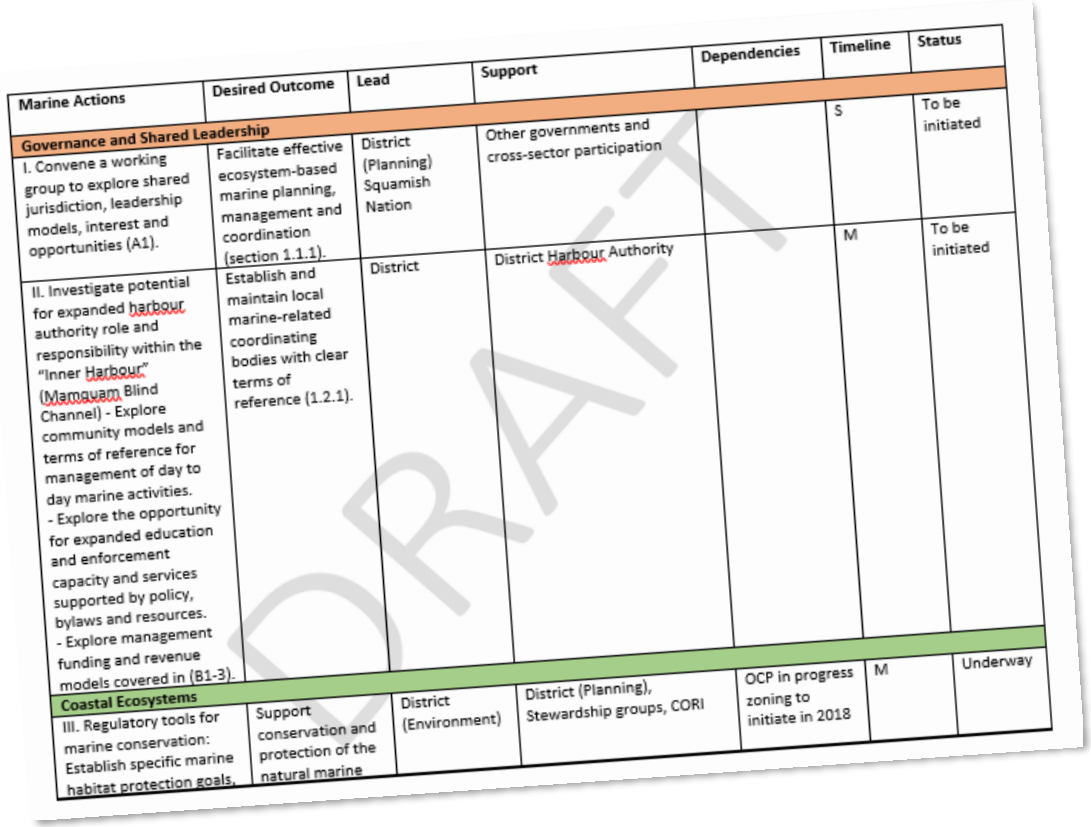
Enhance the community's connection to the water through an improved, safe and accessible gateway to our local marine environment for the social, cultural and recreational enjoyment of residents and visitors alike.

From Broad Aims to Focused Actions



Marine Actions

- Identified + developed through the engagement process
- Organized by Action/Focus Area (4) and prioritized (Immediate, Short Term and Medium to Long)



Marine Actions	Desired Outcome	Lead	Support	Dependencies	Timeline	Status
Governance and Shared Leadership						
I. Convene a working group to explore shared jurisdiction, leadership models, interest and opportunities (A1).	Facilitate effective ecosystem-based marine planning, management and coordination (section 1.1.1).	District (Planning) Squamish Nation	Other governments and cross-sector participation		S	To be initiated
II. Investigate potential for expanded harbour authority role and responsibility within the "Inner Harbour" (Mamquam Blind Channel) - Explore community models and terms of reference for management of day to day marine activities. - Explore the opportunity for expanded education and enforcement capacity and services supported by policy, bylaws and resources. - Explore management funding and revenue models covered in (B1-3).	Establish and maintain local marine-related coordinating bodies with clear terms of reference (1.2.1).	District	District Harbour Authority		M	To be initiated
Coastal Ecosystems						
III. Regulatory tools for marine conservation: Establish specific marine habitat protection goals,	Support conservation and protection of the natural marine	District (Environment)	District (Planning), Stewardship groups, CORI	OCP in progress zoning to initiate in 2018	M	Underway

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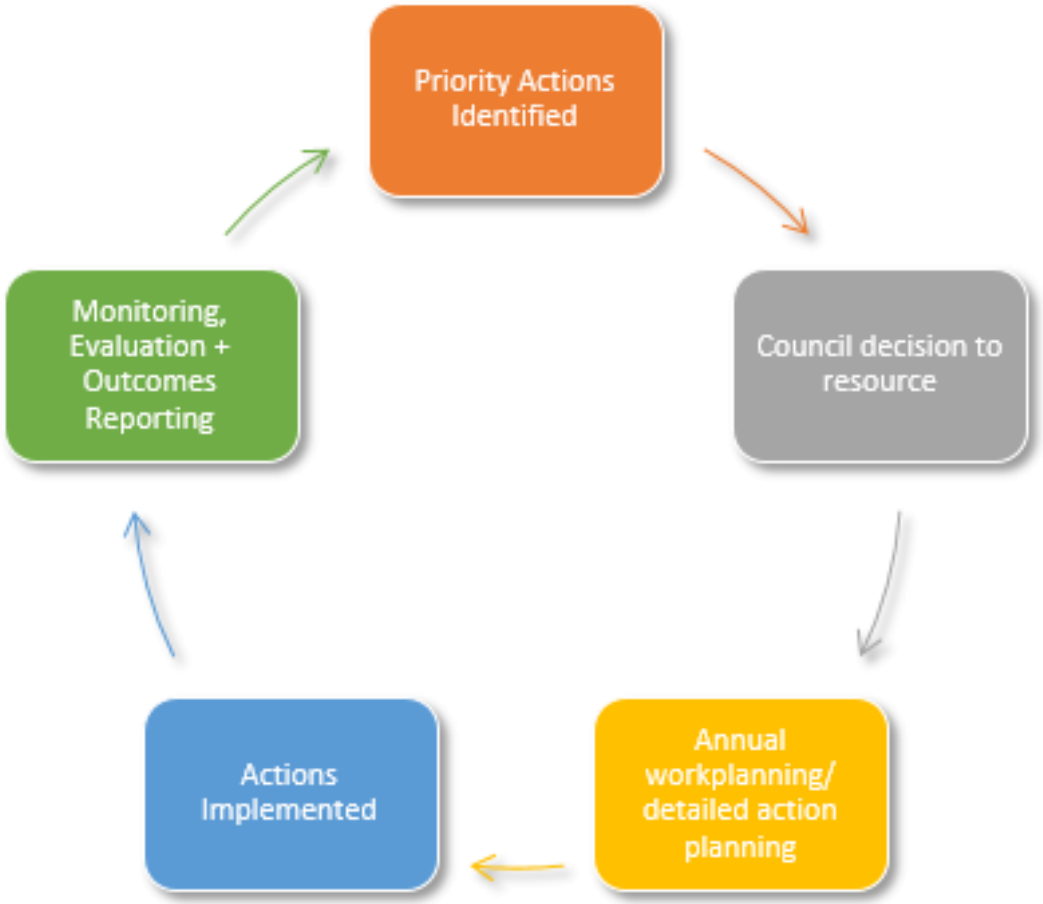
Implementation

- Clarifies roles, responsibilities
- Some actions driven/lead by DOS
- Some dependent on others to lead
- Focus is on jointly-held priorities where we want to set collective action/resources



Next Steps

- Agency + First Nations outreach + further invitation to provide input
- Refine Actions + Implementation
  - Gaps
  - Who should lead? Who should be involved?
  - Affirm priorities:
    - High priority = 2018 – 2020 (1- 3 years)
    - Medium priority = 2021 – 2023 (4 – 6 years)
    - Low priority = 2024 – 2026 (> 6 years)
- Complete and present final draft MASt to Council for approval in June

Thank you

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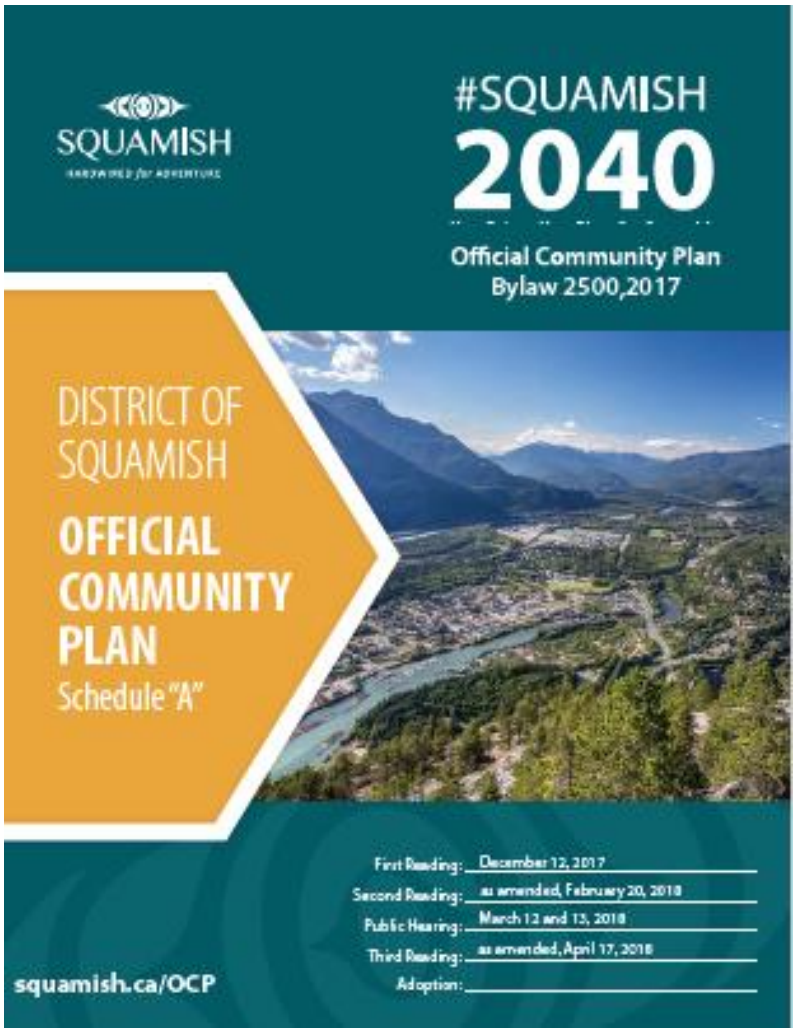
MASt Working Draft - VISION

Squamish supports and celebrates its connection to the ocean, as a source of life and vitality, sustaining our coastal community across generations. Shared marine resources are responsibly stewarded and enhanced so natural systems in Howe Sound thrive, in tandem with industry, economy, tourism + recreational opportunities that depend on a healthy marine ecosystem, and access for all.



Coastal / Marine Planning

10.11 Objectives

a. Recognize, value and promote ecosyste marine environments.

b. Protect, restore and enhance the ecolo and near shore areas.

c. Work collectively within the region to s within Howe Sound.

10.12 Policies

a. Develop and implement a Marine Action Strateg resource local actions for protecting and maximi resources as important assets providing valuable cultural and economic benefits.

b. Continue to build partnerships and collaborate t waterfront and marine areas. Establish a Marine and align efforts of all coastal stakeholders and a authority and interests in the local marine enviro

c. Play a proactive leadership role and work with Fi governments to monitor and address marine issu mooring, derelict vessels, and ship and non-poin environment.