



Food Security Emergency Plan

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Agricultural Water Plan

Agriculture Development Committee

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Food Security Emergency Plan

Phase 1: Alberni Valley Focus

- Meet with those who are interested and affected
- Examine existing food system assets and gaps
- Develop a Livestock Emergency Plan
- Develop an Alberni Valley Food Security Needs Assessment

Phase 2: West Coast Focus

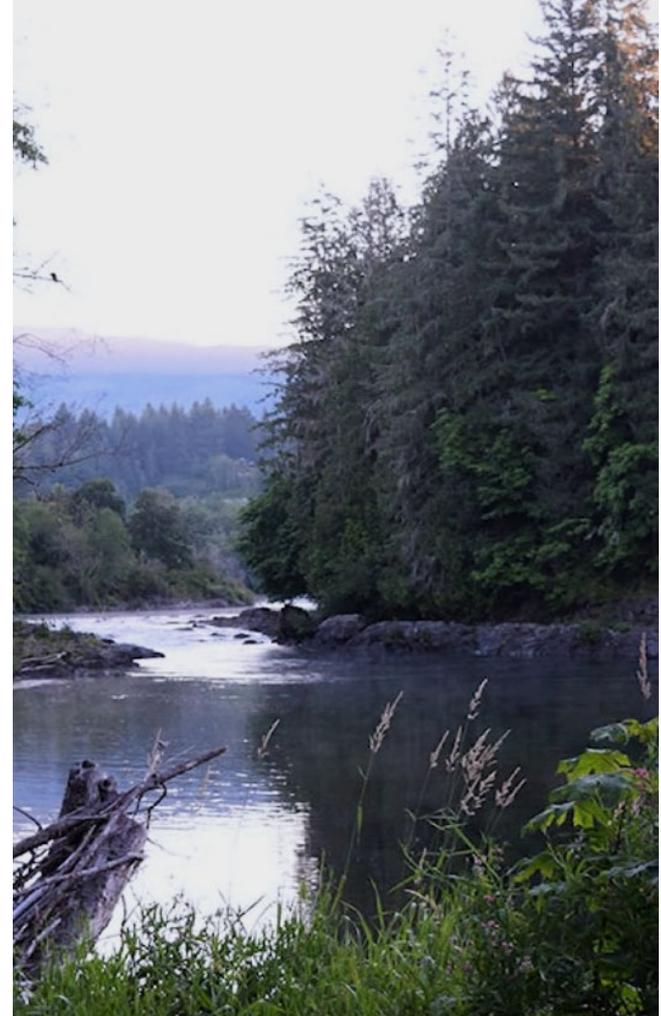
- Define *food security* in the West Coast context
- Explore non-traditional and marine food production
- Explore opportunities to collaborate between jurisdictions
- Develop a West Coast Food Security Needs Assessment



Agricultural Water Plan

Project Objectives

- Confirm, identify and quantify agricultural water needs and opportunities within the areas of:
 - Beaufort
 - Beaver Creek
 - Cherry Creek
 - Sproat Lake
- Engage with agricultural community to ensure comprehensive understanding of challenges, issues and opportunities
- Tseshaht First Nation and Hupačasath First Nation will be consulted



Project Engagement

Key: ensure efficiency and minimize duplication of effort.

Activities will include:

- Meetings with interested First Nations communities (e.g. presentations to Councils)
- Attending meetings of committees, working groups and local ag & food organizations
- Attending Fall Fair (Friday Sept 5)
- Hosting workshops and focus groups
 - Producers and agricultural organizations
 - Emergency management network
 - Food sector organizations
- Conducting interviews
- Farm visits
- ACRD LetsConnect online
- Meeting with provincial agencies



Engagement Process and Timeline



Overall timeline: Fall 2024 to early 2026

Next Steps

- Consulting team members will be present September 5-6th for in-person meetings and will attend Fall Fair on Friday afternoon
- Potential late Sept or early October in-person meetings
- Interviews will be undertaken in October/November
- Farm visits later in the fall



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