

# AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

July 15, 2025



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ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT  
REGIONAL DISTRICT

# Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that this meeting is being conducted on the traditional lands of the Tseshaht and Hupačasath First Nations.

We are thankful for allowing us to live, work, and play on your lands.



# Sproat Lake and Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Update



# Introduction – Sproat Lake and Area OCP Update

## What is an Official Community Plan (OCP)?

- An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a statement of objectives and policies that guide decisions on planning and land use management.
- An OCP establishes a community vision over a short- (five year) and long-term (10 to 20 year) period and helps determine where people will live, work, play, and how they move around.
- OCPs shape how the community looks and feels and influences day-to-day experiences and quality of life.



# Sproat Lake and Area OCP Update

SPROAT LAKE  
AND AREA  
OCP UPDATE

## Agriculture in Sproat Lake and Area

- Agriculture is an important topic to explore in the OCP update. The OCP can support agricultural practices by incorporating policies that promote local food production (e.g. increasing education and training, expanding agricultural land use).
- An OCP survey asked community members to identify any barriers they face with growing, raising, preserving, and processing food. Barriers identified include: water access during drought, lack of processing facilities, regulations, and wildlife damage (e.g. deer).



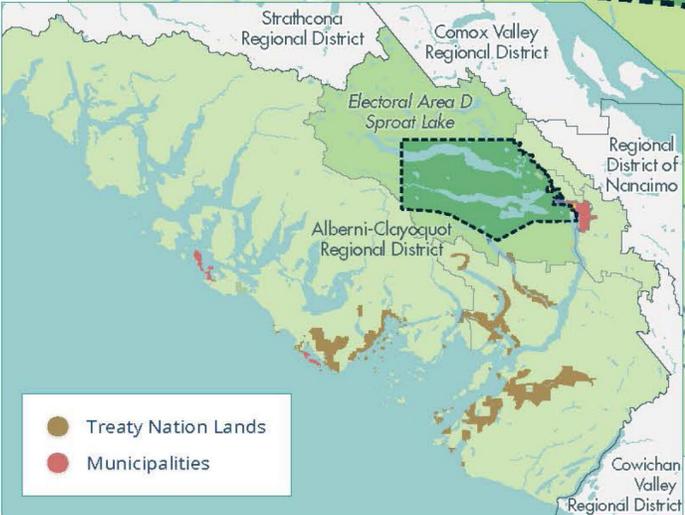
# SPROAT LAKE AND AREA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

## ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT SPROAT LAKE AND AREA OCP MAP

-  Official Community Plan Area
  -  Regional District Boundary
  -  ACRD Electoral Area Boundaries
  -  Roads
  -  City of Port Alberni
  -  Treaty Nation Lands
- First Nation Reserve Communities**
-  Tseshaht First Nation
  -  Hupačasath First Nation



The OCP area is situated over the traditional territories of the cišaa?ath (Tseshaht First Nation) and Hupačasath First Nation.



*This map is for general reference purposes only. Last updated January 16, 2025*



# Sproat Lake and Area OCP Update

## Project Overview



# Sproat Lake and Area OCP Update

## Phase 1: Project Introduction

- Communications and Engagement Plan presented to Board of Directors on January 29, 2025.
- Project launched on Let's Connect ACRD ([www.letsconnectacrd.ca/sproat-lake-ocp](http://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/sproat-lake-ocp)).
- Project introduction letters sent to First Nations, organizations, municipalities and agencies.
- Introduction pop-up event was held on February 26, 2025, at the Tseshaht Market.



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## Phase 2: Background Research

- “OCPizza Party” Discussion Guide & Handbook launched on project page in February 2025. Submissions were accepted until April 2025.
- Background Research Report was received by Board of Directors on March 26, 2025. This report is a foundation for the OCP update and highlights key information on the current conditions of the community and the existing policy framework that will inform the priorities and focus areas of the OCP.
  - It is posted on the project’s Let’s Connect page if you would like to read it.



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## Phase 3: Vision and Goals

- OCP Engagement Survey #1 was available on project page and at ACRD office from April to June 2025. We received 72 survey submissions.
- Open house and workshop was held on May 8, 2025, at the Sproat Lake Community Hall. The event had 46 attendees.
- “What We Heard” pop-up event was held on May 24, 2025, at Dellas Café.
- “Little Germany” community hall meeting held on June 26, 2025.
- Great Central Lake pop-up event held on June 30, 2025, from 1-4 pm at Great Central Lake Ark Resort & Marina.



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## Phase 3: Vision and Goals (cont.)

- Input from community engagement will be used to create the OCP Draft Vision and Goals, which will be presented to the ACRD Board of Directors.

**Vision** – The vision is a statement about the community’s desired future.

**Goals** – The goals guide the community’s growth and development towards the vision.



# Questions

1. What are some of the major barriers to agriculture in the Sproat Lake area?
2. How can food production, processing, and distribution be supported in the Sproat Lake area?
3. How can water security be improved in the Sproat Lake area?
4. What role can the ACRD play in supporting food security and agriculture?
5. What opportunities for agriculture exist in the short-term (5 years)?
6. What opportunities for agriculture exist in the long-term (10-20 years)?
7. What opportunities or challenges exist for marine or freshwater food production and/or processing in Sproat Lake area?

Send feedback to [ocp@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:ocp@acrd.bc.ca) by  
**July 31, 2025**



# Thank you

Comments or Questions?

