

West Coast Aquatic Update to the ACRD

July 28, 2021

1994: Terrestrial



The celebration of the signing of the Clayoquot Interim Measures Agreement got underway with a paddle song, led by Nelson Keitlah and his crew, the Central Region negotiators.

Clayoquot Sound Interim Measures Agreement Signed and Celebrated at Ahousat

WCVI Aquatic Management Board finally a reality

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Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni – The days of bitter feuds between commercial, recreational and Aboriginal fishing groups and the federal and provincial governments on the west coast of Vancouver Island are over, said Cliff Atleo of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. "All stakeholders have a share and a voice in this new local decision making process," he said.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Province of British Columbia, and local governments of the West Coast of Vancouver Island (WCVI) joined in announcing the official launch of the WCVI Aquatic Management Board in Port Alberni last week.

The announcement comes after years of work developing the project which will

serve as an example of shared decision making on aquatic resource issues between DFO, and all interested stakeholder groups.

"Applying local knowledge to science will improve management decisions," said Atleo, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council representative on the board. "With this board we now have a forum to discuss fisheries related issues that are important to local First Nations and all west coast communities."

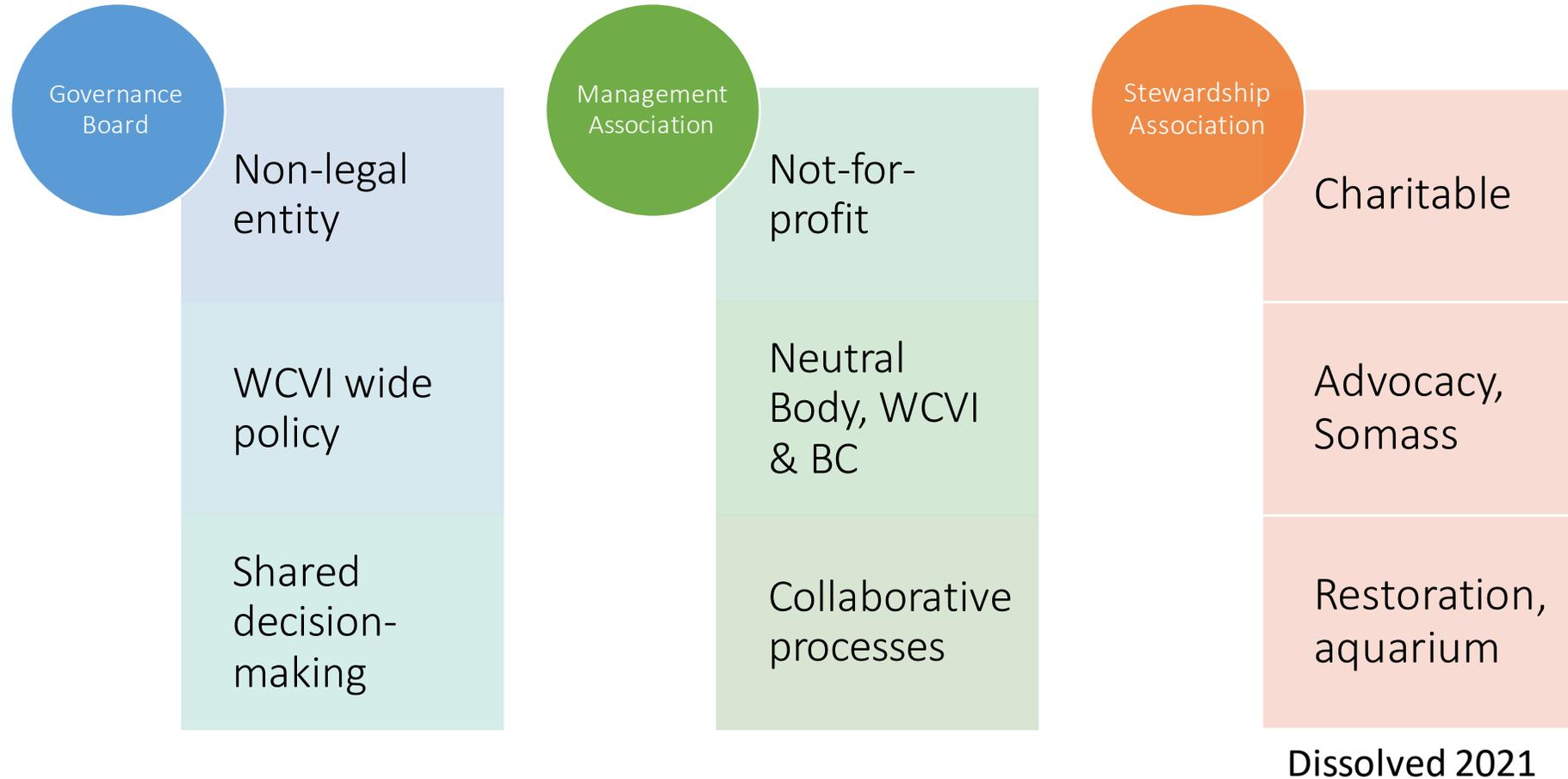
"The public has asked for a greater role in decision making – and we listened," said Robert Thibault, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. "This pilot board demonstrates Fisheries and Oceans Canada's commitment to stakeholder's involvement in the management of aquatic resources that affect

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History

Structure



Activities

Governance Board

- Coastal Strategy
- Marine Guide
- SRKW
- PST Mitigation
- Coastal Strategy Refresh
- Blue Economy

WCA Management Association

- **Governance Board Secretariat**
- Salmon Roundtables
- WCVI Rebuilding
- ABAM
- IHPC
- Multiparty relationship development

Refresh

Governance Board

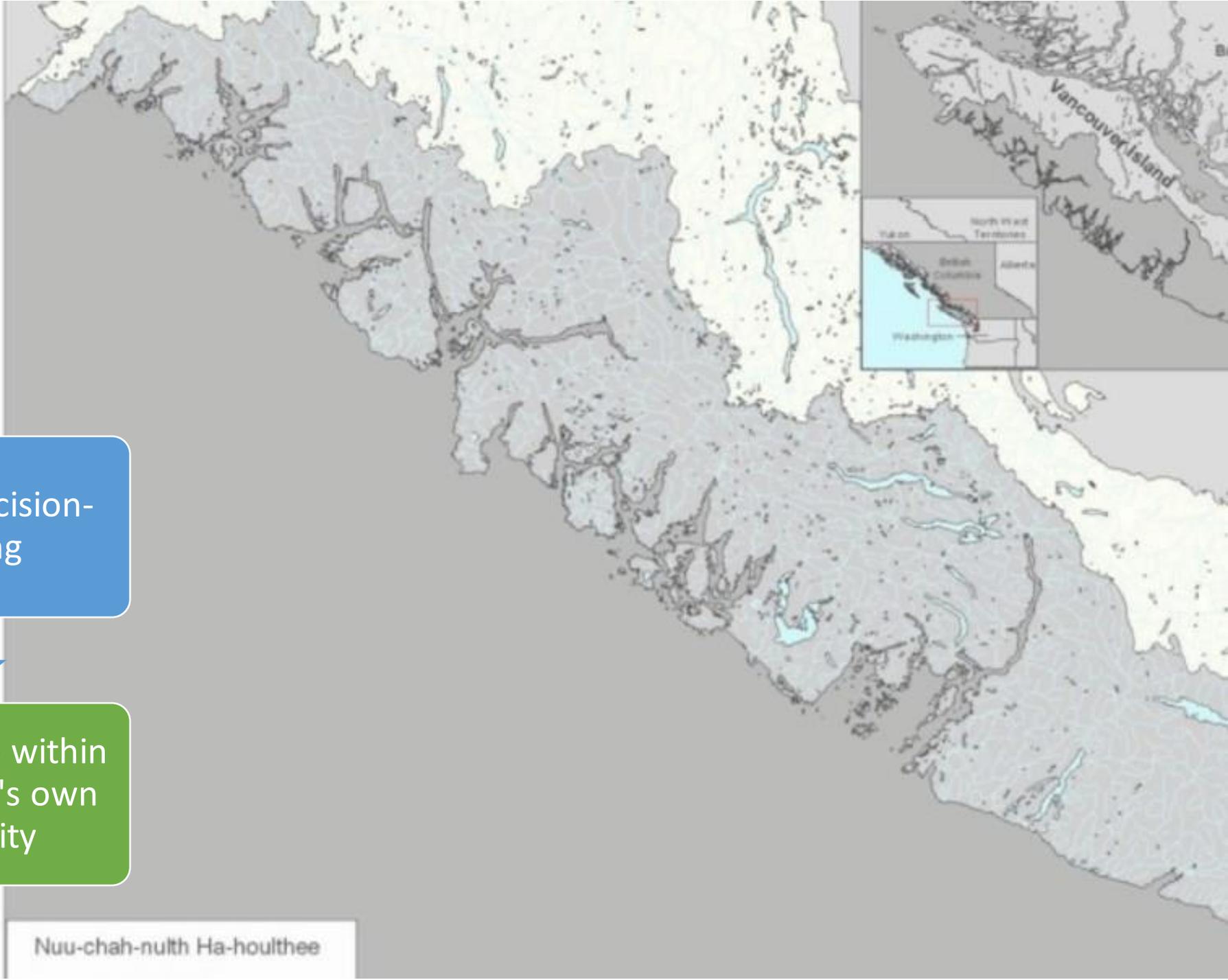
From

Shared decision-making



To

Collaborate within each party's own authority



Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-houlthee

Refresh



What

- Primary, early product of the Board
- Ecological, economic, social objectives

Next

- What do we all want to work on together that we cannot individually achieve?
- How can we create the conditions that allow people, communities and the environment to flourish?

How

- Review relevant planning across WCVI
- Community engagements
- Refresh the strategy
- Determine the necessary structures for implementation

Question: How does the ACRD wish to participate?



New

Blue Economy Strategy

- “Create jobs in coastal communities while ensuring our oceans remain healthy”
 - Tourism, technology, transportation, energy, aquaculture, fisheries
- Various sector submissions (Cascadia Seaweed, Sport Fish)
- WCA submission re: collaboration across region
- Action: WCA to bring opportunities forward to the ACRD