

Baynes Sound / Lambert Channel
Ecosystem Forum | November 2019

Summary Report

Appendix C: Kim Dunn's Presentation

Baynes Sound/ Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum



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Background and Updates

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Ecosystem Forum Aims

Create

- Create an opportunity for collaborative dialogue amongst the diverse interests in the Baynes Sound / Lambert Channel ecosystem

Share

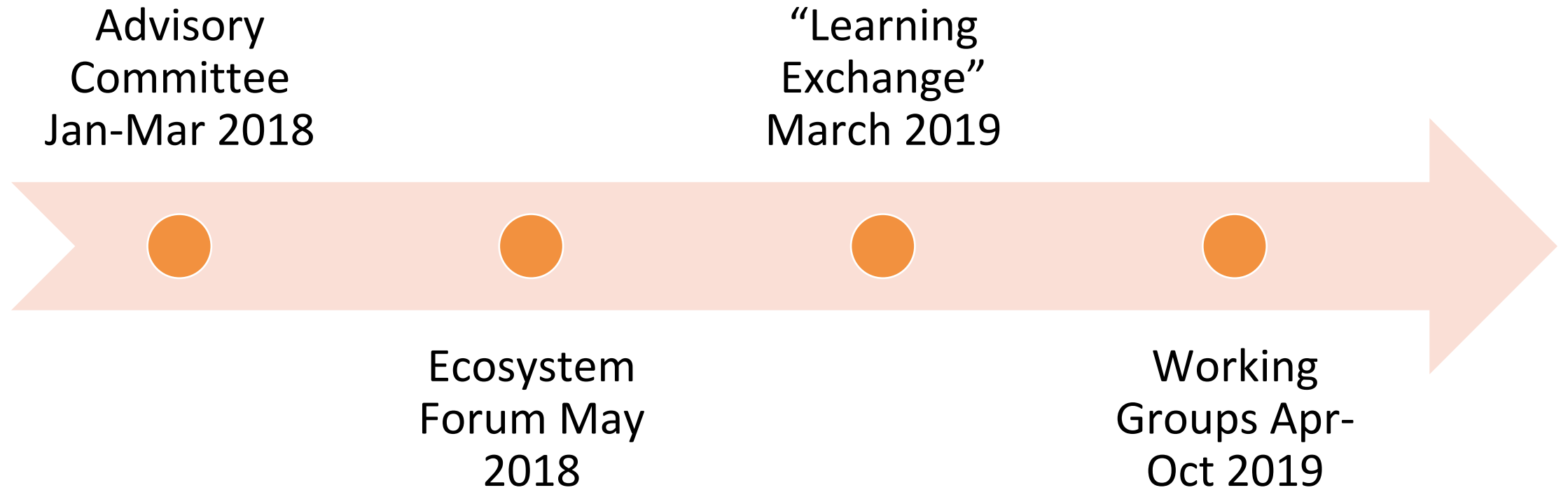
- Share knowledge and experience that can inform solutions

Identify

- Identify ongoing collaborative actions and processes to support the health of the Baynes Sound / Lambert Channel ecosystem



Ecosystem Forum Journey to Date





Ecosystem Forum, May 2018

Approach to dialogue

- Deep characterization of the challenges
- Discussion of possible short- and long-term solutions

Themes

- Nearshore/intertidal areas
- Offshore/open water areas
- Water quality
- Marine debris
- Governance



Ecosystem Forum, May 2018: Collective Agreements

Improving the health of Baynes Sound / Lambert Channel is vital for the ecosystem*

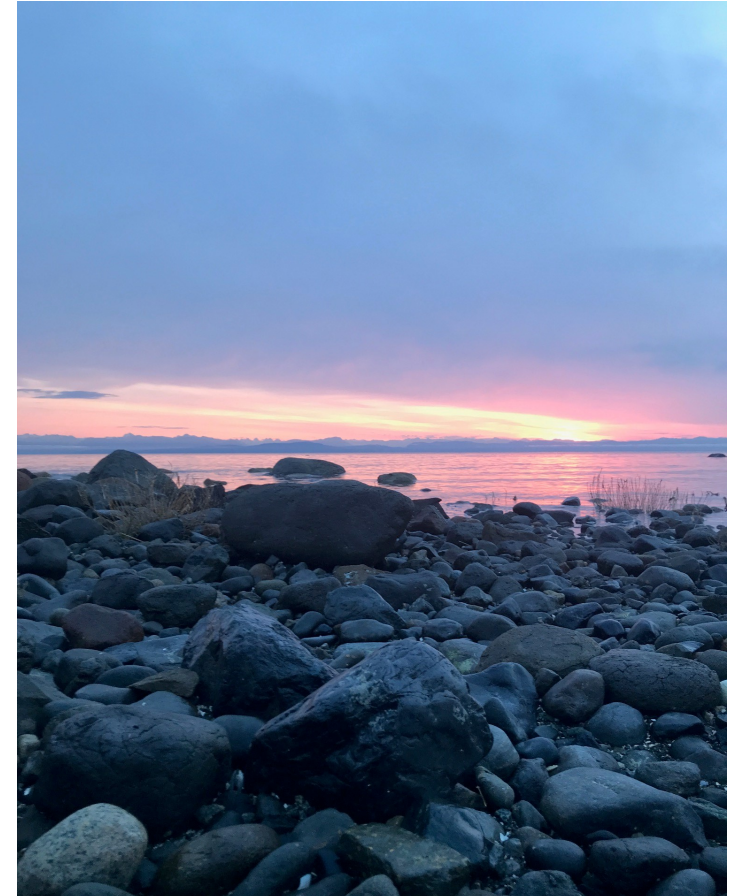
Continuation of the Baynes Sound / Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum through ongoing dialogues

*maintaining the status quo is unacceptable



Ecosystem Forum, March 2019

- Shared learning with Howe Sound/Ocean Watch Task Force and Saanich Inlet Protection Society
- Open space dialogue
 - Aquaculture research and demonstration project
 - Importance of herring
 - Future framework for the Forum (governance)
 - Creating opportunities for First Nations participation





Ecosystem Forum, March 2019: Outcomes

Working groups formed:
aquaculture, herring,
governance

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Governance Working Group

Reporting Back

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What we set out to do

- Research and analysis to form recommendations for a governance model for the Ecosystem Forum to consider for adoption/implementation



What we did

- Comparative analysis of five BC-based multi-stakeholder groups
 - Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable
 - Shuswap Trail Alliance
 - Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance
 - Coastal Douglas-Fir Conservation Partnership
 - Shuswap Watershed Council
- Descriptions of governance and tools/mechanisms
- Comparison of:
 - Levels of participation, use of sub-committees, decision-making approach, diversity of funding sources, and human resources



What we learned

- From the study:
 - All using a “round table” structure , with core/central body and sub-groups
 - Make up of core/central body is highly structured/formalized
 - Many similarities between the groups (formal governance tools, meetings open to public, high-level aims)
 - Many differences (revenue streams, staffing/human resources, decision-making)
- We now have more questions than answers!



Discussion questions for us all

- What is the aim of the Forum?
 - What aspects of governance would help us achieve that aim?
 - Is it an action-oriented group or more of a group for dialogue?
- If action-oriented, do we expect that we will continue with some working groups?
- What are the benefits for participation for your group? What do you expect/hope to get out of participation?
 - Is there anything specific to governance that could improve these benefits?
- Is there anything specific to governance that either enables or disables your group from participating?