

# PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKING GROUP

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## HQP (list coming up in a few slides)

## Informal members

Allison Stocks

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Council of Haida Nation

Coastal First Nations

# Focus

## From proposal:

- “The Pacific WG will select **case studies** based on criteria that will allow them to develop **innovative solutions** to marine management and conservation challenges and identify how to **effectively and constructively engage local people** and stakeholders, for issues the case-studies mutually identify with the selected communities.”



# Approach

First met in 2014 to develop proposal, further developed ideas in in-person meeting in Mar. 2015.

Themes of mutual interest, within broad theme of marine management:

1. **Plight of fishing communities**, esp. opportunities (or lack thereof) for youth, First Nations
2. Need for **innovative solutions** to address marine issues (e.g., ecosystem services, governance arrangement, species-specific options, marine planning)
3. **Adaptive capacities** of coastal communities







# Approach

Use limited funds to support HQPs and collaborative projects on these themes through **call for proposals**

3 calls for proposals to date.

Decisions based on:

- Fit with OceanCanada themes
- Collaborations with OceanCanada members
- Novelty and community-connectedness
- Fairness in distributing funds



# Plight of fishing communities (esp. youth and FNs)

Haley Milko, Master's student, Best Practices in Fisheries Monitoring Training to Engage Aboriginal Youth (2014/2015)

Rachelle Beveridge, PhD student, Eulachon loss and recovery: a case study of central coast stewardship priorities and perspectives (Bella Coola, BC) (2015/2017)

Elena Buscher, Master's student, Assessing changes in rockfish size and distribution to inform conservation strategies (2016/2017)



# Innovative solutions

John Discoll, PhD student, The effects of sea otter reestablishment on ecosystem service benefits derived by coastal communities on west coast Vancouver Island (2015/2016)

Paige Olmsted, PhD student, Marine Community support for Conservation: A test case in Howe Sound, BC (2015/2016)

Allison Witter, PhD student, Improving local benefits from seafood value chains in BC coastal communities: From Taking Stock to Scenario Development (2016/2017)

## **Plus – not a student but doing relevant work**

Tom Okey, collaborator, Ecological Indicators, expert surveys, and the Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network



# Adaptive capacities

Charlotte Whitney, PhD student, and Nathan Bennett, postdoctoral fellow, Working Group on Adaptive Capacity of Coastal Communities to Social-Ecological Change (2015/2016)







# Approach for the presentations

Will let researchers speak to their projects  
Short (5-minute) speed-talks