



PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKING GROUP

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HQP (list coming up in a few slides)

Informal members

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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