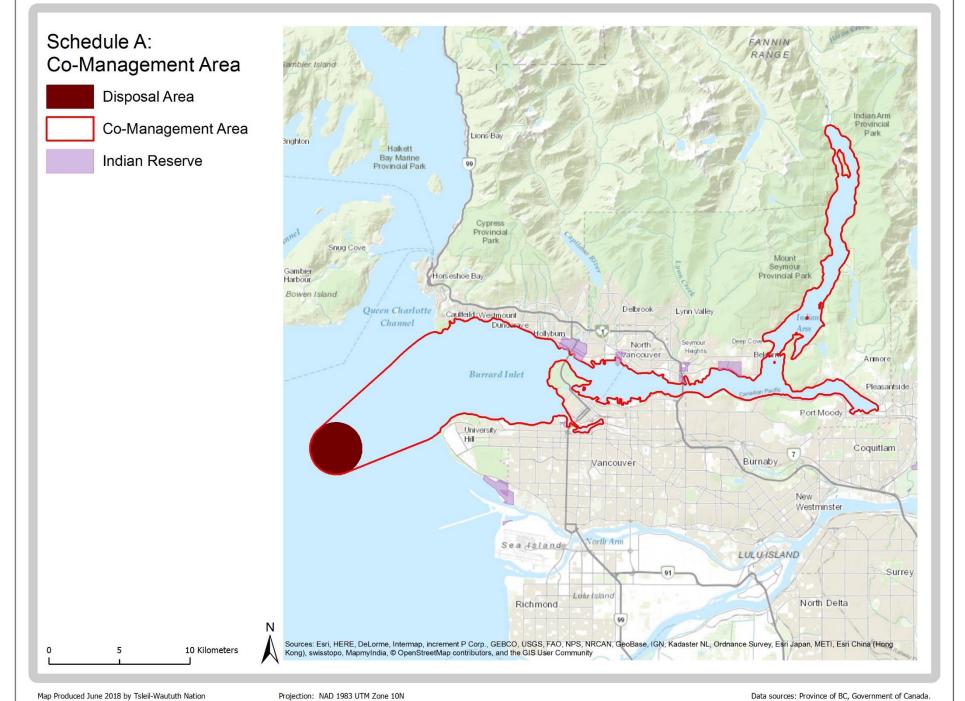
Collaboration between Tsleil-Wautuh and Canada on Disposal at Sea Decisions and Monitoring

Scientific Groups Meeting for London Convention and Protocol March 21, 2018

Erin Hanson & Garth Mullins



The Agreement

• In 2018, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Canada signed a co-management agreement recognizing their common interest in, and responsibility for, ensuring that Burrard Inlet is managed in an environmentally sustainable manner.

• Both parties share a rigorous, evidence based approach to disposal at sea decision making and monitoring in Burrard Inlet, based on indigenous and Western science.

Tsleil-Waututh Nation

 Tsleil-Waututh are the "People of the Inlet," an Indigenous nation whose territory includes Burrard Inlet in what is now known as Greater Vancouver. Tsleil-Waututh have occupied, governed, and acted as stewards of their territory prior to contact and continue to do so today.

• The Tsleil-Waututh Nation holds a sacred obligation to past, current, and future generations to steward the water, land, air, and resources of their territory in accordance with their own laws and standards. These responsibilities include the need to maintain and restore conditions that provide the environmental, cultural, spiritual, and economic foundation for the First Nation to thrive.

Canada

- Canada shares the goal of maintaining and restoring environmental conditions in Burrard Inlet.
- This agreement assists assist Canada in advancing its London Protocol obligations as well as obligations under the Canadian Constitution

Principles

- Make decisions in collaboration while retaining respective rights, jurisdictions, authorities,& obligations;
- Tsleil-Wauth holds stewardship and governance rights throughout its territory, exercised in accordance with its laws, policies, and management plans and its obligations to past, present, and future generations.
- Tsleil-Waututh has an obligation to protect its Aboriginal title, rights, and interests therein
- ECCC has obligations under the Constitution, CEPA, London Protocol
- Advance reconciliation based on mutual recognition of TWN rights and upholding the values of respect, cooperation, and partnership; support recognition of TWN title and rights, including its governance and stewardship rights within Burrard Inlet; support implementation of UNDRIP
- Protect the marine environment and to promote the sustainable use and stewardship of marine resources, and through a rigorous, evidence-based, and Indigenous and Western science-based approach, make effective recommendations to prevent, reduce, and where practicable, eliminate pollution caused by dumping at sea of wastes or other matter.

Activities

- Reviewing applications for Disposal at Sea
- Making joint recommendations to respective decision makers
- Conducting joint environmental monitoring
- Developing local policy;
- Conducting risk assessments & strategic assessments
- Developing was to review classes of Disposal at Sea applications;
- Cowriting a site management plan for the Point Grey site