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DFO maintains an extensive contact list of Community Involvement Groups and Associations that operate hatcheries in B.C. The list is divided into 16 areas across the province and can be found at: <https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sep-pmvs/commun-project-projet/index-eng.html>

RE: List of invitees to Feb 7 CMS dialogue

From: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX
To: Topelko, Karen FLNR:EX <Karen.Topelko@gov.bc.ca>, Steve Diggon <sdiggon@coastalfirstnations.ca>
Cc: Iwan Ball <iwanball@zoho.com>, jgbonesconsulting@gmail.com
Sent: January 21, 2022 1:11:20 PM PST

FYI. I forwarded the invitations along to Paul, Merv, Rich, Bruce, etc when they went out in early December so probably worth a reminder on new dates.

From: FLNR Coast Marine FLNR:EX <FLNR.CoastMarine@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 21, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Steve Diggon <sdiggon@coastalfirstnations.ca>
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I can let you know who accepts/declines the invitation as we get closer to the date. I'm hoping that the meeting invite gets forwarded to others as appropriate, but if there are specific people you want me to forward it to, please let me know. For example, the calendar invite hasn't gone to Merv, Rich, Paul, etc.

Thanks,
Karen

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Thx Charlie- Yes I think inviting Merv for sure on this date, and I've written up a note for him to send, encouraging the Nanwakolas chiefs to attend, while pointing out that we are involved in helping make this happen and will be holding a subregional workshop later on for more specific input opportunities.

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On Jan 21, 2022, at 12:38 PM, FLNR Coast Marine FLNR:EX <FLNR.CoastMarine@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Thanks,
Karen

RE: Development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for B.C. | Update

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Attachments: Invitation to Meet with Minister of State Nathan Cullen
Good afternoon, Erik.

I'm just checking in to see if Tla'amin Nation received the invitation to participate in an initial discussions regarding the development of a coastal marine strategy for B.C.

We are still holding Feb 2nd for treaty nation engagement so please let us know if this is still of interest.

Also – please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions,

Regards,

Charlie

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Subject: Development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for B.C. | Update

Good afternoon Erik,

I hope you're well. I was forwarded your name as someone to connect with in regards to provincial engagement efforts on the development a 'first of its kind' Coastal Marine Strategy (CMS) for B.C.

A bit of background:

In the fall of 2020, the Province announced its commitment to develop a CMS, in partnership with First Nations, federal and local governments to better protect coastal habitat while growing the coastal economy. The CMS commitment is included in five ministerial and parliamentary secretary [mandate letters](#) across government. The Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Nathan Cullen, has been asked to lead its development.

To kick off the development of the strategy, Minister Cullen hopes to meet with many First Nations along the Pacific Coast to better understand Nations' priorities in the coastal marine space. Over the next week or so, treaty nation leadership can expect to receive letters inviting them to scheduled engagement sessions with Minister Cullen early in the new year. The letters will be accompanied by a short background piece and an online survey intended foster discussion during the engagement sessions.

I wanted to give you an early heads up that this was coming and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

I look forward to this conversation in the new year.

Thanks in advance for your time,

Charlie

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Invitation to Meet with Minister of State Nathan Cullen

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Sent: December 2, 2021 4:26:23 PM PST
Attachments: Tla'amin Nation_Invitation_December 2, 2021.pdf, CMS Backgrounder.pdf
Good afternoon,

Please find attached an invitation to meet virtually with Minister of State Nathan Cullen to talk about how the Province and First Nations can work together to co-develop a Coastal Marine Strategy for British Columbia.

Also attached is a background document and a link to a [survey](#) that provides important context.

If you are interested in participating, please respond by January 14, 2022 with an indication of your preferred dates and times.

I recognize that the current flooding emergency is shifting organizational priorities and that this may impact your administration's ability to respond to requests of this nature, or to participate in meetings with the Province. Please let me know if this is the case, and we can discuss considerations to assist with your participation.

Signed on behalf of Minister Cullen,
Joanne Von Drasek, Project Assistant



December 2, 2021

VIA EMAIL: john.hackett@tn-bc.ca

John Hackett, Hegus
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Dear Hegus John Hackett,

I am seeking an opportunity to meet with you regarding an important initiative I have been asked to accomplish on behalf of the Province.

In November 2020, I was honoured to be named by Premier John Horgan as the Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations. In this role, one of my top priorities is to lead development of a new provincial Coastal Marine Strategy (CMS) to better protect the health of the ocean and build a sustainable ocean economy. This strategy will be the first of its kind for B.C. and I'm excited about the opportunity to work with you to create this important, and needed, vision for the future.

I hope to meet with treaty nations up and down the Pacific coast to better understand priorities for marine conservation, stewardship, and meaningful collaboration in the ocean economy. This will not be government to government consultation, but rather an initial opportunity to engage with you to better understand your strategic interests and values as they relate to the marine environment.

Early scoping of potential themes for the CMS was completed internally to ensure that resources are in place to enable our success. The themes, included in the background document attached to this letter, are a place from which I thought we could begin dialogue. I would also like to discuss how our governments can collaborate on the development of key documents, including an intentions paper that would be used to solicit input from local governments and stakeholders. The intentions paper will be used to inform an initial draft of a CMS for further refinement. Capacity funding is available to support participation, as needed.

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A series of 3-hour virtual sessions will be held in the new year. I invite you to attend one of two special sessions being held for Treaty Nations on the following dates and times:

1. January 21, 2022: 9:00 am -12:00 pm (host Minister Nathan Cullen)
2. February 2, 2022: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (host Deputy Minister Lori Halls)

If you are interested in participating, please reply to this message **by January 14, 2022** indicating your top choice of date to attend the session. Once your attendance has been confirmed, you will receive an agenda, meeting materials, and the dial and log-in information for the meeting taking place using the virtual platform - Zoom.

Whether or not you are able to schedule an engagement session, I kindly ask that you take a bit of time to complete a brief survey **by February 11, 2022**. Responses to the survey will be rolled up and shared with you, but not made public. The online survey can be accessed by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRNQGG9>. Please feel free to share the survey with others in your community.

The development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for British Columbia presents a significant opportunity to secure ocean health and ocean wealth for generations to come. I hope that you will be able to join me in a dialogue session to discuss how we can advance this work, together.

Sincerely,



Nathan Cullen
Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Attachment

cc: Erik Blaney, Councillor - Land Management
Deputy Minister Lori Halls
Parliamentary Secretary Fin Donnelly
Parliamentary Secretary Kelly Greene

Backgrounder: Developing a Coastal Marine Strategy for British Columbia

Summary

In 2020, the Province committed to develop a Coastal Marine Strategy (CMS) that will lay out goals and actions to improve stewardship of our coastal and marine environments, mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts, develop a sustainable 'blue economy', foster resilience in coastal communities, and create opportunities to advance reconciliation with First Nations.

The CMS will focus on coast-wide shared values at a strategic level and address future needs, priorities, and emerging trends. As an initiative led by the government of BC, the CMS will concentrate on activities, uses and values that fall under provincial authority. Activities and values that fall under federal authorities and mandates, such as marine transportation, fishing, ocean dumping, and emergency response, are of deep interest and the Province remains open to discussing them.

The CMS will be organized around overarching themes that will be identified and described in consultation with Indigenous peoples. BC is proposing to develop the CMS over the next 18 months, with the release of a draft CMS for external consultation in early 2023 and a final Strategy expected by mid-2023. The anticipated process is laid out in three main stages:

Identify Opportunities & Challenges	Develop Intentions Paper	Develop Coastal Marine Strategy
Gather information about coast-wide conditions and trends, existing marine-related policies and programmes, and opportunities for strategic alignment with current provincial, federal and Indigenous initiatives	Outline preliminary thinking on potential solutions to pressing issues and opportunities (from the perspective of BC and Indigenous peoples) to stimulate conversation and create space for stakeholders and others to comment on elements that will inform the CMS	Develop clear, definitive direction for management of marine and coastal areas and values based on input, ideas and thoughts shared on the intentions paper and further dialogue with Indigenous peoples
Now through 2023	Consult broadly summer 2022	Consult broadly early 2023

BC is proposing to develop the Intentions Paper and the Coastal Marine Strategy with interested coastal Indigenous peoples. To do this, we want to build consensus with Indigenous leadership on a process for co-drafting key materials within the desired timelines. This process design will be the focus of dialogue sessions planned with BC and Indigenous leadership early in 2022.

Indigenous peoples, stakeholders, other governments, and the general public will have opportunities to share their views by providing feedback on the Intentions Paper and the draft CMS. A mix of engagement methods will be needed, including workshops, briefing sessions, surveys, and issue-specific feedback requests. Feedback received will be summarized in "What We Heard" reports and used to inform the development of key documents.

Backgrounder:

Developing a Coastal Marine Strategy for British Columbia

Introduction

In the fall of 2020, the Province announced a commitment to develop a Coastal Marine Strategy (CMS) that will lay out future actions government can take to improve stewardship of our coastal and marine environments, mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts on the coast, develop a sustainable 'blue economy', and foster resilience in coastal communities. The CMS also presents an important opportunity to advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, for whom the ocean influences all aspects of life – culture, ceremony, travel, sustenance, and well-being.

What will the Coastal Marine Strategy Address?

The CMS will focus on shared values at a coast-wide and strategic level, reflecting on where we have been and where we are today, and address future needs, priorities and emerging trends. It will challenge 'business-as-usual thinking' and require productive, open, and robust conversations about the issues and opportunities of ocean use in British Columbia.

As an initiative led by the government of BC, the CMS will concentrate on activities, uses and values that fall under provincial authority. These include:

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| ○ Conservation | ○ Coastal development |
| ○ Seafood processing and marketing | ○ Pollution from land-based sources |
| ○ Use of the seabed – e.g., aquaculture, float homes, fishing lodges | ○ Outreach and education |
| ○ Climate change adaptation and mitigation | ○ Archaeological sites |
| ○ Marine plant health and harvest | ○ Monitoring and enforcement |
| | ○ Emergency planning and response |
| | ○ Rural development |

Activities and values that fall under federal authorities and mandates – including marine transportation, fishing, fisheries habitat, ocean dumping, and emergency response - are of deep interest and we remain open to discussing them where there is shared and strategic interest. It will not be possible, however, to address all issues equally or consider all opportunities comprehensively. The overall intention of the Provincial Government is to create a shared product that is durable, implementable and supports the needs and desires of generations to come.

Early scoping of potential themes for the CMS was completed internally to ensure that resources are in place to enable success. The themes, and the specific topics to be covered under each theme, will be confirmed and defined through consultation. The potential themes include:

- a) **Ocean Governance** (e.g., reconciliation, decision making, roles/accountabilities, data sharing)
- b) **Research** (e.g., monitoring, inventory, species-specific research, outreach)
- c) **Ecosystem health** (e.g., acidification, biodiversity, nutrient cycling, cumulative impacts, pollution)
- d) **Human Well-being** (e.g., food security, equity, opportunity to practice traditional activities)
- e) **Economic sustainability** (e.g., seafood processing, rural development, diversification)

The Process

The Province is proposing to develop the CMS over the next 18 months, with the release of a draft strategy for external consultation in late 2022 and a final strategy expected by mid-2023. The events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic may impact on these timeframes, and we will continue to monitor this situation as it evolves.

Stage One: Identify Opportunities and Challenges

Identification of opportunities and challenges will include gathering information about coast-wide economic, social, and environmental considerations, such as reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, ocean governance, climate change, conservation, areas for potential 'blue growth', and food security. In parallel, we will be undertaking a baseline assessment of the breadth, depth and quality of existing marine-related policies, projects and programmes led by the Province. A key part of this stage will also be the identification of opportunities for strategic alignment with current provincial, federal, and Indigenous initiatives, including the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan*, *Together for Wildlife Strategy*, the *Wild Salmon Strategy*, the *Watershed Security Strategy*, and the federal *Blue Economy Strategy*.

Stage Two: Develop Intentions Paper

Over the next few months, we envision developing an "intentions" paper that will outline the proposed policy direction for the management and use of coastal and marine environments in British Columbia. The paper is meant to stimulate an open conversation and create opportunities for others to comment on the elements that will inform the CMS (e.g., proposed vision, themes, opportunities and challenges assessment, path to achieving the vision). To help focus input, commenters will be invited to consider specific questions. The intentions paper will help with the significant task of building a Coastal Marine Strategy.

Stage Three: Develop Coastal Marine Strategy

After the initial information gathering stage, a draft CMS will be developed and released publicly for consultation. A key part of this final stage will be analysing the submissions received in response to the intentions paper. The range of perspectives shared through consultation will need to be considered and balanced with government's commitments and funding capacity. As part of the drafting stage, further guidance from coastal Indigenous peoples and key stakeholder will be sought.

Short-term (e.g., 0-10 yrs.) and long-term (e.g., 10+ yrs.) actions will be proposed in the CMS. Long-term recommendations may consider strategic issues and options without necessarily identifying specific solutions to the same extent as the short-term outlook. Proposed actions will focus on coast-wide solutions, as opposed to place-based solutions.

To help understand the differences between an intentions paper and a strategy, their "defining characteristics" are summarized in the table below.

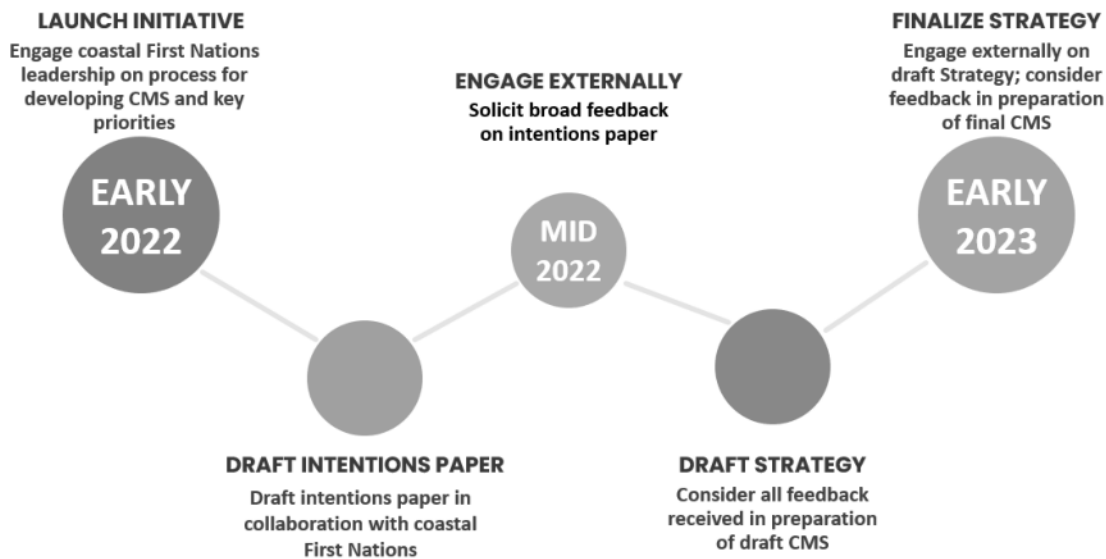
Intentions Paper	Strategy
<p>Purpose: To start a conversation by outlining preliminary thinking on key aspects of the Coastal Marine Strategy. This paper will inform stakeholders and the public about the most pressing issues and opportunities (from the perspective of the provincial government and Indigenous peoples) and will encourage the sharing of ideas and opinions about the future of ocean management in BC.</p> <p>May include, for example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current conditions and trends at coast-wide scale ○ Identification of what’s working in the current management system and should continue ○ Identification of the problems, opportunities ○ Solutions and actions under consideration to improve stewardship of coastal and marine ecosystems and coastal community well-being, foster a sustainable marine economy, and advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Recommendations could include policy, program, and legislative changes. ○ Specific questions for stakeholders, public to consider in reviewing the paper. <p>Content will be structured in line with main priorities identified by BC and coastal Indigenous peoples, with some input from key stakeholder groups</p>	<p>Purpose: To set out a clear direction for management of marine and coastal areas and values in British Columbia. To provide a well-defined road map that bridges the gap between where we are now, and where we want to be in the future. The strategy is intended to be durable and generational, and will include short, medium, and long-term goals and actions.</p> <p>May include, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vision ○ Guiding principles ○ Definitive areas of strategic focus for action ○ More definitive views on what change/reform is needed, and more comprehensive suite of recommended changes, based on input, ideas, thoughts shared on the intentions paper ○ Approach to implementation (timeframes, funding, etc.) <p>Content will be structured in line with main priorities identified by BC and coastal Indigenous peoples with further refinement by coastal communities, stakeholders and the general public.</p>

Finalization of the Coastal Marine Strategy

The final Strategy will be released publicly. The Province is open to discussing the process of finalizing the CMS. Implementation will begin after public release.

Anticipated Timeline

The time between initiation and anticipated completion of the CMS is approximately 18 months and key milestones are outlined in the figure below.



Engagement Approach

The Province is intending broad and targeted engagement that informs, consults and involves different governments, communities and stakeholder groups, at appropriate times, to inform development of the Intentions Paper and the draft CMS. To ensure that ongoing engagement is undertaken in an efficient, comprehensive, and meaningful manner, we are proposing that particular focus is given to interaction with:

- Indigenous peoples, governments, organizations and forums
- Key federal government agencies
- Local governments and regional districts
- Key stakeholder organizations and advisory committees
- Academia/ research institutions

BC is proposing to develop the Intentions Paper and the Coastal Marine Strategy with interested coastal Indigenous peoples. To do this, we want to build consensus with Indigenous leadership on a process for co-drafting these key products within the desired timelines. This process design will be the focus of dialogue sessions planned with BC and Indigenous leadership early 2022.

Stakeholders, other governments, and the general public will have opportunities to share their views by providing feedback on the Intentions Paper and the draft CMS, next year. We will need to make use of a mix of engagement methods including, but not limited to:

- workshops;
- events, presentations and information sessions;
- meetings and briefing sessions;
- questionnaires, surveys and issue-specific feedback requests (via the provincial government's online engagement portal); and
- written updates – including social media posts and media statements

Feedback received during this round of engagement will be summarized in “What We Heard” reports and used to inform the development of key documents.

Capacity Funding

Capacity funding is available to support Indigenous participation. The First Nations Fisheries Council of BC has received initial funding to help in organizing and facilitating engagement with coastal Indigenous peoples.

For information on how to access capacity funding, please contact Charlie Short, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives, at Charles.Short@gov.bc.ca.

RE: Development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for B.C. | Update

From: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX
To: Erik Blaney <erik.blaney@tn-bc.ca>
Cc: Denise Smith <denise.smith@tn-bc.ca>, Von Drasek, Joanne FLNR:EX <Joanne.Vondrasek@gov.bc.ca>, Topelko, Karen FLNR:EX <Karen.Topelko@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 21, 2022 4:20:17 PM PST
Thanks Erik and no worries.

Just so you know – both the minister and our deputy minister are, unfortunately, unavailable on the 2nd due to some last minute scheduling. We would be proceeding with our Assistant Deputy Minister for Coast Area with staff support at this time.

Just wanted to ensure you were aware ahead of time.

We'll send out the calendar invitation asap.

Again, please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

Have a great weekend.

Charlie

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Sent: January 21, 2022 3:41 PM
To: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX <Charles.Short@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Denise Smith <denise.smith@tn-bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for B.C. | Update

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Hi Charles, apologies as we've been slammed recently with a number of issues.

Can you please send me the meeting invite for February 2 time slot with the Minister

Thanks

Erik

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From: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX <Charles.Short@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 3:24:32 PM
To: Erik Blaney <erik.blaney@tn-bc.ca>
Cc: Angeline Nyce <angeline.nyce@tn-bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for B.C. | Update

Good afternoon, Erik.

I'm just checking in to see if Tla'amin Nation received the invitation to participate in an initial discussions regarding the development of a coastal marine strategy for B.C.

We are still holding Feb 2nd for treaty nation engagement so please let us know if this is still of interest.

Also – please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions,

Regards,

Charlie

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From: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX
Sent: December 1, 2021 1:14 PM
To: 'erik.blaney@tn-bc.ca' <erik.blaney@tn-bc.ca>
Cc: 'Angeline.Nyce@tn-bc.ca' <Angeline.Nyce@tn-bc.ca>
Subject: Development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for B.C. | Update

Good afternoon Erik,

I hope you're well. I was forwarded your name as someone to connect with in regards to provincial engagement efforts on the development a 'first of its kind' Coastal Marine Strategy (CMS) for B.C.

A bit of background:

In the fall of 2020, the Province announced its commitment to develop a CMS, in partnership with First Nations, federal and local governments to better protect coastal habitat while growing the coastal economy. The CMS commitment is included in five ministerial and parliamentary secretary [mandate letters](#) across government. The Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Nathan Cullen, has been asked to lead its development.

To kick off the development of the strategy, Minister Cullen hopes to meet with many First Nations along the Pacific Coast to better understand Nations' priorities in the coastal marine space. Over the next week or so, treaty nation leadership can expect to receive letters inviting them to scheduled engagement sessions with Minister Cullen early in the new year. The letters will be accompanied by a short background piece and an online survey intended foster discussion during the engagement sessions.

I wanted to give you an early heads up that this was coming and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

I look forward to this conversation in the new year.

Thanks in advance for your time,

Charlie

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Re: List of invitees to Feb 7 CMS dialogue

From: Iwan Ball <iwanball@zoho.com>
To: Steve Diggon <sdiggon@coastalfirstnations.ca>, FLNR Coast Marine FLNR:EX <FLNR.CoastMarine@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX <Charles.Short@gov.bc.ca>, John Bones <jgbonesconsulting@gmail.com>
Sent: January 21, 2022 4:34:04 PM PST

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Hi Karen,

As Steve indicates below, we have identified the following individuals who should be added to the list (as a minimum):

Harold Leighton	hleighton@metlakatla.ca
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Perhaps John can confirm the participants from NVI and identify additional folk as appropriate..

Thanks
Iwan

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From: Steve Diggon <sdiggon@coastalfirstnations.ca>
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 at 3:53 PM

To: John Bones <jgbonesconsulting@gmail.com>

Cc: "FLNR Coast Marine FLNR:EX" <FLNR.CoastMarine@gov.bc.ca>, Charlie Short <Charles.Short@gov.bc.ca>, Iwan Ball <iwanball@zoho.com>

Subject: Re: List of invitees to Feb 7 CMS dialogue

Hi Charlie and John

Iwan and I just went through the list and identified others that should be invited or we can just pass along to. We are looking at holding a pre-briefing discussion on Feb 2nd 2-3pm....Iwan will respond to the group with updated email list. cheers

Steve

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On Jan 21, 2022, at 1:29 PM, John Bones <jgbonesconsulting@gmail.com> wrote:

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Thx Charlie- Yes I think inviting Merv for sure on this date, and I've written up a note for him to send, encouraging the Nanwakolas chiefs to attend, while pointing out that we are involved in helping make this happen and will be holding a subregional workshop later on for more specific input opportunities.

John Bones

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On Jan 21, 2022, at 12:38 PM, FLNR Coast Marine FLNR:EX <FLNR.CoastMarine@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Steve,

I just sent you (and John) the calendar invite for the Feb 7 session. The invitation letter went to more people (sometimes 2-4 additional people/Nation), but the calendar invite went to these individuals:

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Rina Gemeinhardt RGemeinhardt@kitsumkalum.com; Don
Roberts droberts@kitsumkalum.com; chn.masset@haidanation.com; teresarobinson@gitgaat.com; [Page 28 of 34 LWR-2022-22224](mailto:ch...</p></div><div data-bbox=)

I can let you know who accepts/declines the invitation as we get closer to the date. I'm hoping that the meeting invite gets forwarded to others as appropriate, but if there are specific people you want me to forward it to, please let me know. For example, the calendar invite hasn't gone to Merv, Rich, Paul, etc.

Thanks,
Karen

RE: Development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for B.C. | Update

From: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX
To: lmccoy@tsawwassenfirstnation.com
Cc: tsmith@tsawwassenfirstnation.com
Sent: January 21, 2022 4:45:24 PM PST
Attachments: Invitation to Meet with Minister of State Nathan Cullen
Good afternoon, Lisa.

I'm just checking in to see if Tsawwassen First Nation received the invitation to participate in an initial discussions regarding the development of a coastal marine strategy for B.C.

We are still holding Feb 2nd for treaty nation engagement so please let us know if this is still of interest.

Also – please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Charlie

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From: Short, Charles J FLNR:EX
Sent: December 1, 2021 1:14 PM
To: 'lmccoy@tsawwassenfirstnation.com' <lmccoy@tsawwassenfirstnation.com>
Subject: Development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for B.C. | Update

Good afternoon Lisa,

I hope you're well. I was forwarded your name as someone to connect with in regards to provincial engagement efforts on the development a 'first of its kind' Coastal Marine Strategy (CMS) for B.C.

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I look forward to this conversation in the new year.

Thanks in advance for your time,

Charlie

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Invitation to Meet with Minister of State Nathan Cullen

From: FLNR Coast Marine FLNR:EX <FLNR.CoastMarine@gov.bc.ca>
To: kenbaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com
Cc: lmccoy@tsawwassenfirstnation.com
Sent: December 2, 2021 4:28:51 PM PST
Attachments: Tsawwassen First Nation_Invitation_December 2, 2021.pdf, CMS Backgrounder.pdf
Good afternoon,

Please find attached an invitation to meet virtually with Minister of State Nathan Cullen to talk about how the Province and First Nations can work together to co-develop a Coastal Marine Strategy for British Columbia.

Also attached is a background document and a link to a [survey](#) that provides important context.

If you are interested in participating, please respond by January 14, 2022 with an indication of your preferred dates and times.

I recognize that the current flooding emergency is shifting organizational priorities and that this may impact your administration's ability to respond to requests of this nature, or to participate in meetings with the Province. Please let me know if this is the case, and we can discuss considerations to assist with your participation.

Signed on behalf of Minister Cullen,
Joanne Von Drasek, Project Assistant



December 2, 2021

VIA EMAIL: kenbaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com

Ken Baird, Chief
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Dear Chief Ken Baird,

I am seeking an opportunity to meet with you regarding an important initiative I have been asked to accomplish on behalf of the Province.

In November 2020, I was honoured to be named by Premier John Horgan as the Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations. In this role, one of my top priorities is to lead development of a new provincial Coastal Marine Strategy (CMS) to better protect the health of the ocean and build a sustainable ocean economy. This strategy will be the first of its kind for B.C. and I'm excited about the opportunity to work with you to create this important, and needed, vision for the future.

I hope to meet with treaty nations up and down the Pacific coast to better understand priorities for marine conservation, stewardship, and meaningful collaboration in the ocean economy. This will not be government to government consultation, but rather an initial opportunity to engage with you to better understand your strategic interests and values as they relate to the marine environment.

Early scoping of potential themes for the CMS was completed internally to ensure that resources are in place to enable our success. The themes, included in the background document attached to this letter, are a place from which I thought we could begin dialogue. I would also like to discuss how our governments can collaborate on the development of key documents, including an intentions paper that would be used to solicit input from local governments and stakeholders. The intentions paper will be used to inform an initial draft of a CMS for further refinement. Capacity funding is available to support participation, as needed.

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A series of 3-hour virtual sessions will be held in the new year. I invite you to attend one of two special sessions being held for Treaty Nations on the following dates and times:

1. January 21, 2022: 9:00 am -12:00 pm (host Minister Nathan Cullen)
2. February 2, 2022: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (host Deputy Minister Lori Halls)

If you are interested in participating, please reply to this message **by January 14, 2022** indicating your top choice of date to attend the session. Once your attendance has been confirmed, you will receive an agenda, meeting materials, and the dial and log-in information for the meeting taking place using the virtual platform - Zoom.

Whether or not you are able to schedule an engagement session, I kindly ask that you take a bit of time to complete a brief survey **by February 11, 2022**. Responses to the survey will be rolled up and shared with you, but not made public. The online survey can be accessed by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRNQGG9>. Please feel free to share the survey with others in your community.

The development of a Coastal Marine Strategy for British Columbia presents a significant opportunity to secure ocean health and ocean wealth for generations to come. I hope that you will be able to join me in a dialogue session to discuss how we can advance this work, together.

Sincerely,



Nathan Cullen
Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Attachment

cc: Lisa McCoy, Executive Assistant to the Chief and CAO
Deputy Minister Lori Halls
Parliamentary Secretary Fin Donnelly
Parliamentary Secretary Kelly Greene