

## Regional Education Asset Inventory



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## **WELCOME**

Thank you for considering a field trip or educational visit to the west coast. This regional education asset inventory provides a general overview of the area and is an excellent starting point for planning your trip.

We recognize that the success of your visit depends on finding the right people and places to bring your program to life. The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) is always available to offer support for educational programs, field trips and scientific research. We can offer assistance finding meeting spaces, linking with local instructors, accessing local data and archives, and offer shelter from the rain!

If you have any questions, please contact the CBT at your convenience.

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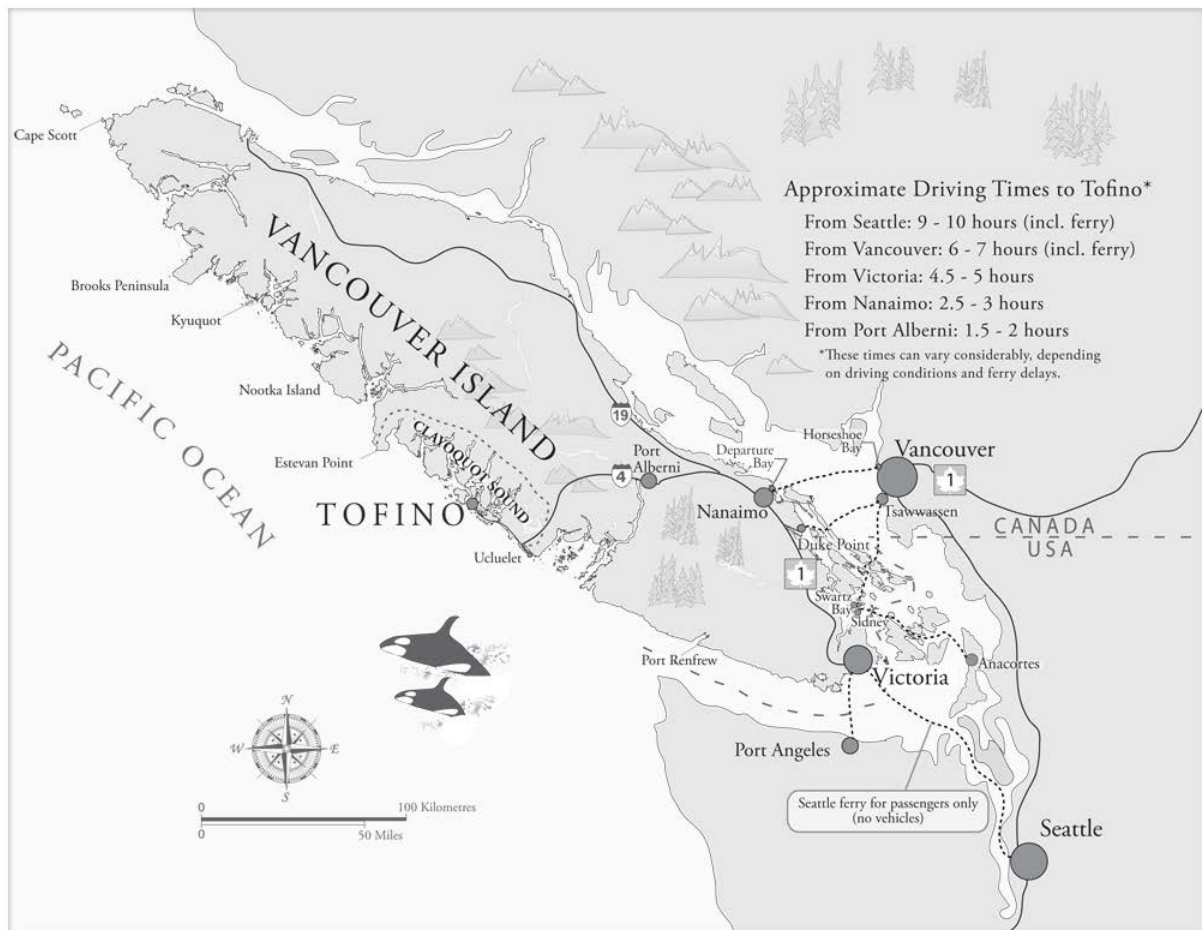
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## GETTING TO THE WEST COAST

Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds are accessible by land, air, and sea year round. We are happy to provide assistance planning your journey here. While we can recommend the most practical route based on the specifics of your group, Tourism Tofino ([www.tourismtofino.com/getting-to-tofino](http://www.tourismtofino.com/getting-to-tofino)) provides the most comprehensive directions on how to reach the west coast, including:

- detailed travel directions for arriving by road via Highway 4;
- an up-to-date listing of all airlines servicing Tofino-Long Beach Airport (YAZ); and
- a listing of all charter service and public transportation providers.



## NATURAL SETTING AND FEATURES

The Clayoquot and Barkley Sound region encompass a diverse range of ecosystems, including coastal temperate rainforest, large and small lakes, many rivers and streams, alpine peaks, open ocean, rocky coastal shoreline, long sandy beaches, estuaries, and mudflats. This wide

range of habitat types, high proportion of protected area (110,288 ha within the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve), relatively intact buffer zones, and a low year-round human population has ensured high biological diversity. The region supports several top carnivores — including populations of cougar, wolves, killer whales, raptors — a sign indicative of a relatively intact and healthy habitat. The region is also home to several endangered, threatened or rare species, including the marbled murrelet, sea otter, and red-legged frog.

The region is subject to heavy rainfalls, primarily in winter months, which often results in more than three metres precipitation a year. This regular flow of water over the land brings nutrients to the coastal and off-shore waters, resulting in nutrient-rich environments. The climate is mild, with very few days below freezing and summer maximums rarely exceeding 20° C.

That the land and sea supported large populations of Nuu-chah-nulth people for thousands of years is also indicative of the area's natural richness. Oral histories and ethnographies identify over 270 species used by First Nations populations, from trees and fungi to invertebrates and fish.

Planning to access the waters of Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds? Refer to the following marine charts:

- Barkley Sound chart no. 3671
- Northern Clayoquot Sound chart no. 3641
- Southern Clayoquot Sound chart no. 3673
- Tofino Harbour chart no.3685
- Ucluelet Harbour chart no. 3646

For up to date information on local weather, refer to:

- Environment Canada: [http://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index\\_e.html?id=bc](http://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=bc)
- The Weather Network: <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>
- Tide Tables: Tofino [http://tides.gc.ca/eng/data/table/2014/wlev\\_ref/8615](http://tides.gc.ca/eng/data/table/2014/wlev_ref/8615) and Ucluelet [http://tides.gc.ca/eng/data/table/2014/wlev\\_sec/8595](http://tides.gc.ca/eng/data/table/2014/wlev_sec/8595)

Please see Appendix A for list of protected areas in the region.

## **LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPLORATION**

Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds present world class opportunities to get outside and experience the natural environment first hand. Outdoor activities such as surfing, whale watching, and hiking provide experiential learning and allow participants to get to know one another while making lasting memories. Our small communities also add to the student experience as people connect directly with residents.



For detailed listing of local ecotourism operators, please see the business listings in the Communities section of the report, which begins on page 16. The CBT can also suggest activities that would work well with your itinerary.



## **INSTRUCTIONAL ASSETS**

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Our region is home to more than 98 community organizations with varied areas of focus. The mandates of the following organizations include education and they may be available to your group for educational activities or information sessions. For a full list of community organization please visit the CBT's Community Organization Directory at <http://clayoquotbiosphere.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Directory-2014.pdf>. Please contact the CBT if you would like assistance linking with local organizations.

**Association of Wetland Stewards for Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds:** This organization conducts research, monitoring, and education to promote stewardship of amphibians. They offer slide shows, workshops, and educational materials to the public. There are also volunteer opportunities to help with research, monitoring, and stewardship.

[www.splatfrogtunnel.blogspot.com](http://www.splatfrogtunnel.blogspot.com)

**Carving on the Edge Festival Society:** This annual celebrate of west coast carvers is held each September in Tofino and Ucluelet. [www.carvingedgefestival.com](http://www.carvingedgefestival.com)

**Central Westcoast Forest Society:** The CWFS participates in stream and ecosystem restoration, research, education, and recreational opportunities. CWFS facilitates activities that include: interpretive walks, public presentations, educational resource materials, workshops on various topics, and educational stewardship events. [www.clayoquot.org](http://www.clayoquot.org)

**Clayoquot Action:** Clayoquot Action is a Tofino-based conservation organization committed to protecting the biocultural diversity of Clayoquot Sound through public education, citizen research and monitoring, and advocacy. They are available for information, presentations, and discussions. [www.clayoquotaction.org](http://www.clayoquotaction.org)

**Clayoquot Biosphere Trust:** The CBT conducts and supports research, education, and programs that advance conservation, build our understanding of natural processes in the marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and promote the health of individuals and communities through the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve Region. The CBT is available to provide background on the history of the creation of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and the region in general. The organization operates a remote research cabin in Sydney Inlet.

[www.clayoquotbiosphere.org](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org)

**Friends of Clayoquot Sound:** A grassroots, community-based environmental organization with a mission to protect the ancient temperate rainforest and marine environment of Clayoquot Sound. They are available for information talks and discussions. [www.focs.ca](http://www.focs.ca)

**hiłmehsaqin:** hiłmehsaqin is a recently developed nuučanuł language and culture organization primarily composed of Ahousaht First Nation members but which includes members from all other nuučanuł nations. Their mission is focused upon a long-term vision of developing a nuučanuł survival school located on remote nuučanuł territories. Their efforts are placed upon providing language immersion, traditional knowledge and skills development, and indigenous foods systems. For more information contact John Rampanen at 250-726-4023; johnnynootka@reindigenize.net.

**Hooksum Outdoor School Society:** The HOSS facilitates and encourages outdoor, environmental and cultural education and relevant skills training from their school in the traditional territories of the Hesquiaht First Nation. [www.hooksumschool.com](http://www.hooksumschool.com)

**K<sup>w</sup>isitis Visitor Centre:** This interpretive centre for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve includes two floors of exhibits on the natural and cultural history of the region. Park interpreters can provide educational programs. [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca)

**Pacific Rim Arts Society:** PRAS hosts arts and culture events and workshops, including the Pacific Rim Arts Festival and the Cultural Heritage Festival. They work closely with First Nations communities and participate in youth outreach projects. [www.pacificrimarts.ca](http://www.pacificrimarts.ca)

**Pacific Rim Whale Festival Society:** PRWFS hosted its first “whale fest” in 1986. The festival celebrates the migration of the grey whale through a variety of locally-based events. [www.pacificrimwhalefestival.com](http://www.pacificrimwhalefestival.com)

**Quuquatsa Language Society:** "Quuquatsa" translates to "the language we speak" and this organization's vision is to have a fluent Nuu-chah-nulth society/community. The organization plans, advocates, and works to rebuild practices of speaking, thinking, hearing, seeing, and dreaming in the Nuu-chah-nulth languages through preserving, learning, and teaching. For more information contact 250-723-8555; quuquatsa@gmail.com.

**Raincoast Education Society:** The RES's activities include summer camps, school programs, and support for local governments and businesses in Tofino and Ucluelet to become more environmentally sustainable. The RES hosts two major events each year: the Shorebird Festival in May and the Lantern Festival in August. The RES also developed the Raincoast Host Program, which trains front-line staff in local ecology and natural history. [www.raincoasteducation.org](http://www.raincoasteducation.org)

**Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society:** The SIMRS conduct research on marine mammals and pelagic birds. They also offer public presentations and education programs, including a Build-a-Whale Project. [www.strawberryisle.org](http://www.strawberryisle.org)



**Thornton Creek Enhancement Society:** This hatchery outside of Ucluelet works to enhance salmon runs in Barkley and Clayoquot Sounds. The society runs open houses and offers hatchery tours. Contact 250-726-7566.

**Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks:** The Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks are watersheds managed to integrate human and ecosystem well-being as taught by our ancestors and adapted to today's situation. Tribal Park staff are available to share their work with researchers and educators and as guides within their territories. For more information go to [www.tribalparks.ca](http://www.tribalparks.ca) or call 1-888-425-3350 or 250-725-3350, ext. 26. The primary contact is Terry Dorward.

**Tofino Botanical Gardens Foundation:** The TBGF operates the 12-acre Tofino Botanical Gardens and the Ecolodge/Clayoquot Field Station. Their mission is to inspire conservation of the world's temperate, coastal forests. Through garden exhibits, interpretive tours and signage, interpretive programs, the TBGF endeavors to explore the relationship between culture and nature by pursuing interests across disciplinary lines. [www.tbgf.org](http://www.tbgf.org)

**Tofino-Clayoquot Heritage Society:** This Tofino-based organization engages in marine and terrestrial archaeology, heritage conservation, historical research, and public education. They have a museum, open on request, and are available for lectures and events. Contact 250-725-2008.

**Tofino Salmon Enhancement Society:** This hatchery outside of Tofino works to enhance salmon runs in Clayoquot Sound. Hatchery tours available. Contact 250-725-2376.

**Ucluelet and Area Historical Society:** This organization is working towards a museum for the local region. They have an archive and may be available for presentations. [www.pacificrimhistory.com](http://www.pacificrimhistory.com)

**Ucluelet Aquarium Society:** The UAS operates a public aquarium, participates in research, and delivers educational programs at the aquarium and in the field. [www.uclueletaquarium.org](http://www.uclueletaquarium.org)

**West Coast Aquatic:** WCA is a leader in watershed and coastal planning activities, aquatic research projects, aquatic economic development and information management. [www.westcoastaquatic.ca/](http://www.westcoastaquatic.ca/)

**Wild Pacific Trail Society:** Dedicated to the promotion, protection, and expansion of scenic walking trails which showcase the unique natural and cultural treasures of the Ucluelet Peninsula. The society also delivers educational programs on the trail and at local beaches. [www.wildpacifictrail.com](http://www.wildpacifictrail.com)

## **LOCALLY-DEVELOPED CURRICULUM**

**Global Education 11/12:** Ucluelet Secondary School has developed a school board-approved curriculum for this course, which provides students with an opportunity to learn about a range of global issues and current events culminating in a 10-day field trip abroad.

**Kayaking 11/12:** Ucluelet Secondary School has developed school board-approved curriculum for the course, which offers students an opportunity to gain the practical skills and certifications needed to work as a sea kayak guide, including leadership and interpretation skills.

**Nuu-chah-nulth language resources:** a range of resources have been developed including children's books, dictionaries, and a number of software programs. For more information, please contact the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust at 250-725-2219 or [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org).

**Sustainable Kids:** The Tofino Botanical Gardens Foundation has developed curriculum for this program including many ideas for activities and linkages to BC's prescribed learning outcomes. [www.tbgf.org/sustainable-kids/curriculum/index.php](http://www.tbgf.org/sustainable-kids/curriculum/index.php)

**Sustainability Studies 11/12:** The Clayoquot Biosphere trust developed the curriculum for high school Sustainability Studies which is being offered at Ucluelet Secondary School. [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/web/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Sustainability\\_Studies\\_Curriculum.pdf](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/web/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Sustainability_Studies_Curriculum.pdf)

## **LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES**

Many local communities and organizations have their own small libraries and archives of materials related to their mandate. Check with each organization regarding access and use. The following facilities are open to the public.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust has a library and archive with documents relevant to the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve Region, including extensive holdings over land-use in the 1980s and '90s that led to the creation of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Many of the holdings can be searched through the on-line database, which is continually being updated. [www.westcoastaquatic.info/searchdb/searchdb/](http://www.westcoastaquatic.info/searchdb/searchdb/)

Tofino and Ucluelet both have public libraries with good selections of locally-relevant material. Check on-line for details of hours at [www.virl.bc.ca/](http://www.virl.bc.ca/).

See Appendix B for a list of books related to the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve Region.

## **RELEVANT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT TOOLS**

**1:50,000 BC Watershed Atlas Maps:** A topologically structured digital representation of all aquatic-related features. [www.env.gov.bc.ca/fish/watershed\\_atlas\\_maps/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fish/watershed_atlas_maps/)

**A Path Forward Regional Planning Toolkit:** A resource guide to support Treaty First Nations, regional districts, and local governments.

[www.ufn.ca/files/Content/Reports%20PDF/APathForwardtoolkit.pdf](http://www.ufn.ca/files/Content/Reports%20PDF/APathForwardtoolkit.pdf)

**Barkley Community Forest:** A proposed community forest licence to be held jointly by the District of Ucluelet and Toquaht Nation with a vision to enhance community stability and quality of life for local residents through community control of the forest resource. The community forest will provide employment and opportunities for diverse utilization of forest resources in ways that are environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable.

[www.barkleyforest.ca/](http://www.barkleyforest.ca/)

**BC Parks Management Plans:** An alphabetical list, by protected area name (provincial parks, ecological reserves, protected areas, and provincial recreation areas), of approved and active management plans, management direction statements, purpose statements, zoning plans, and background reports. [www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/mgmtplns/man\\_plan.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/mgmtplns/man_plan.html)

**Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision:** In 1993, the Government of British Columbia made a decision on land use in Clayoquot Sound that sought to ensure environmental protection and the economic health of local communities.

[www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/documents/bib42662.pdf](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/documents/bib42662.pdf)

**Clayoquot Sound Land Use Plan:** These watershed plans guide sustainable ecosystem management in Clayoquot Sound. [www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/slrp/plan21.html](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/slrp/plan21.html)

**Clayoquot and Barkley Sound Marine Spatial Plans:** Once approved, these plans and associated tools will help balance the many uses of the coastal environment with the goal of ensuring a healthy economy, culture, and environment. [www.westcoastaquatic.ca/marine-spatial-planning/](http://www.westcoastaquatic.ca/marine-spatial-planning/)

**Clayoquot Sound Scientific Panel Reports:** These reports recommend a comprehensive approach to planning that includes all scales: the landscape or watershed level, the forest level, and the site or stand level. [www.cortex.ca/dow-cla.html](http://www.cortex.ca/dow-cla.html)

**District of Tofino reports, projects, plans and strategies:** A database of all district documents. <https://tofino.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=27>

**District of Ucluelet publications, forms, and by-laws:** a listing of all district documents. <http://ucluelet.ca/community/district-of-ucluelet-office/planning-forms-pubs>

**Important Bird Area for Canada:** The Tofino Wah-nah-jus Hilth-hoo-is Mudflats, along with the long sandy shoreline of Chesterman Beach, are designated an Important Bird Area for Canada. <http://www.ibacanada.ca/site.jsp?siteID=BC002&lang=EN>

**Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act:** The final agreement includes information on the rights to harvest, forest tenures and lands authorization, the collection of personal information, and the power to make orders and regulations. [http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/07043\\_36](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/07043_36)

**Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Implementation Report 2011-2012:** This report highlights the activities and results of the first year of the Maa-nulth Treaty. [www.ufn.ca/files/Content/Reports%20PDF/Maanulth2011-2012-Online.pdf](http://www.ufn.ca/files/Content/Reports%20PDF/Maanulth2011-2012-Online.pdf)

**Marine Atlas of Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds:** A collection of maps illustrating the location of human uses, oceanographic data, and the ecological distribution of a wide range of marine species. The atlas includes over 110 different maps with more than 300 distinct datasets and is a combination of local knowledge and scientific research. [www.westcoastaquatic.ca/plans/marine\\_atlas/](http://www.westcoastaquatic.ca/plans/marine_atlas/)

**Nuu-chah-nulth Central Region First Nations Governance Structures 2007/2008:** This report provides detailed information on the history, structure, roles, and administration of all levels of Nuu-chah-nulth governance from the local to national level. [www.ecotrust.ca/sites/all/files/ECReport-FNGovernance.pdf](http://www.ecotrust.ca/sites/all/files/ECReport-FNGovernance.pdf)

**Nuu-chah-nulth Fishing Rights:** Nuu-chah-nulth Nations celebrated a major legal victory in 2009 when courts affirmed aboriginal economic fishing rights. [www.uuathluk.ca/wordpress/litigation/fishingrights](http://www.uuathluk.ca/wordpress/litigation/fishingrights)

**Ocean Networks Canada:** In 2007, an 840-kilometre seafloor cable was installed from Vancouver Island across the continental shelf into the deep sea. Over 130 instruments continually provide real-time data over the Internet. [www.oceannetworks.ca/installations/observatories/northeast-pacific/barkley-canyon](http://www.oceannetworks.ca/installations/observatories/northeast-pacific/barkley-canyon)

**Pacific Rim National Park Reserve:** State of the Park reports and park management plans are available on this federal website. [www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/plan.aspx](http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/plan.aspx)

**Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks:** Information on the management objectives including maps. [www.tribalparks.ca/](http://www.tribalparks.ca/)

**Tofino Wah-nah-jus Hilth-hoo-is Mudflats, Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve:** Designated in 2013, the reserve is comprised of six tidal sand and mud flats, as well as nearby beaches. [www.whsrn.org/site-profile/tofino-wah-nah-jus](http://www.whsrn.org/site-profile/tofino-wah-nah-jus)

**Vital Signs:** This community health snapshot brings together social, cultural, economic, and environmental information to tell a story about the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve region. [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/vital-signs/](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/vital-signs/)

**Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ laws, regulations and reports:** All documents are available at [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca).

#### **PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, AND BRANDS**

**Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve:** This designation recognizes the region as a site of excellence for sustainable development. [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/what-we-do/history/](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/what-we-do/history/)

**Leadership Vancouver Island:** Participants engage in community leadership development through several dynamic individual and group learning opportunities during the 10-month program. [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/core-priorities/leadership-vancouver-island/](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/core-priorities/leadership-vancouver-island/)

**Resort Municipality Initiative:** Assists small, tourism-based municipalities to support and increase visitation. Tofino and Ucluelet are both resort municipalities. [www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/about/RMI/RMI\\_Funding.html](http://www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/about/RMI/RMI_Funding.html)

**Tofino Ambassador Program:** A program for local residents, including seasonal staff, newcomers and business owners, to expand their knowledge of the area and increase their participation in the community. Provides accurate information about the region and reinforces positive service and leadership behavior to enhance visitor experience. [www.tofinochamber.org/ambassador\\_program](http://www.tofinochamber.org/ambassador_program)

**Ty-Histanis:** Following negotiations with the Federal Government, these lands were transferred to Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations for the planning, design and construction of the new, expanded community. As a result of a comprehensive community engagement process, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations developed their vision for Ty-Histanis. [www.ty-histanis.tla-o-qui-aht.org/](http://www.ty-histanis.tla-o-qui-aht.org/)

**your tofino:** The Tourism Tofino campaign to promote and share photos and stories about Tofino. [www.tourismtofino.com/yourtofino/](http://www.tourismtofino.com/yourtofino/)

## **LOGISTICS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **BEFORE YOU COME**

*Book accommodation:* In the summer months and on holiday weekends, accommodation, including campsites, *must* be booked in advance. We encourage you to plan your trip during the shoulder seasons when there is often greater availability and reduced costs.

*Pack for the weather:* Weather can change quickly in the region so packing adequate clothing means you can have a comfortable and active visit, despite the weather. The climate is usually mild, so dress in layers and pack good raingear and waterproof boots. As many locals say, there is no poor weather, only poor clothing.

*Be aware of local protocols:* If you are researcher, understand that this is a heavily-researched area and that communities can become weary, perhaps even wary, of research and surveys, so it is important to be well-informed. Please review the standard protocols for research for our region available at [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/CLARET\\_StdConV1.1\\_05.pdf](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/CLARET_StdConV1.1_05.pdf)

As well, please review the Protocols and Principles for Conducting Research in a Nuu-chah-nulth Context. [www.fnehin.ca/uploads/docs/NTC\\_Research\\_Protocol.pdf](http://www.fnehin.ca/uploads/docs/NTC_Research_Protocol.pdf)

*Check for local events:* The West Coast Community Calendar lists regional events you may want to participate in. [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/west-coast-calendar/](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/west-coast-calendar/)

*Do some research:* Appendix B lists books about the region. Various research projects funded by the CBT are listed here [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/what-we-do/project-archives/](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/what-we-do/project-archives/). Also, the WildCoast Project has excellent information and background on west coast predators [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/wildcoast-project/](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/wildcoast-project/). The CBT staff can also help you match resources with the objective(s) of your visit.

### **WHILE YOU ARE HERE**

*Be aware of your surroundings:* Understand that there are bears, cougars, and wolves in the region. For more information on how to travel in bear, wolf, and cougar country, visit this site from Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. [www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/visit/visit7/visit7c.aspx](http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/visit/visit7/visit7c.aspx)

*Be prepared and travel safe:* If you are hiking or boating, ensure you have the adequate gear and training for your chosen activity. Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. You can register your activity at the RCMP or at the Park Administration office in the national park.



*Please report your wildlife sightings:* If you see wolves, bears, or cougars while you are here, please report your observations to the national park or to the WildSafe Pacific Rim Coordinator at [pacrim@wildsafebc.com](mailto:pacrim@wildsafebc.com). An understanding of wildlife behavior and movements throughout the region helps provide a more comprehensive picture of wildlife and their relationship to communities.

*Share your knowledge:* If you are a researcher, consider sharing knowledge of your work with our communities. West coast communities appreciate hearing about research going on in the region and several local organizations can help you arrange a talk or event.

*Contribute:* If it fits with the objectives of your organization, consider a short volunteer project. The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust may be able to put you in touch with appropriate organizations, or consult the Community Organization Directory at [www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Directory-2014.pdf](http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Directory-2014.pdf).

#### **AFTER YOU LEAVE**

*Share your results:* If you are a researcher, keep communities informed of your work and plan a follow up visit so you can share your results. Please send copies (print or electronic) of any papers, magazine articles, books, or reports to the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust so we can have a copy held in the library and archive. Your project partners and the CBT would also be happy to receive photographs or video of your project.

*Say thanks:* Consider supporting local organizations that have helped you. If you have taken advantage of services provided by local not-for-profit organizations, please consider a donation so that they can continue their work with others.

*Spread the word:* If you've found this document or other resources helpful, please spread the word to others.

## **COMMUNITIES**

### **AHOUSAHT FIRST NATION**

The community of Ahousaht, or Maaqtusiis, is located on Flores Island in Clayoquot Sound. It is approximately 40 minutes by water taxi from Tofino. The community is accessible only by float plane or water taxi. Close to 700 people reside in Ahousaht. For more information, visit the community's website at [www.ahousaht.ca/Home.html](http://www.ahousaht.ca/Home.html).

### **Services**

Ahousaht has a general store that offers some food and gear. The store is water access only. There is no café or restaurant, although catering can be arranged. Check with the Ahousaht band office for more information at 250-670-9696. ([www.ahousaht.ca](http://www.ahousaht.ca)). The community does not have a bank, ATM or cell phone service.

Ahousaht has a police station and a medical centre with visiting doctors and nurses.

The village provides access to the Wildside Trail, 11 kilometres of wilderness hiking through the coastal rainforest and along beached. For more information, contact the Walk the Wild Side Trail Society at [www.wildsidetrail.com](http://www.wildsidetrail.com).

Local fishing charter companies run out of Ahousaht. For more information please visit: Madison J Fishing [www.madisonjfishing.com](http://www.madisonjfishing.com)

Meeting and event facilities:

The Ahousaht Thunderbird Hall can accommodate up to 500 people. Please contact the Ahousaht First Nation administration office for more information call 250-670-9563.

Maaqtusiis Secondary School has a large gymnasium which can accommodate approximately 500 people. There is also a smaller multi-purpose room (capacity 40 people) and kitchen. For more information call 250-670-9680.

### **Accommodation**

Vera's Guesthouse - 12 rooms available year-round, with food service. 250-670-9511

Aauuknuk Lodge - capacity for large groups. [www.facebook.com/aauuknuk.lodge](https://www.facebook.com/aauuknuk.lodge)

Camping is available along the Wild Side Trail. For more information, contact the Wild Side Trail camping authority by email at [wildsidetrail@gmail.com](mailto:wildsidetrail@gmail.com).

## **Getting to Ahousaht**

*Ahousaht Pride*, owned and operated by Ahousaht First Nation, departs Tofino daily at 10 am and 4 pm. It departs Ahousaht daily at 1 pm. Call the band office to confirm times 250-670-9696.

Private operators also have regular runs or offer charters:

*GI Charles*, 250-670-2456, Captain Tom Campbell

*Carter Rayn*, Greg Louie, 250-670-9567

*Rocky Pass*, 250-670-9587

*Cougar Island*, Eileen Thomas, 250-670-9692

*White Star*, 250-670-9683

Tofino Water Taxi: [www.tofinowatertaxi.com/](http://www.tofinowatertaxi.com/)

Atleo River Air Service - 250-725-2205 [www.atleoair.com/HOME.html](http://www.atleoair.com/HOME.html)

Tofino Air - 250-725-4454 [www.tofinoair.ca/contact.asp](http://www.tofinoair.ca/contact.asp)

## **DISTRICT OF TOFINO**

Tofino is home to almost 1900 year-round residents and is one of the larger service hubs in the region. Boat and air travel to other communities in Clayoquot Sound originates in Tofino. Tofino has a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, library, elementary school, daycares, post office, bank, credit union, several grocery stores, and gas stations.

For more information visit the Tofino-Long Beach Chamber of Commerce website at [www.tofinochamber.org](http://www.tofinochamber.org) and Tourism Tofino at [www.tourismtofino.com](http://www.tourismtofino.com).

### **Accommodations**

Tofino has a wide range of accommodations available, from luxury hotels to hostels and camping. Tofino is a popular destination and we suggest booking your accommodation as early as possible to ensure that the most appropriate option is available to you. Call us to discuss accommodation options that can meet your groups' needs. In the meantime, visit the accommodation listings on the Tourism Tofino website at [www.tourismtofino.com/accommodations/](http://www.tourismtofino.com/accommodations/).

### **Businesses**

For a listing of local businesses please see the Tofino-Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Business Directory at [www.tofinochamber.org/business\\_directory](http://www.tofinochamber.org/business_directory).

Additional business information may be found through the Tofino Business Association at [www.tofinobusiness.ca/index.htm](http://www.tofinobusiness.ca/index.htm).

Tourism Tofino provides links to local businesses, tours, and organizations including all kinds of west coast activities such as surfing, hiking, kayaking, wildlife watching, and more. [www.tourismtofino.com](http://www.tourismtofino.com)

### **Meeting and Event Facilities**

Tofino has a range of meeting and event facilities that are available for booking.

Facility	Room	Particulars	Cost	Contact Info
Best Western Tin Wis Resort 1119 Pacific Rim Highway	Conference centre 250 person capacity 4800 square feet	Catering available	\$500	250-725-4445 <a href="http://www.tinwis.com">http://www.tinwis.com</a>
	Boardroom 40 person capacity 800 square feet		\$275	
Clayoquot Biosphere Trust	Meeting room	No kitchen	By donation	250-725-2219

316 Main Street	12 person capacity 500 square feet			<a href="http://www.clayoquotbiosphere.org">www.clayoquotbiosphere.org</a>
Clayoquot Sound Community Theatre 380 Campbell Street	Theatre 71 person capacity 1250 square feet	Access to small kitchen permitted	\$110/day	250-725-3691 or 250-266-0133 <a href="http://www.tofino.ca/content/community-theatre">http://www.tofino.ca/content/community-theatre</a>
Darwin's Café 1084 Pacific Rim Highway	Restaurant 30 person capacity 850 square feet	Catering available	\$25/hr	250-725-1220 <a href="http://www.tbgf.org">http://www.tbgf.org</a>
Jamie's Rainforest Inn 1258 Pacific Rim Highway	Boardroom 12 person capacity 500 square feet	Catering available	\$200/day	250-725-2323 <a href="http://www.tofinorainforestinn.com">www.tofinorainforestinn.com</a>
Long Beach Lodge Resort 1441 Pacific Rim Highway	Conference Room 35 – 50 person capacity 837 square feet	Catering available	\$250/day	250-725-2442 <a href="http://www.longbeachlodgeresort.com">http://www.longbeachlodgeresort.com</a>
Marina West Marine Resort 634 Campbell	Harbour Lounge Coho Room	Catering available		250-725-3277 <a href="http://www.weighwest.com">http://www.weighwest.com</a>
Middle Beach Lodge 400 Mackenzie	Boardroom 20 - 25 person capacity 780 square feet	Catering available	\$100/day but can be negotiated	250-725-2900 Or 250- 725-2946 <a href="http://www.middlebeach.com">http://www.middlebeach.com</a>
Tofino Botanical Gardens 1084 Pacific Rim Highway	Classroom 60 theatre style 30 boardroom style 850 square feet	Catering available	\$25/hr	250-725-1220 <a href="http://www.tbgf.org">http://www.tbgf.org</a>
Tofino Community Hall 351 Arnet St.	Hall 300 person capacity 4000 square feet	Kitchen facilities	\$20/hr	250-725-3229 <a href="http://www.tofino.ca">http://www.tofino.ca</a>
Tofino Legion 331 Main St.	Main Hall 200 person capacity 2800 square feet	Kitchen facilities	Cost negotiable or free for non-profit groups	250-725-3361 or 250-725-3177
	Meeting Room 35 person capacity 800 square feet Hall – 2800 square feet			
Wickaninnish Community School 431 Gibson St.	Classrooms, gymnasium Life skills room 10 person capacity	Kitchen facilities	Cost negotiable/ by donation	250-725-2555

	400 square feet			
	Classrooms 35 person capacity 800 square feet			
	Gymnasium			

**Awards and Recognition**

**Community Energy Association Energy and Climate Action Award in Community Planning and Development (Honourable Mention) 2010:** The District of Tofino was recognized for a broad suite of actions to reduce GHG emissions.

**Canadian E-Tourism Award for Best Innovative Use of Technology 2013:** Tourism Tofino was recognized for the “YourTofino” initiative.

**Planning Institute of British Columbia Award of Excellence in Planning 2012:** CitySpaces was recognized for the Tofino Vitalization Plan. [www.cityspaces.ca/project/tofino-downtown-vitalization-plan/](http://www.cityspaces.ca/project/tofino-downtown-vitalization-plan/)

**Union of BC Municipalities Community Excellence Award 2013:** The District of Tofino was recognized for Biodiversity Conservation in regards to the conservation of the Tofino Wah-nah-jus Hilth-hoo-is Mudflats.



## **DISTRICT OF UCLUELET**

Ucluelet is a diverse community with a population of approximately 1600 year-round residents. It is located on the protected waters of Ucluelet Harbour, but is moments away from the open Pacific Ocean and Barkley Sound. The community is one of the larger hubs on the west coast and many of the region's residents access the services here. Ucluelet has a medical clinic, grocery stores, a library, gas stations, pharmacies, daycares, restaurants, a post office, a bank, and a credit union. Ucluelet is also home to a community centre, a public aquarium, an elementary school, and a secondary school, which serves all of the high school-aged students from Ucluelet, Tofino, and the Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ communities.

Ucluelet harbour is one of the largest ports in British Columbia and home to a thriving charter fishing industry, as well as large First Nations and non-First Nations small boat fleet. This level of activity is a testament to the health of the resource and water quality.

Ucluelet's Small Craft Harbour marine facility has 20-amp service, fresh water, a maximum draft of 3.7 metres (12 feet), and is within walking distance of the village centre. For more information please contact Harbour Master Kevin Cortes at the Harbour Office (phone: 250-726-4241, [kcortes@ucluelet.ca](mailto:kcortes@ucluelet.ca)).

In 2012, the District of Ucluelet installed a boat launch facility to provide public access to Ucluelet Harbour and beyond. The facility has a concrete ramp and 36.7 metres (120 feet) of dock, as well as parking for up to 10 vehicles and trailers. There is no charge to utilize this public facility. The District of Ucluelet also operates the Main Street dock which has limited moorage.

Ucluelet Harbour is home to two private marinas, a fuel dock, a marine ways and shipwright, a repair shop, deep-water anchorages, and a paved dryland sort five hectares in size with a ramp for unloading barges. Significant economic and biomass data is also available as a result of fisheries monitoring activity.

For more information visit <http://ucluelet.ca/>.

### **Accommodation**

Ucluelet has a wide range of accommodations available, from luxury hotels to hostels and camping. Contact the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce at 250-726-4641 to discuss accommodation options that can meet your groups' needs or visit <http://ucluelet.ca/stay-in-ucluelet/browse-things-to-do> for a listing of accommodation providers.

## **Businesses**

For local accommodation providers please browse the listings at <http://ucluelet.ca/stay-in-ucluelet/browse-things-to-do>.

For a listing of local services and trades please see the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce Business Directory <http://ucluelet.ca/community/ucluelet-trades-services>.

For a listing of visitor experiences including surfing, hiking, kayaking, wildlife watching, and more see <http://ucluelet.ca/explore-ucluelet-british-columbia/browse-things-to-do>.

## **Meeting, Event, and Education Facilities**

Ucluelet has a range of meeting and event facilities, as well as a number of specialized facilities that may be useful when delivering programs locally.

Facility	Room Details	Cost	Particulars	Contact Info
Blackrock Oceanfront Resort 596 Marine Drive	Conference Centre 140 person capacity 2000 square feet	\$500	Catering available	250-726-4800 dstrothers@ blackrockresort.co m <a href="http://www.blackrockresort.com/">http://www.blackrockresort.com/</a>
	Winecellar 40 person capacity 800 square feet	\$275		
North Island College 10-1636 Peninsula Road	2 classrooms (16 student and 8 student capacity), 9 student computers, ITV capability	Negotiable		250-726-2697; Bill Morrison - <a href="mailto:William.Morrison@nic.bc.ca">William.Morrison@nic.bc.ca</a>
Ucluelet Aquarium 180 Main Street	226 person capacity 3000 square feet	\$500 - \$1500	Can offer a wet lab and hospital tanks to hold animals for a daily fee.	250-726-2782 <a href="http://www.uclueletaquarium.org/">http://www.uclueletaquarium.org/</a>
Ucluelet Athletic Club Hall 1510 Peninsula Road	Large meeting room 100 person capacity 2400 square feet	\$25/1-2hrs, \$75/half day, \$130/full day	Kitchen on site	250-726-7772 <a href="http://ucluelet.ca/community/parks-recreation/facilities">http://ucluelet.ca/ community/parks- recreation/facilitie s</a>
Ucluelet Community Centre 500 Matterson Drive	Activity Rooms 55 person capacity 800 square feet	1-2 hrs/\$20 \$40/half a day \$70/full day	Kitchen on site	250-726-7772 <a href="http://ucluelet.ca/community/parks-">http://ucluelet.ca/ community/parks-</a>

	Main Hall 415 person capacity sitting 775 person capacity standing	\$50/2 hours \$200/half a day \$350/full day + \$250 returnable deposit		<a href="#">recreation/facilities</a>
	Community Room/Theatre 55 person capacity 850 square feet	\$25/1-2hrs, \$50 half a day, \$90 full day		
Ucluelet Elementary School 1350 Peninsula Road	Classrooms, gymnasium & library	No fee	Limited summer access	250-726-7793 Jennifer Adamson
Ucluelet Secondary School 1450 Peninsula Road	Classrooms, science labs, gymnasium, library, band room and industrial ed facilities	Negotiable	Limited summer access	250-726-7796 Carol Sedgewick/ Mike Rhodes

### **Awards and Recognition**

**Award of Excellence for Comprehensive & Policy Plans:** recognizing the Weyerhaeuser/Ucluelet Comprehensive Development Plan (Planning Institute of British Columbia, 2006)

**Bronze Innovation and Excellence award:** recognizing the District of Ucluelet for its Bear Smart program (Premier of BC, February 2008)

**Community Excellence Award – Leadership & Innovation:** recognizing the Weyerhaeuser/Ucluelet Comprehensive Development Plan (Union of British Columbia Municipalities, 2006)

**Community Excellence Award:** recognizing the District of Ucluelet for small communities in the leadership and innovation category, recognizing the extensive work completed in innovative community planning and on environmental initiatives. (Union of BC Municipalities, September 2008)

**Energy Aware Award:** recognizing the District of Ucluelet in the Community Planning and Development category as a result of Ucluelet’s exemplary commitment, leadership and vision in using land-use policy to drive energy and climate progress. (Community Energy Association, September, 2007)

**Global Category Award/Gold First Place – Community Sustainability (all population categories):** recognizing Ucluelet (The International Awards for Liveable Communities, 2006)

**Gold Award – Environmentally Sustainable Project (population under 20,000):** recognizing the Ucluelet Official Community Plan (The International Awards for Liveable Communities, 2006)

**National Sustainable Community Planning Award:** recognizing Ucluelet’s Official Community Plan (Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 2006)

**Planning of the Year Award:** recognizing Felice Mazzoni, the District of Ucluelet’s past Director of Planning Services (Planning Institute of BC, April 2007)

**Prestige Award:** (Vancouver Island Economic Developers Association, January 2008)

**Silver Award – Most Liveable Community (population under 20,000):** recognizing Ucluelet (The International Awards for Liveable Communities, 2006)

## **HESQUIAHT FIRST NATION**

Hot Spring Cove is the primarily community of the Hesquiaht First Nation. Approximately 75 people live in the village, which is near a popular hot springs and campground. Hot Springs Cove can only be reached by boat or float plane. The trip by boat takes approximately one hour from Tofino and challenging weather conditions, especially in winter, makes the community the most remote in the region. For more information, visit the community's website:

<http://hesquiaht.org/>

### **Services**

Services are very limited in this community. There is no store, ATM, bank or cell phone service.

The community provides access to Hot Springs Cove, Maquinna Marine Park and the Hooksum Outdoor School ([www.hooksumschool.com](http://www.hooksumschool.com)).

### **Meeting and event facilities**

The Hesquiaht Place of Learning has a variety of facilities available, including a gymnasium and kitchen. Please contact 250-670-1191 for more information.

### **Accommodations**

InnChanter B&B - Afloat at Hot Springs Cove, [www.innchanter.com](http://www.innchanter.com)

Maquinna Marine Park, camping, [www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/maquinna](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/maquinna)

Hot Springs Lodge, 250-670-1106

### **Getting to Hot Springs Cove**

Hot Springs is over an hour away by boat from Tofino. The following companies offer regular trips during summer and charters throughout the year:

*Matlahaw and Hesquiaht Provider* - 250-670-1100

Ocean Outfitters - 250-725-2866

Whale Centre - 250-725-2132

Jamie's Whaling Station - 250-725-3919

Tofino Water Taxi - 1-866-7-WHALES

Flights are also available, contact:

Atleo Air - 250-725-2205

Tofino Air – 250-725-4454

## **PACIFIC RIM NATIONAL PARK RESERVE**

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve of Canada is composed of three geographically separate areas.

The Long Beach area is located between the villages of Ucluelet and Tofino, and named after the 16 km (10 miles) sandy beach of Wickaninnish Bay.

The Broken Group Islands area is an archipelago of more than one hundred islands and rocks scattered throughout Barkley Sound and is accessible by boat only.

The West Coast Trail area is a 75 km (47 mile) backpacking route along temperate rainforest, sandstone cliffs, waterfalls, caves, sea arches, sea stacks and beaches

### **Services**

Within the park there are several parking lots and washroom facilities open to the public. There is a day-use fee to enter the park. There are no ATMs in the park and cellular service is limited. The park's visitor centre is at the junction of Highway 4 and the Pacific Rim Highway.

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve offers both marine- and land-based activities, including hiking, kayaking, bird watching, surfing and more. For more information, visit the website <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/bc/pacificrim>.

The Kwisis Visitor Centre offers displays, films and events on the region's natural and cultural history.

### **Meeting and event facilities**

Kwisis Visitor Centre is available for groups large or small. Contact the park for more information: 250-726-3500; [pacrim.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:pacrim.info@pc.gc.ca)

### **Accommodation**

Greenpoint Campground is located in the Pacific Rim National Park. Reservations are required during the high season. [http://www.pc.gc.ca/voyage-travel/reserve/index\\_e.asp](http://www.pc.gc.ca/voyage-travel/reserve/index_e.asp)



## **TLA-O-QUI-AHT FIRST NATIONS**

The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations has three primary communities:

**Opitsaht** is on Meares Island, across the inlet from Tofino. It is accessible only by boat from Tofino. Approximately 150 people live in Opitsaht. Contact the office at 250-725-3350 for water taxi information. Tofino Water Taxi (<http://tofinowatertaxi.com/>) can also provide assistance.

**Esowista** is on Long Beach and the new development of **Ty-Hystanis** is adjacent to Esowista, closer to the highway. Approximately 375 people live in Esowista/Ty-Hystanis. These communities are 20 km from the Tofino-Ucluelet junction and approximately 15 km from Tofino.

Please note that Opitsaht, Esowista, and Ty-Hystanis are primarily residential communities and have very few services for visitors. There are no banks, stores, or ATMS. There is limited cellular service.

### **Accommodation**

There is no visitor accommodation in Opitsaht or Ty-Hystanis although groups may obtain permission to camp by special arrangement. Please call the office at 250-725-3350 to discuss.

Esowista has one facility for visitors, the Long Beach Haven B&B. [www.longbeachhaven.com](http://www.longbeachhaven.com)

The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation runs the Tin Wis Best Western in Tofino. [www.tinwis.com](http://www.tinwis.com)

### **Meeting and Event Facilities**

For more information or for booking any of the spaces administered by Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, please contact 250-725-3350.

Meares Island Cultural Centre in Opitsaht can accommodate up to 100 people. Kitchen facilities are available. Access is by water taxi from Tofino.

The Meares Island Heath Centre in Opitsaht can accommodate 20 people in its meeting space and a small lounge area. Kitchen facilities are available. Access is by water taxi from Tofino.

The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations office in Tofino can accommodate 10-12 in boardroom-style seating. Kitchen facilities are available.

The Esowista Maintenance Building can accommodate small groups in a boardroom style. Esowista is approximately 15 km from Tofino.

The Best Western TinWis Resort in Tofino has a conference centre that can accommodate up to 250 people and board rooms can accommodate up to 45 people. Catering is available. An outdoor covered area suitable for 40 people is also on site. Contact 250-725-4445 or [www.tinwis.com](http://www.tinwis.com).

### **Knowledge and Capacity of Residents**

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations are rich in history, skills, and capacity in many areas including:

- artists
- canoes
- cultural knowledge and practices
- cultural workshops
- digital storytelling
- elders
- fisherman and harvesters
- governance
- land
- language
- singers and dancers
- speakers
- traditional ecological knowledge

For more information please contact the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations' office at 250-725-3350.

### **Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations Organizations**

#### **hiłmehsaqin**

hiłmehsaqin is a recently developed nuučanuł language and culture organization primarily composed of Ahousaht First Nation members, but including members from all other nuučanuł nations. Their mission is focused upon a long-term vision to develop a nuučanuł survival school located on remote nuučanuł territories. Their efforts are placed upon providing language immersion, traditional knowledge and skills development, and indigenous foods systems. For more information contact John Rampanen at 250-726-4023; [johnnynootka@reindigenize.net](mailto:johnnynootka@reindigenize.net).

#### **Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks**

The Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks are watersheds managed to integrate human and ecosystem well-being as taught by our ancestors and adapted to today's situation. Tribal Park staff is available to share their work with researchers and educators and as guides within their

territories. For more information go to [www.tribalparks.ca](http://www.tribalparks.ca) or call 1-888-425-3350 or 250-725-3350, ext. 26. The primary contact is Terry Dorward.

### **Quuquatsa Language Society**

"Quuquatsa" translates to "the language we speak" and this organization's vision is to have a fluent Nuu-chah-nulth society/community. The organization plans, advocates, and works to rebuild practices of speaking, thinking, hearing, seeing, and dreaming in the Nuu-chah-nulth languages through preserving, learning, and teaching. For more information contact 250-723-8555; [quuquatsa@gmail.com](mailto:quuquatsa@gmail.com).

### **Businesses**

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations and its members are involved in a broad range of businesses including:

- Butterfly FX Video Productions
- Canoe Creek Hydro Company ([www.canoecreek.ca](http://www.canoecreek.ca))
- Clayoquot Wild ([www.clayoquotwild.com](http://www.clayoquotwild.com))
- Iisaak Forest Resources ([www.iisaak.com](http://www.iisaak.com))
- Mamook Development Corporation
- Oyster farm
- Sawmill
- T'aaq-wiihak Fisheries
- T'ashii Paddle School ([www.tofinopaddle.com](http://www.tofinopaddle.com))
- TinWis Best Western (<http://www.tinwis.com/>)
- Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations Seafood
- Winchee Hydro Project

Please contact the office at 250-725-3350 for more information and to inquire about individual artists and carvers.

## **YUUFU?IF?ATH**

The Yuufu?if?ath (pronounced yoo-thlew-ilth-uhht) Government is the First Nations government of the Yuufu?if?ath people. Their territory is located at the northern gateway to Barkley Sound with open access to the Pacific Ocean.

The Yuufu?if?ath signed a modern-day treaty with the governments of Canada and British Columbia in April 2011. Yuufu?if?ath is actively pursuing social and economic development, and is exercising its roles and responsibilities as a government. At time of writing, there are approximately 660 Yuufu?if?ath citizens.

The Yuufu?if?ath's main community Hitacu (pronounced Hit-tat-soo) is located on the east shore of Ucluelet Inlet across the bay from the town of Ucluelet and is home to approximately 240 people. Hitacu has a health centre, administration facility, fire hall, youth and learning centre, and community hall. There is a small convenience store, but no bank or ATM. There is cell phone service and high speed internet.

For more information visit [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca).

### **Meeting and Event Facilities**

For more information or to book any of the spaces administered by Yuufu?if?ath, please contact the secretary at 250-726-7342.

In late 2014, the Yuufu?if?ath will open a new 17,000 square foot community centre that will include government administration offices, a gymnasium that can accommodate 400 people, various size meeting rooms, and a commercial kitchen. The facility will be equipped with teleconferencing equipment, wireless internet, and a projector.

The Youth and Learning Centre can accommodate 12 people and houses 12 computers, as well as a projector.

### **Accommodations**

There are no accommodations for visitors in Hitacu, however Yuufu?if?ath own and operate the Thornton Motel in Ucluelet. For more information visit [www.thorntonmotel.ca](http://www.thorntonmotel.ca). The Wya Point Resort and Campground offers accommodation in lodges and yurts, as well as oceanfront camping. For more information visit <http://www.wyapoint.com>.

### **Traditional Knowledge**

For more information on the locally-available knowledge and skills please contact the Yuufu?if?ath communications coordinator at 250-726-7342.

## **Businesses**

Yuułuʔiʔaṭḥ recognize that economic development is best achieved independent of political influence and considerations, and as such, have established the Ucluth Development Corporation to oversee the businesses owned by the Yuułuʔiʔaṭḥ. These businesses are briefly listed below. For more detailed information please contact the economic development officer at 250-726-3499 or visit [www.ucluth.ca](http://www.ucluth.ca).

**Business Center and Marina:** The business centre and marine facility is located in Hitacu. For more information and moorage inquiries, please contact 250-726-3494.

**K<sup>w</sup>isitis Feast House** (pronounced Qwi-si-tis): Located at the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve at the K<sup>w</sup>isitis Interpretive Centre, this restaurant is open for the summer months and is available for special events.

**K<sup>w</sup>isitis Gift Shop:** Located in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve at the K<sup>w</sup>isitis Interpretive Centre, this store sells First Nations arts and crafts and national park memorabilia.

**Thornton Motel:** The Thornton Motel is located in Ucluelet. For more information visit [www.thorntonmotel.ca](http://www.thorntonmotel.ca).

**YFN Fisheries, Forestry and Renewable Energy:** These businesses manage the commercial and food fisheries, as well as forestry. Opportunities for renewable energy such as hydro, solar, and wind energy are currently being researched.

**Wya Point Resort:** Wya Point Resort offers luxurious lodge accommodations, rustic eco-yurts, and a family-friendly campground. With direct access to pristine private beaches, the resort sits amongst 600 acres of old growth forest, located on an old village site of the Yuułuʔiʔaṭḥ. Visit [www.wyapoint.com/](http://www.wyapoint.com/) for more information.

**Wya Point Surf Shop Café:** Located at the Tofino-Ucluelet junction, this retail shop offers surfing lessons and rentals, as well as a café.

**Wya Welcome Centre:** The Wya Welcome Centre is the reception and booking office for Wya Point Resort and operates a small gift shop.

## **Videos**

**Be the Change** – A film produced by a group of young Yuułuʔiʔaṭḥ citizens that explores youth understanding the loss of culture and taking steps to reclaim what has been lost. *Be the Change* won the Culture & Heritage Award at the 2013 Cowichan International Aboriginal Film Festival.

**HIV Awareness – Get Educated!** -- A 12-minute video designed to encourage Yuułuꞑiꞑath citizens to “get the test.” It features HIV testing and education from the perspective of a health clinic nurse and client, as well as the story of one Yuułuꞑiꞑath citizen successfully living a healthy life despite being HIV-positive.

**Huꞑinmitin – We Have Returned** -- A 25-minute video that depicts the thoughts and reflections of Indian Residential School survivors. Filmed in Hitacu, with historical photos, the film demonstrates the resilience of five Yuułuꞑiꞑath citizens who spent time at different Indian Residential Schools throughout BC.

## **APPENDIX A: PROTECTED AREAS IN THE CLAYOQUOT AND BARKLEY SOUND REGION.**

### **Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks**

Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks are watersheds in Tla-o-qui-aht traditional territory, managed to integrate human and ecosystem well-being, as taught by Tla-o-qui-aht ancestors and adapted to today's situation.

Meares Island was formally declared a Tribal park by the Tla-o-qui-aht Hawiith (hereditary chiefs) in 1984. In 2007, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations took several more formal steps to carry out traditional teaching principles, by signing an agreement to pursue joint sustainability with the District of Tofino and by partnering with Parks Canada on a Tribal Parks Establishment Project, with the first focus on Haa'uukmin (Kennedy Lake watershed). <http://www.tribalparks.ca/>

### **Provincial and National Parks**

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve – 7862 ha terrestrial; 6763 ha marine

Strathcona Provincial Park – 58,798 ha terrestrial; 513 ha marine

Hesquiaht Peninsula Provincial Park – 6689 ha terrestrial; 1210 ha marine

Flores Island Provincial Park – 4144 ha terrestrial, 2969 ha marine

Clayoquot Arm Provincial Park – 3491 ha terrestrial

Clayoquot Plateau Provincial Park – 3155 ha

Sydney Inlet Provincial Park – 2083 ha terrestrial; 691 ha marine

Vargas Island Provincial Park – 1749 ha terrestrial; 4039 ha marine

Maquinna Provincial Marine Park – 1269 ha terrestrial; 1398 ha marine

Sulphur Passage Provincial Park – 355 ha terrestrial

Tranquil Creek Provincial Park – 299 ha terrestrial

Kennedy Lake Provincial Park – 188 ha

Gibson Provincial Marine Park – 140 ha

Hesquiat Lake Provincial Park – 62 ha terrestrial; 1210 ha marine

Dawley Passage Provincial Park – 62 ha terrestrial; 92 ha marine

Epper Passage Provincial Park – 55 ha terrestrial; 251 ha marine

Kennedy River Bog Provincial Park – 11 ha

[http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/clayoquot-area-brochure/clayquotsound\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/clayoquot-area-brochure/clayquotsound_brochure.pdf)

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### **Ecological Reserves**

Megin River Ecological Reserve (within Strathcona Provincial Park)

Cleland Island Ecological Reserve (within Vargas Island Provincial Park)

### **Other Designations**

The Tofino Wah-nah-jus Hilth-hoo-is Mudflats is a designated member of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. <http://www.whsrn.org/site-profile/tofino-wah-nah-jus> It is also recognized by the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources as a Wildlife Management Area. [http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/habitat/conservation-lands/wma/tofino\\_mudflats/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/habitat/conservation-lands/wma/tofino_mudflats/)

The Tofino Wah-nah-jus Hilth-hoo-is Mudflats, along with the long sandy shoreline of Chesterman Beach are designated an Important Bird Area for Canada.

<http://www.ibacanada.ca/site.jsp?siteID=BC002&lang=EN>



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(\* denotes out-of-print titles, which may only be available through libraries)

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