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Vision of the Department

Strategic Overview

SACRED PRINCIPLES

?iisaak (iisaak) – The greatest personal and collective respect for community and its peoples, traditional knowledge, the natural world, the metaphysical world, and other peoples and communities.

?uu-?alth-uuk (uu-ath-luck) – Taking care of present and future generations; and taking care of the resources provided by the land and the natural world.

hišuk iš čawak (hishuk-ish-tsawalk) – Everything is one. A notion of the interconnected, interdependent, and reciprocal relationship between the people, the land, and the wider world(s) in a physical, spiritual and social sense.

VISION

KCFN Lands and Resources Department protects and cares for the lands and waters of our territories so they can feed and sustain our people, our culture, and our community for today and into the future.

GOALS



Self-sufficiency and Resilience

Cultivate food security to support our autonomy and self-determination.



Healthy Lands and Waters

Conserve, protect, and preserve our lands and ecosystems to ensure they are thriving and capable of sustaining our people.



Living Well

Increase access to, knowledge of, and relationships to our lands and waters, while creating opportunities for healing and connections with cultural, spiritual, and harvesting places.



Culture and Place

Protect, celebrate, and minimize impacts to important cultural, spiritual and harvesting places within our territories.



Capacity Building

Generate interest in working for and with Lands and Resources, support employment and training opportunities for KCFN citizens and youth.

Key highlights from this past year

- Buyback Program/Food Fishery

2024 Harvest

Fish	Total Harvested	Per Member
Chinook (pieces)	1654	2.8
Sockeye (pieces)	4265	7.2
Coho (pieces)	150	1/4
Lingcod & Rockcod (lbs)	4083	7
Halibut (lbs)	10836	18.5

- New Buyback dock under construction
- Developing a plan for further improvements
 - Walk in freezers in CR and Houpsitas
- Forest Landscape Plan
 - Will manage and guide forestry activity within the territories to ensure that KCFN rights and interests are protected.
 - 2-3 year process
- Interfor tenure acquisition
 - KCFN through Tiicma Forestry now has operational and management control of forestry 28.5% of the territories
 - This increases KCFN control
- Eelgrass transplanting/restoration in Hankin Cove
 - includes using new seeding methods
- Salmon Rebuilding
 - Aquatic habitat restoration
 - 2023-2028
 - Kaouk, Malksope, Artlish, Kashiutl, Easy, Chamiss, Kauwinch, Ououkinish
 - Roughly \$3 million of restoration work
 - Plan ready for restoration of Jansen Creek
 - Developing a plan for restoration of sockeye habitat in Jansen Lake
 - Executive has given direction to develop a stock rebuilding/enhancement plan
 - All species/all rivers
 - Protection of genetics for each river is key
- Clam garden build at Malksope
 - New clam garden built
 - Next one in Kyuquot territory
- Derelict Boat Removals and Surprise Island Site Cleanup
- Acquisition of Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School
 - KCFN owns the school property
- Heritage work
 - Pavilion and heritage trail with signage at Aktis
 - Display cases for heritage objects in the Houpsitas and Campbell River Offices
 - Protection of additional sites through work with BC and Maa-nulth

Current Projects

- KCFN's Heritage Place Policy and Heritage Place monitoring
- Development of an aquatic habitat restoration and monitoring program
- Witwaak/Stewardship Program
- Green crab monitoring and removal
- Development of a Treaty Lands management strategy
- Lot development in Houpsitas
- Land allocation to members
- Land use planning
- Food fishery and distributions
- Escapement surveys of KCFN rivers
- Tl'unim and mowach surveys
- Continued rollout of Sea Otter Management Plan
- Development of a Fair Harbour Parking Management Plan
- Addition of KCFN owned land to Treaty Lands
 - Chamiss Point/Village Point/Ca'wispa
 - Kyuquot Beach House
 - McKays Cove Lodge/Cougar Lodge/Echas
- Good progress on Specific Claims including a settlement offer for Mission Island Specific Claim.
- Collaborative management work with BC Parks
- Habitat monitoring and restoration
- Coastal Marine Management Plan
- Apsin (Abalone) and Tutsup (Urchin) monitoring and rebuilding

Funding for the Department comes from:

- Treaty funding (BC and Canada)
- Additional grants (approximately 2.5m last year)
- Project-specific funding
- Charges to industry/resource users
- Over the last few years, the Lands and Resources Department has been able to access significant funding increases and grants that have provided for hiring additional staff.

Staff

- Lands and Resources now has 18 full time permanent staff.
- More staff will need to be hired over the next few years to increase capability in some additional areas.

The Lands and Resources Department is responsible for:

- Treaty Lands management and tenures
- Land use planning
- Fisheries management
- Treaty rights management across KCFN territories
- Forest management on Treaty Lands
- Ecosystem and land use planning and management across KCFN territories (land and marine)
- Heritage sites information and protection
- Land acquisitions
- Geographic Information Systems/Data collection and management
- Habitat restoration
- Monitoring across KCFN territories
- Relationships with other natural resource enforcement agencies
- Food fishery management and distributions
- Harvesting authorizations for fish and wildlife and harvest data collection
- Lot development in Houpsitas
- Land allocation to members
- Monitoring and scientific data collection
- Green crab capture
- Integrated Resource Management Plan and Forest Landscape Plan to guide land and natural resource use in KCFN territories
- Heritage Place investigations
- Development of Aktis pavilion and display cases for KCFN Offices.
- Forest tenure acquisition
- Coastal Marine Management Plan for KCFN territories
- Habitat restoration
- Eelgrass restoration
- Salmon stock rebuilding
- Rebuilding shellfish populations: Tutsup [urchin] , upsin [abalone], clams.
- Implementing the Sea Otter Management Plan
- Strengthening KCFN's Food Fishery
- Oil spill response preparation
- Additions to Treaty Lands
- Specific Claims