

**Waterfront Protection  
Coalition  
&  
swiya Lakes  
Stewardship Alliance**



# Who Are We?

- Coalition of 2,000 direct and 20,000 indirect members created to advocate for a unified approach to the stewardship of our waterfront communities and marine recreation.
- A balanced voice of reason to help find a path forward to a long-term durable Dock Management Plan that considers all of those affected.
- A group of passionate individuals who care deeply about finding ways to share our marine and freshwater ecosystems in ways that can provide for many generations to come, while respecting the rich cultural heritage of the shíshálh Nation.



Waterfront  
Protection  
Coalition

swiya Lakes  
Stewardship Alliance



# Our Role in the DMPAG

- Inspiration from Premier Eby, Minister Cullen, Minister Rankin and Deputy Ministers.
- To provide meaningful dialogue & feedback on the 1,700 individual responses once they are published in order to make recommendations on the DMP that would be durable and last beyond electoral terms.
- To advocate for and to our coalition members for a better understanding and appreciation of the role of the shíshálh Nation and the Government in the Dock Management Plan.
- Where appropriate, become a community-based resource and advocacy group for the shíshálh Nation and the Ministries in the implementation of the Dock Management Plan.



# Our Recommendations



# 1. Grandfathering of Existing Docks and Boathouses

## Recommendations:

- An amnesty and grandfathering on all existing as-built structures.
- Automatic approval for existing docks and boathouses. No interim or specific permission tenures.
- Final DMP applies to new dock applications only.
- Repeal of all trespass notices currently issued in the swiya.
- Improvements that are non-tenured be granted a General Permission.
- Simplified Front Counter Only Tenure Renewal process.
- Improvements to be maintained in accordance with standard safety requirements, as outlined in the current tenure agreements.
- No individual environmental & archeological reports required for authorizations or renewals on Grandfathered improvements.
- Minimum of 30-year tenures for renewals for individual dock and boathouse owners.



# 1. Grandfathering of Existing Docks and Boathouses

## Benefits:

- Will eliminate a large percentage of the community divide and further reconciliation efforts.
- Significantly improve the relations between all parties and restore community confidence in government.
- Reduces the negative environmental effects of the removal and disposal of all non-conforming improvements.
- Brings certainty to residents and incentive to maintain the improvements.
- Will eliminate 1300+ applications, reducing the backlog for the Ministry.
- One third of dock owners in the swiya are senior citizens and this will significantly reduce their financial anxiety.
- Will defer and/or save swiya private dock owners an estimated \$570+ million.



## 2. Simplified Transparent Administrative and Appeals Processes

### Recommendations:

#### Renewals / Pending

- Easy to understand and clearly defined check list application / renewal process that is not cost prohibitive.
- Pending Applications need to be approved, as designed.
- The application process to include educational materials on the environmental and cultural history of the shíshálh Nation.

#### New Docks

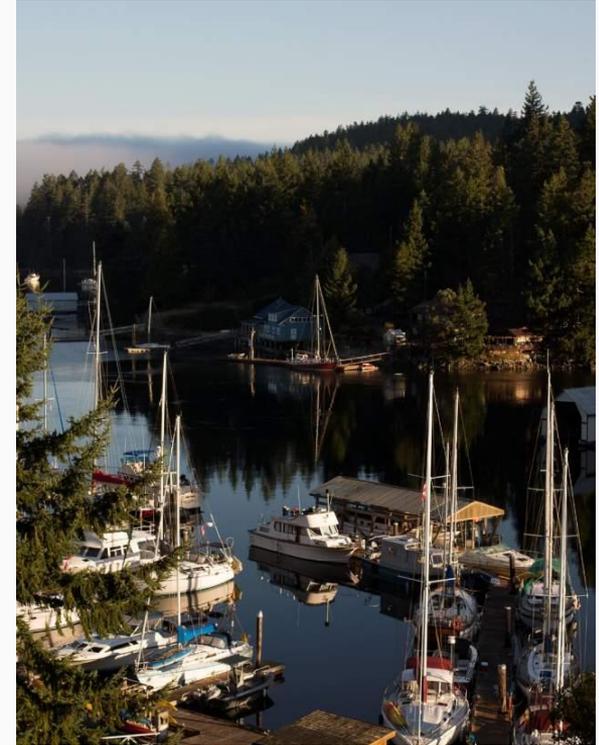
- New dock approvals be granted subject to archeological and environmental reports.

#### Process

- Defined response times on full application / renewal cycles (60 to 90 days).
- Ensure appropriate staffing levels in all relevant departments (Ministry and First Nation).
- Front Counter point of contact only for new and existing applicants.
- Property Transfers for docks need to be done alongside the home sale.

#### Appeals

- The appeal process should be defined, transparent and made public.



## 2. Simplified Transparent Administrative and Appeals Processes

### Benefits:

- Streamlining of dock related tenure process benefitting all parties.
- Increased Ministerial capacity for processing applications.
- Remove the financial burden and risk of approximately \$15,000 to \$40,000 prior to obtaining an approval.



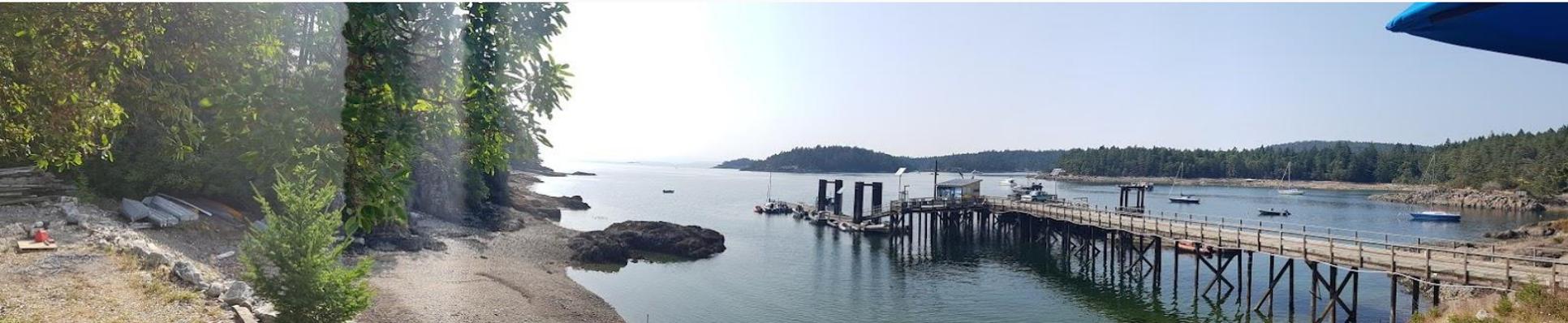
### 3. Government Responsible for New Tenures Studies

#### **Recommendation:**

- Responsibility for archaeological and environmental reports is a function of the government, as recommended in the [2015 Penner Report](#).

#### **Benefits:**

- Elimination of the burden and process uncertainty for new applicants.
- Reduce process complexity.
- Provide clarity on sensitive area locations.



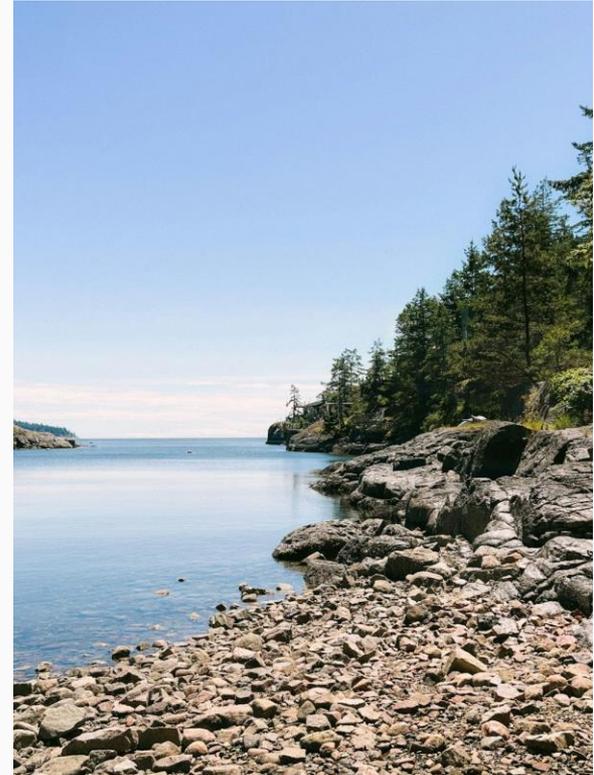
## 4. Durability Beyond Electoral and Policy Change

### **Recommendation:**

- Commitment to achieve a balanced DMP and application process to ensure survivability well beyond electoral terms / legislative and policy changes.

### **Benefits:**

- Ensure community acceptance and support.
- A finalized solution that isn't subject to future changes and uncertainty.



## 5. Best Management Practices (BMPs) With Up-to-Date Site-Specific Science

### Recommendations:

- Simplify the DMP and the BMPs and exclude dock design requirements and allow for site specific design guidelines for new applications.
- Dock Size - 30m<sup>2</sup> is too small to safely moor most boats and enjoy the foreshore. (The average dock in the swiya is much larger)
- Remove dock design requirements, including the requirement for docks to be aligned in a north-south direction, perpendicular to the shoreline.
- Light Transparency for sensitive habitat areas only.



## 6. Restrictive Zones

### Recommendations:

- Removal of moratorium on applications to allow for site-specific assessments.
- Clarity on the intent of the red zone.
- Protection of existing tenures under grandfathering.
- Consideration for dock owners targeted by earlier removals.
- Mitigation strategy for specific culturally significant areas / red zone.



## 7. Consistent Boathouse Policy

### Recommendation:

- Allow private boathouse and boat port applications.



## 8. Water Access Only

### Recommendation:

- Appropriate allowances: e.g. emergency response require larger structures.
- Boat slip and dock or multiple dock requirement.



# 9. Mitigation & Offsets

## Recommendation:

- Expand WPC and sLSA to support environmental stewardship and commitment to collaborate with the shíshálh Nation on community education.



# Thank You



Waterfront  
Protection  
Coalition

swiya Lakes  
Stewardship Alliance

