

Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area

Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) initiative update

A Balanced Approach to Integrated Oceans Management

May 2011 – IHPC meeting

Presentation Overview

- Quick review of foundations
- Recent progress
- Roadmap
- Key Plan Topics



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PNCIMA overview

- The PNCIMA initiative is a collaborative planning process that will develop an integrated ocean management plan for the Pacific central and north coast
- The goal is to ensure sustainable human use and conserve ecological diversity of the marine area
- The planning process is bringing together all interested parties
- The plan will reflect a balanced approach to oceans management, with objectives for respecting economic, social, and ecological health of the region



PNCIMA outputs

A LOMA Integrated Management Plan that includes:

- A common understanding of the PNCIMA region's characteristics
- An ecosystem-based management framework for the marine environment including objectives for respecting cultural, social, economic and ecological health of the area
- Marine spatial plan(s) that includes a regional network of marine protected areas
- An accountability matrix connecting various agencies' roles and responsibilities with relevant components of the IM plan
- Enduring institutional arrangements for ongoing management
- An implementation strategy

Governance

- PNCIMA Collaborative Governance MOU
 - DFO, Coastal First Nations, and North Coast - Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society original signatories in 2008
 - Provincial government and Nanwakolas Council signed on fall 2010
 - Establishes a PNCIMA Steering Committee & Planning Office
- Regional Committee on Oceans Management (federal – provincial) and Pacific Interdepartmental Oceans Committee (federal)

Recent progress

- Development of Stakeholder Engagement Strategy & establishment of multi-stakeholder Integrated Oceans Advisory Committee (IOAC)
- Establishment of 2 year timeline and detailed workplan
- Agreement with IOAC on key topics and general outputs of PNCIMA plan
- Funding secured to support two-year work plan
 - Confirmation of Capacity Fund to support sectors' internal coordination

IOAC membership

- Commercial fish harvesting (2) – Commercial Fishing Caucus
- Local communities (5) - Regional Districts
- Marine conservation (1) - ENGOs
- Marine recreation (other than fishing) (1) – Outdoor Recreation Council
- Marine tourism (1) – Wilderness Tourism Association
- Recreational fish harvesting (1) – Sport Fishing Advisory Board
- Renewable energy (1) – Naikun
- Non-renewable energy (1) – Shell Canada
- Shellfish and finfish aquaculture (1) – Marine Harvest
- Shipping and transportation (2) – Chamber of Shipping, International Shipowners' Alliance

Roadmap

Now – June 2011

- Work with IOAC and Sub-regional Advisory Forums to develop EBM goals (Feb-April 2011)
- Establish Marine Technical Advisory Team (March 2011)
 - Nomination process complete
- Hold Sub-regional Advisory Forums to discuss progress (March 1 – 30, 2011)
- Disburse Capacity Fund support (ongoing)
- Convene working groups to address specific topics where required (late spring 2011)

Roadmap

July 2011 to June 2012

- Continue work on strategies and spatial plans, evaluating different scenarios and options
- Develop adaptive management measures – how will we monitor success of PNCIMA plan and respond to what we learn?
- Integrate EBM work and work on specific topics, harmonise with existing plans
- Hold public Sub-regional Advisory Forums
- Draft plan for internal and public review

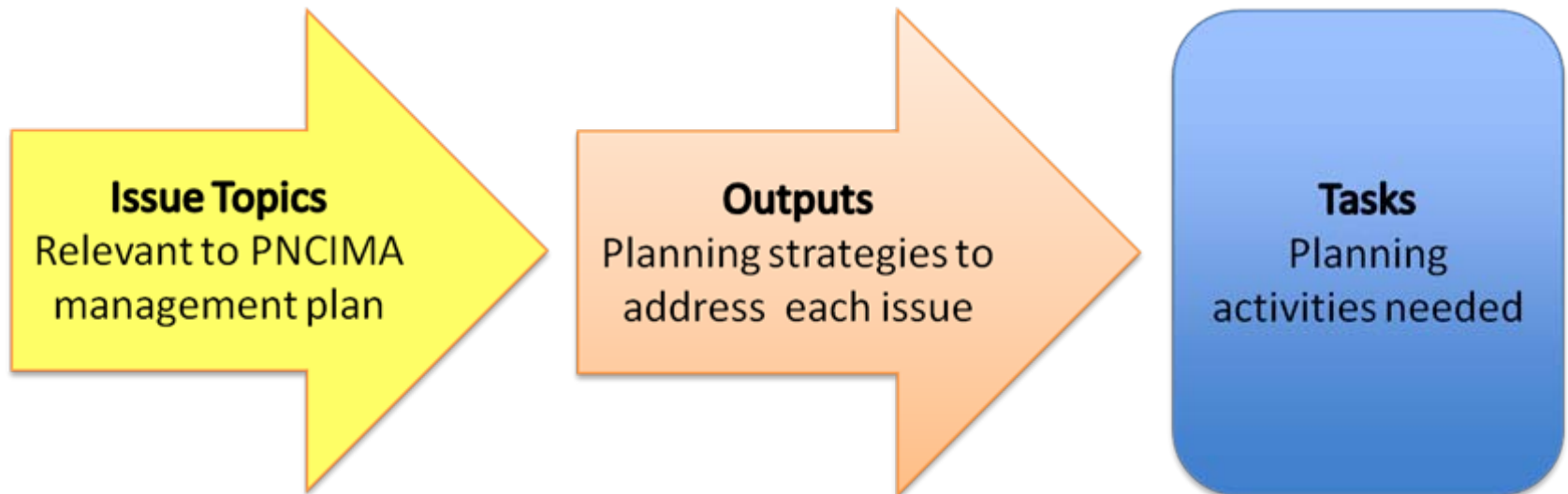
Roadmap

July 2012 – December 2012

- Circulate draft plan for internal and public review
- Hold and attend various meetings and forums to solicit review comments
- Revise plan based on feedback
- Submit to decision-making authorities

Issue Outputs and Tasks for the PNCIMA Plan

- PNCIMA Planning Office prepared a discussion document
- Reviewed by stakeholder advisory committee
- Identifies:



Four Key Topics identified

- Integrated economic strategies
- Marine transportation and vessel safety
- Marine fisheries (commercial, recreational and First Nations)
- Marine protection



Marine Fisheries (Commercial, Recreational, First Nations)

The Plan will consider strategies for:

- Ecosystem-based fishing
- Addressing interactions among fishing activities
- Addressing interactions with other marine activities, species, sensitive habitats and sensitive ecosystems
- Adapting to climate change
- Monitoring contributions to cumulative effects on ecosystems
- Collaborative management and governance

Thank you

Questions?