

Makah Tribal Council  
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# People of the Cape



The shaded area on the map represents the approximately 700,000 acres of traditional Makah home land. The lighter area represents the 28,000 acres of present-day Makah Reservation.



Started operation December 28, 1857

Our ancestral name is Q<sup>^</sup>idiDDaGAtX,  
"The People Who Live By The Rocks  
and Seagulls."

Better canoemen than the Makah have probably never existed.

(T.T. Waterman 1920:9)



The Whalippa Canoe  
Copyrighted 1900  
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Wike -

Tse-Kaw-wootl, Makah Head Chief  
said that he wanted the sea. That  
was his country. (Treaty Minutes 1855)

HUSH-UHK IS  
WHO-HOLTH-LEE  
TSAA-WAN  
EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED IN OUR CHIEF'S  
TERRITORY

# *Treaty of Neah Bay 1855*

## **ARTICLE IV.**

The right of taking fish and of whaling or sealing at usual and accustomed grounds and stations...privilege of hunting and gathering roots and berries.



# Largest oil spills in state in Makah U & A



- *General Meiggs* 1972 - 400,000
- *Arco Anchorage* 1985 – 239,000
- *Nestucca* 1988 - 231,000
- *Tenyo Maru* 1991 - 400,000

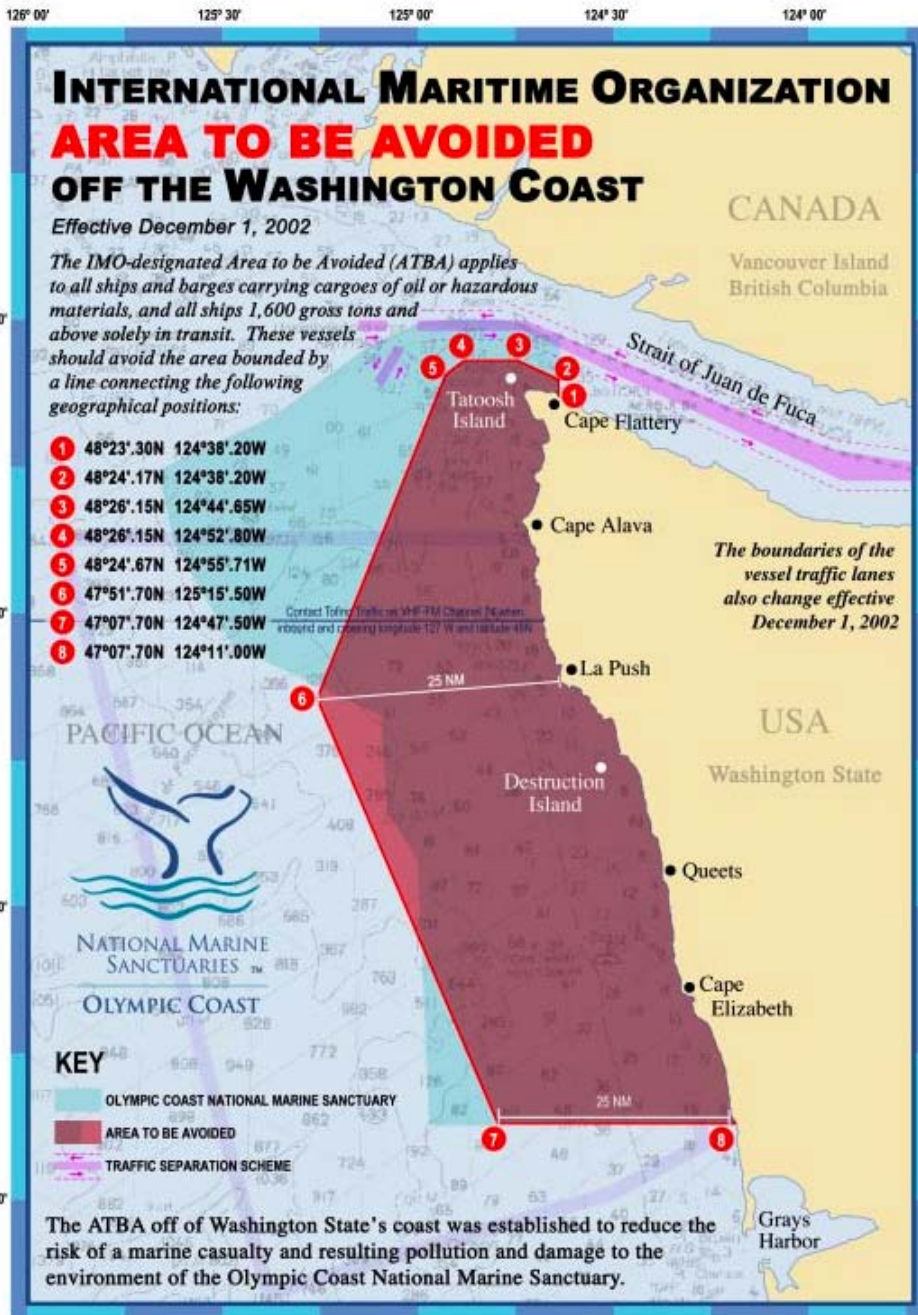
# Makah Office of Marine Affairs

To protect Makah treaty resources from oil and hazardous materials spills through participation on the RRT as a resource trustee.

Establish government to government relationships with, U.S. Coast Guard, EPA, NOAA, U.S. Navy and Washington State Department of Ecology.

1. Apply best scientific and cultural information in the development of oil spill prevention, preparedness, response, and restoration policy.
2. Coordinate efforts with federal and state governments and industry to assure consistency with tribal policy.
3. Represent tribal policies and interests on committees and commissions.
4. Develop a Makah Tribal Annex/section to the NW Area Plan





# Makah Area Plan Benefits

- Olympic Coast Sanctuary
- Olympic National Park
- 3 National Wildlife Refuges
- 6 Treaty Tribes
- Ecology Oil Spill C-plan Rule
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Ocean Policy Work Group
- Oil Spill Advisory Council
- States/BC Oil Spill Task Force
- Harbor Safety Committee
- Canadian Tribes/Resources
- C-Plan 1<sup>st</sup> responders

# Neah Bay Response Tug – 41 call-outs by Foss and Crowley since 1999

Initiated by Rep. Dicks with Navy & Tenyo Maru settlement funds,  
continued with state funds which end in 2009.



## Needed improvements:

- Year around availability
- Maneuverability
- Multi-mission capability
  - Salvage
  - Firefighting
  - Spill response
- Marina/harbor Infrastructure

# Makah Museum – Embodying a living culture





