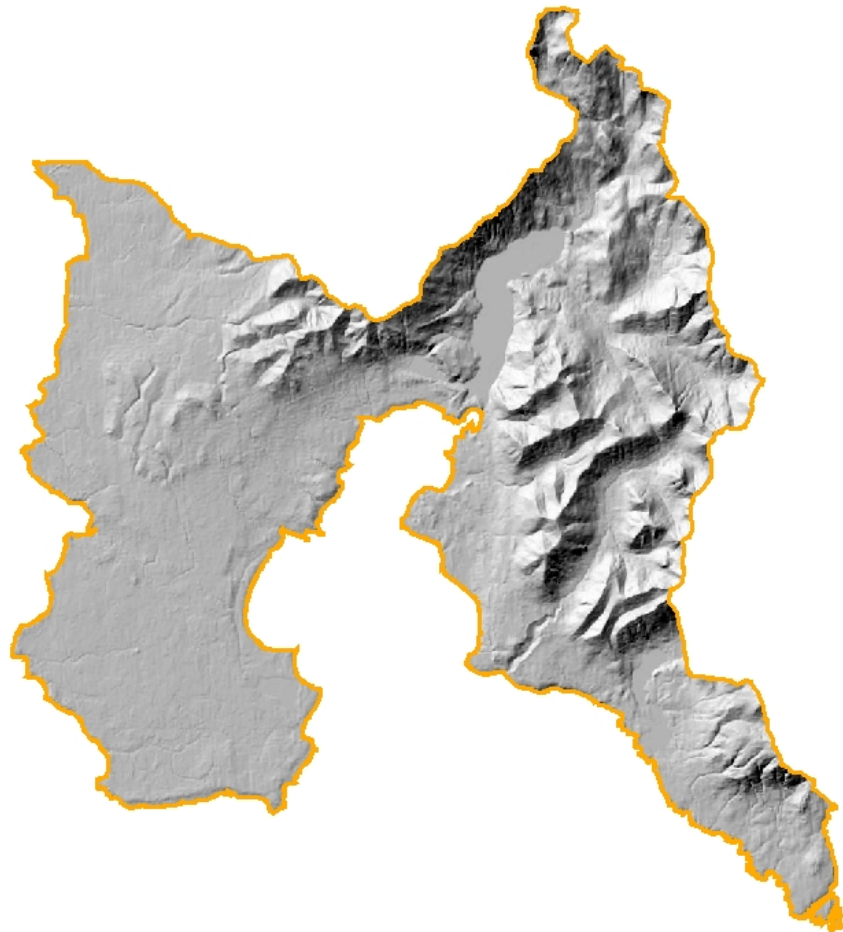


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Dear Guy Louie and Jim Lornie:

**Re: Watershed Plan Endorsement for the Tofino - Tranquil (Onadsilth - Eekseuklis),
Sydney - Pretty Girl, Bedwell - Ursus - Bulson, Hesquiaht, Kennedy Lake, Upper
Kennedy River, Clayoquot River, and Fortune Channel planning units.**

On behalf of the Parties to the Clayoquot Sound Interim Measures Extension Agreement, and as recommended by the Central Region Board (CRB) in two letters to the Parties during 2005, we are pleased to endorse the watershed plans for the above watershed planning units.

The Board made several significant recommendations in both their letters, including: specific recommendations about individual plans involving technical content; that a summary plan document be completed to provide a regional synopsis of watershed reserves and other Scientific Panel objectives; that a Beach watershed plan be completed and incorporated into the summary document; and, that legal objectives be established under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.

We understand the Clayoquot Sound Technical Planning Committee (TPC) has undertaken the following initiatives with regard to those recommendations:

- completion of technical changes for individual plans;
- begun work on a regional summary document, including incorporation of Scientific Panel objectives for the Beach planning unit; and,
- initiated inter-agency discussions with regard to setting legal objectives under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.

We also understand that following the second public review period and during preliminary work on the regional summary document, the Planning Committee found a small number of minor errors and discrepancies in the GIS analyses results. The Committee determined that these, as well as other inconsistencies between watershed plans, could be addressed without making significant revisions to the watershed plans or the reserve networks. Therefore, they

have incorporated the necessary corrections and changes into the final versions of the watershed plans and the regional summary document.

The Parties are pleased to confirm our support for the CRB recommendations and the efforts by the Planning Committee to address them. We have instructed the TPC to ensure all changes and updates are completed, so that individual watershed plans are ready for public distribution by July 31, 2006. At that time, the plans will take effect as 'Official Watershed Plans'.

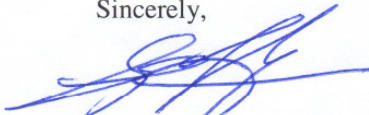
The Board made one other significant recommendation in its two letters: that the Parties identify the resources to develop and implement a comprehensive monitoring program. Now that the watershed planning process is drawing to a close, the Parties are pleased to announce we have begun discussions regarding the availability of resources that will allow for the evaluation of outstanding priorities, including the details associated with plan implementation and monitoring. The Parties recognize that these priorities are important steps on the road to sustainable ecosystem management, as envisioned by the Scientific Panel, and are crucial components to the practice of adaptive management. We anticipate our discussions will yield direction on these topics to the Board and the Planning Committee in the near future.

We wish to acknowledge the considerable work required of the CRB to conduct two public reviews of the draft watershed plans during 2005. We especially appreciate the Board's efforts to organize and summarize the results from the public processes and its own reviews, then to structure its subsequent recommendations in order to provide assistance to the Parties' review and evaluation of these plans.

Further, we would like to thank the CRB, the Central Region First Nations, various stakeholders and interest groups, local governments, and members of the public for their contributions to the development of these plans - and, for their thoughtful comments during each review process.

We look forward to a continued close working relationship between the Parties, the Central Region Board, and the Technical Planning Committee to achieve the objectives envisioned by the Scientific Panel. Continued close cooperation between all partners will be instrumental in achieving this goal.

Sincerely,



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Preface

This watershed plan for the Hesquiaht planning unit was prepared by the Clayoquot Sound Technical Planning Committee (TPC). Committee membership consists of representatives from the First Nations of Clayoquot Sound and technical staff from provincial agencies. The TPC is co-chaired by one representative each from First Nations and the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands¹. A complete membership list is provided in Appendix 1.

The primary responsibility of the TPC is to complete watershed-level planning for Clayoquot Sound. Watershed plans are compiled in a series of volumes. *Volume 1: Principles and Process* describes the planning process and objectives for the Sound (for planning purposes the boundaries of the Sound are defined as those established in the Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision, included as Map 1). The remaining volumes, including this document, summarize the results for individual watershed planning units.

In preparing this plan, the TPC followed the recommendations of the Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound for watershed-level planning and identification of reserves. At times the TPC also sought additional advice from respected specialists in their field of expertise.

The intent of this watershed plan is to guide site-level forest planning and forest harvesting in the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit, in accordance with the Scientific Panel recommendations for sustainable ecosystem management in Clayoquot Sound.

The effective date of this plan is July 31, 2006. This plan will be subject to periodic updates and amendments to keep it current and to reflect new information.

¹ When the TPC was first established, government representatives included staff from the Ministry of Forests, the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks and the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture. In 2001, responsibility for resource management was transferred to the new Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management (MSRM). In 2005, the MSRM was dissolved and a new agency (Integrated Land Management Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands) assumed responsibility for land use planning.

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Executive Summary

This watershed plan encompasses the entire Hesquiaht watershed planning unit. This planning unit, 23,960 ha in size, is bounded to the west and south by the Pacific Ocean, to the north by the Escalante River watershed and to the east by the Sydney River valley and Sydney inlet (see Map 2).

This watershed plan was developed in accordance with the principles and recommendations set out by the Clayoquot Sound Scientific Panel to guide planning for sustainable ecosystem management in Clayoquot Sound. It does not apply to provincial parks, Indian Reserves, federal lands, or private land.

The purpose of the plan is to map and designate the areas that will be set aside as reserves to protect a range of forest values. The plan also maps and designates the harvestable area – that is, the land that falls outside of reserves and on which sustainable forest harvesting can take place. Within the harvestable area, special management zones are identified which require that certain conditions and limitations be imposed on harvesting and other management activities in order to maintain special and sensitive values, including scenic, recreation, tourism and ecosystem values.

Development of the Plan

The Scientific Panel identifies three key ecosystem management planning themes: watershed integrity, biological diversity, and human values including First Nations cultural values. The Panel sets out management goals and objectives for each of these three themes. Overall, this framework forms the backdrop to a planning process that includes broad-based regional and sub-regional plans, watershed-level plans, and site-specific plans.

The Scientific Panel identifies watershed-level planning as the cornerstone to the overall ecosystem-based management planning process. Watershed-level plans give practical meaning to ecosystem management goals and objectives, and also guide the site-level plans that direct forestry activities. Within watershed-level plans, the designation of reserves and special management zones is the key strategy for achieving the ecosystem management objectives articulated by the Scientific Panel. In the harvestable area, a variable retention silviculture system, rate-of-cut limits and various restoration strategies provide a site-level complement to ecosystem management.

This watershed reserve plan for the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit was developed by a Technical Planning Committee (TPC) made up of First Nations representatives and technical staff from provincial agencies, led by the Integrated Land Management Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. The TPC relied on the Scientific Panel reports and recommendations, as well as other expert advice, to develop the criteria for establishing reserves and special management zones.

The Hesquiaht Watershed Reserve Network

The Scientific Panel proposed eight different kinds of reserves to protect forest values. Each of these reserve types serves as a strategy to achieve management objectives within one of the key management themes, as described below. Accompanying maps show the location of individual reserves.

Watershed Integrity

Reserves to protect hydroriparian resources

Approximately 4,302 ha have been designated as hydroriparian reserves. This represents approximately 18 percent of the total land base of the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit (see Map 7).

Reserves to protect sensitive soils and unstable terrain

Unstable terrain reserves (areas of Class V terrain) cover approximately 1,236 ha, or 5 percent of the unit. Reserves for sensitive soils cover 1,724 ha or 7 percent of the land base. These layers overlap each other and other reserves at several locations. Together unstable terrain reserves and sensitive soils reserves make up 2,960 ha or 12.5 percent of the total land base of the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit (see Maps 8 and 9).

Biological Diversity

Reserves to protect red- and blue-listed plant and animal species

Approximately 1,297 ha have been set aside in seven separate Marbled Murrelet reserves within the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit. 48.5 percent of this area (629 ha) was already reserved for other purposes. These seven reserves, in combination with other reserves and protected areas, protect approximately 2,391 ha of class 1 and 2 Marbled Murrelet nesting habitat in this planning unit. This amounts to 54 percent of the class 1 and 2 habitat (see Map 11).

Approximately 2,928 ha, 12 percent of the land base of the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit, have been designated as reserves for the protection of red- and blue-listed plant communities (see Map 10).

Reserves to protect forest-interior conditions in late successional forest

Currently, there are approximately 18,721 ha of old forest within the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit. This represents 83 percent of the total forested land base. Of this, the reserve network encompasses approximately 10,697 ha, or 47.5 percent of the forested land base. This satisfies the Scientific Panel recommendation for minimum old growth retention of 40 percent. Map 12 shows the current old-growth forest and forest in interior conditions.

7,641 ha of the old growth in the reserve network are classed as forest-interior condition. This fully meets the old-interior forest recommendations of the Science Panel. Map 13 shows the reserve network to protect forest-interior conditions in late successional forest.

Reserves to represent all ecosystems

After the reserve network had been completed, the Committee found that 612 ha had to be added to the reserve network to satisfy ecosystem representation requirements (see Map 14)

Reserves to ensure linkages among watershed-level planning areas

Once watershed-level plans are completed for a number of adjacent watershed planning units in Clayoquot Sound, opportunities for linkage corridors will be evaluated. Where necessary, reserves that create linkages needed to support biodiversity or recreation objectives will be added to the reserve network.

Human Values

Many of the areas designated to protect culturally significant sites, scenic areas and recreational or tourism values are better characterized as special management zones than as reserves. Most of these areas are not excluded from harvesting; however, certain conditions and requirements must be met before harvesting may proceed. Only reserve buffers around recreational and tourism features, certain cultural sites and scenic features – to the extent they are located within parks or reserves for other values – are excluded from harvesting.

Reserves to protect cultural values

Both the Hesquiaht First Nation and the Ahousaht First Nation have identified culturally significant areas within the planning unit. The Hesquiaht First Nation assigned cultural significance ratings ranging

from low to high for the entire planning unit. In total, 2,837 ha have been given a low rating, 4,599 ha a moderate rating, 7,545 ha a moderate to high rating and 8,642 ha a high significance. The Ahousaht First Nation identified areas in the eastern part of the planning unit, amounting to 2,835 ha. Maps 15(AFN) and 15(HFN) show Culturally Significant Areas identified by these two First Nations.

Reserves to protect scenic and recreation/ tourism values

Reserves have not been established for scenic values, although many areas of high significance for scenic values have been preserved within existing parks and reserves for other values. Scenic values within the harvestable area are maintained through management criteria designed to achieve scenic class objectives and standards.

In total 8,198 ha, or 34 percent, of the lands within the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit have been assigned scenic class objectives: 841 ha to the natural-appearing scenic class objective, 917 ha within the minimal alteration class and 6,440 ha within the small-scale alteration class. The remaining landscape is not classified because it is largely not visible from communities, recreation sites, and travel corridors. Of the scenic class areas, approximately 3,248 ha (39 percent) are included within parks and reserves (see Map 16).

In addition to areas that are assigned scenic class objectives and areas within other kinds of reserves, approximately 1,144 ha containing features of high to very high recreation and tourism significance have been reserved, primarily along shorelines. This represents 5 percent of the land base of this planning unit. Areas surrounding recreation/tourism reserves have been identified as special management zones (see Map 17).

Summary

A total of 12,940 ha, representing 54 percent of the land base of the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit, have been reserved from harvesting in parks or in accordance with the recommendations of the Scientific Panel. Map 18 shows the complete reserve network.

The Hesquiaht Harvestable Area

Once all the watershed reserve areas are mapped, the remaining area outside reserves is designated as the harvestable area. Forest harvesting and other resource development such as road-building can take place within the harvestable area as long as this development is consistent with the Scientific Panel recommendations relating to operations, the *Forest Practices Code Act*, the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, and the

watershed plan. All forest harvesting will take place in accordance with the Variable Retention Silvicultural System designed to preserve the characteristics of natural forests.

Within the harvestable area, special management zones have been identified where additional conditions and limits are imposed on forest harvesting and other operational activities. These conditions and limits ensure that the special and sensitive values in these areas - including scenic, recreation, tourism and ecosystem values - are maintained. Map 20 shows the location of the harvestable area, including Special Management Zones, as well as the reserve network.

The harvestable area within the Hesquiaht watersheds encompasses 10,139ha of productive forest, representing 42 percent of the planning unit. Special management zones comprise 10,104 ha (99 percent) of the harvestable area.

Forest management within harvestable areas is also subject to hydrological rate-of-cut limits, in accordance with Scientific Panel recommendation R3.1. Rate-of-cut limits applicable to watersheds within this planning unit are provided in Chapter 3. Map 21 shows the locations of these watersheds.

Harvesting systems will be determined at the site level in accordance with watershed-level objectives. The selection of systems and their application will be consistent with the recommendations set out by the Scientific Panel with respect to harvesting methods and equipment.

Amendments, Implementation and Monitoring

The plan will be subject to minor updates, as well as major scheduled and unscheduled amendments, as outlined in Volume 1, Chapter 4. Implementation and monitoring of the plan will be the joint responsibility of provincial resource agencies, First Nations, forest tenure holders and partners who share the common goal of sustainable ecosystem management in Clayoquot Sound, as discussed in Volume 1, Chapter 5.

1.0 The Hesquiaht Planning Unit

1.1 The Physical Landscape

The Hesquiaht watershed planning unit is located in the north-western portion of Clayoquot Sound. The planning unit is bounded to the west and south by the Pacific Ocean, to the north by the Escalante River watershed and to the east by the height of land demarking the Sydney River valley and inlet. Hesquiaht Harbour divides the planning unit into an eastern and western portion. The western portion consists of the Hesquiaht Peninsula, an area dominated by plains and gentle slopes, while the eastern portion consists of steeper terrain, particularly to the north and west of Hesquiaht Lake. Larger watersheds encompassed by the planning unit include Hesquiaht Point Creek and Satchie Creek. The total area of the planning unit is 23,960 ha. Map 2 shows the location of the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit within the Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision area.

The climate in the Hesquiaht unit - as throughout the west coast of Vancouver Island - is temperate and very wet. Annual precipitation exceeds 3,000 mm, but may be substantially greater at higher elevations further inland. Mean daily temperatures range from 5° C in January to 15° C in August.

Most of Vancouver Island was covered by glaciers during the Pleistocene period, and a number of features and landmarks in the planning unit bear witness to this. The surficial materials of the Hesquiaht Peninsula are mostly comprised of marine or glaciomarine deposits. Morainal deposits are common in the eastern portion of the planning unit.

Elevations within the planning unit range from sea level to about 1,000 meters at the north-eastern end of the planning unit. Map 3 illustrates the topographic relief of this unit.

1.2 The Ecological Landscape

Approximately 94 percent of the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit supports forests dominated by western redcedar, western hemlock, mountain hemlock, yellow-cedar, and amabilis fir.

Two biogeoclimatic ecosystem classification (BEC) zones occur in the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit: the Coastal Western Hemlock (CWH) and, to a lesser extent, the Mountain Hemlock (MH). The CWH

zone occupies 99 percent of the planning unit and is represented by three variants. The CWHvh1 variant (the Southern Very Wet Hypermaritime variant) covers almost all of the Hesquiaht Peninsula, as well as the low elevations flanking the eastern shores of Hesquiaht Harbour. The area covered is 13,922 ha or 58 percent of the planning unit. The CWHvm1 variant (Submontane Very Wet Maritime) occurs below 600 m elevation, and covers approximately 36 percent of the planning unit. The CWHvm2 variant (Montane Very Wet Maritime) is located along the upper slopes at elevations between 600 and 800 m, covering 6 percent.

The MH biogeoclimatic zone is found at higher elevations. The MHmm1 variant (Windward Moist Maritime) occurs at elevations of over 900 m along the eastern and northern boundaries, covering only 1 percent of the planning unit. Refer to Map 4 for BEC variant locations.

Over 70 different ecosystems are represented in the Tofino-Tranquil Watershed Planning Unit.

Over 70 different vegetated ecosystem types are represented within the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit. The most common are Western Hemlock/Amabilis Fir - Blueberry (AB), Western Hemlock/Western Redcedar - Salal (HS) and Lodgepole Pine/Yellow-Cedar Sphagnum (LS).

Approximately 83 percent of the Hesquiaht forested land base supports ecosystems that are over 140 years old. Only about 15 percent of the planning unit has been harvested. Most of this harvesting occurred over the 1970s and 80s, although a small amount took place in prior and more recent years. Harvested areas now support second growth forests of various ages. Map 5 shows the location and age distribution of forest stands.

This planning unit contains nesting habitat for the Marbled Murrelet, a red-listed bird species. Studies indicate a direct correlation between Marbled Murrelet nesting habitat suitability and old growth forests. Nesting habitat has been reduced to some degree in the portions of this planning unit that have been harvested, mainly in the areas to the west and south-east of Hesquiaht Lake and in the Kanim Lake area.

The streams and lakes in the Hesquiaht planning unit support Cutthroat Trout, Chum, Coho and Sockeye Salmon, as well as Prickly Sculpin, and other coastal sculpin species.

Black Bears are common throughout Clayoquot Sound. In this planning unit, forest harvesting may have contributed to an increase in bear numbers, due to the creation of early seral communities which provided an abundant supply of fruit-bearing shrubs, grasses and forbs. Moderately high- and high-ranking bear habitat is most limited

during the early spring, but dramatically increases by late spring. By fall, most of the area covered by this plan provides moderate, moderately-high, or high value habitat. Denning opportunities remain fairly good for this planning unit overall.

Forest harvesting likely increased spring and summer forage for Black-tailed Deer in this planning unit, but it is not known if this led to an actual increase in deer numbers. This planning unit does not contain high winter habitat values, but large areas offer moderate or moderately-high values and therefore provide sufficient habitat during this critical period. At the stand level, high retention levels, rate-of-cut restrictions, and minimum old growth requirements are expected to ensure critical winter habitat and security cover, and also to contribute to increased forage production.

Although Roosevelt Elk are well documented in the adjacent watersheds of the Sydney – Pretty Girl and the Megin planning units, there have only been very rare sightings in the Hesquiaht. Specific reserves for this species have therefore not been identified, although suitable habitat is encompassed within the reserve network.

1.3 Human Values

The Hesquiaht planning unit is within the traditional territories of both the Hesquiaht and Ahousaht First Nations. Indian Reserves located within the planning unit include Hesquiaht IR1, Homais IR2, Teahmit IR3, Maahpe IR4, Hisnit Fishery IR34 and Swan IR35. Refer to Map 6 for their locations.

The natural resources of the Hesquiaht Planning Unit provide for First Nations' traditional economic, cultural and spiritual activities.

Today, as in the past, the harvesting of forest and aquatic resources provides for sustenance, ceremonial and societal needs of First Nations, and helps provide an economic base for the community. First Nations' values are discussed more fully in the Panel's *Report 3: First Nations' Perspectives Relating to Forest Practices Standards in Clayoquot Sound*. In the following passages in *Report 5*, the Scientific Panel highlights the close connection between Nuuchah-nulth culture and the natural resources of the region:

Nuuchah-nulth people view the forest and its resources as gifts of the Creator, to be used with respect and to be maintained by careful stewardship through the legislative power of tribal government found within "hahuulhi." Traditional practices of resource management include harvesting of selected trees and other forest products; highly selective controlled burning to promote production of berries, to provide grazing areas for deer, and to produce firewood; and monitoring and controlled use of all lands and waters and their resources through stewardship of hereditary chiefs.

Within each community, chiefs' territories - rivers and fisheries, hunting and gathering areas, and portions of the ocean - are delimited by boundary markers such as easily recognizable topographic features. While permanent Nuu-chah-nulth villages are situated along the coast of Clayoquot Sound, economic and cultural activities (e.g., hunting, fishing, plant gathering, and spiritual practices) occur throughout the region, from the ocean and offshore islands to remote places in the mountains. For example, culturally modified trees, places of spiritual significance (especially caves, streams, pools, waterfalls, and offshore islands) which are often personal to individuals and families, and areas used for traditional activities are scattered widely across the landscape. These places and the area's forests and water resources are essential for Nuu-chah-nulth economic, cultural, and spiritual well-being, yet both have been threatened, depleted, or damaged by the activities of non-indigenous peoples.²

Archaeological sites have been recorded along the shoreline. All of these sites are of First Nations origin. This information along with other previously recorded data fills a substantial gap in the archaeological site database for Nuu-chah-nulth traditional territory.

The Hesquiaht watershed planning unit contains important marine and land-based recreational and tourism features.

The planning unit contains important recreation and tourism features. Hesquiaht Peninsula Provincial Park covers a good part of the peninsula and is a significant tourism corridor for coastal hiking, boating and sea kayaking. It is also home to the heritage attraction known as Cougar Annie's Garden. The park is 7,899 ha in size, of which 6,689 are upland and 1,210 ha are foreshore area. Maquinna Marine Provincial Park extends along the east side of Hesquiaht Harbour as far south as the natural hot mineral spring pools on the Openit Peninsula. The hot springs themselves are not located in the Hesquiaht planning unit. This park encompasses a significant wilderness area known for coastal hiking, wilderness camping, sea kayaking and wildlife viewing. Maquinna Park is 2,667 ha, of which 1269 ha are upland and 1398 ha are foreshore area. Finally, Hesquiaht Lake Provincial Park is a small, remote and difficult to access park on the east side of the lake. It protects mature forests of western hemlock, western redcedar and lodgepole pine, and also offers opportunities for nature appreciation and backcountry lake fishing. This cover 62 ha.

This planning unit contains scenic areas, most notably Hot Springs Cove within Maquinna Park and higher elevation areas visible from Hesquiaht Harbour.

Most of the provincial forest land falls within Tree Farm Licence 54, which is held by International Forest Resources Limited. In addition,

² Report 5, p.38

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the planning unit encompasses timber licence areas, which are concentrated around Boat Basin, east of Hesquiaht Lake and surrounding the north end of Kanim Lake. Iisaak Forest Resources Limited, which is owned by the Central Region First Nations, manages a small area of land within the planning unit as part of its TFL 57. Refer to Map 6 for the location of tree farm and timber licences.

There are a number of mineral tenures in the Hesquiaht Planning Unit.

2.0 The Hesquiaht Reserve Network

The network of reserves set out in this watershed plan represents the cornerstone of the Scientific Panel's ecosystem management strategy for Clayoquot Sound. For a summary of the reserve types and how they address ecosystem management objectives, as well as details of the inventories and technical analyses involved in the designation of the various reserves, see *Volume 1: Principles and Process*.

2.1 Reserves to Protect Watershed Integrity

Watershed integrity is one of the three primary themes of sustainable ecosystem management identified by the Scientific Panel. The strategy for achieving this goal is the designation of reserves to protect the integrity of the hydroriparian system and the integrity of forest soils.

2.1.1 Hydroriparian reserves

Hydroriparian zones distribute water through the ecosystem and provide important habitat.

The Scientific Panel recognizes the paramount importance of water bodies and their immediate vicinity, describing these zones as the "skeleton and circulation system of the ecological landscape." Hydroriparian ecosystems distribute water through the environment, and also contain the richest and most diverse habitats. These systems are therefore fundamentally critical to the protection of watershed integrity.

The planning unit includes a number of larger lakes, most notably Hesquiaht Lake, as well as Kanim and Village Lakes. Larger creeks include Hesquiaht Point Creek and Satchie Creek. Extensive wetland complexes are found throughout much of Hesquiaht Peninsula.

For a detailed description of the hydroriparian inventory assembled in accordance with the Scientific Panel's classification system, please refer to Volume 1.

Approximately 4,302 ha have been designated as hydroriparian reserves for the Hesquiaht planning unit. This represents approximately 18 percent of the total land base of the unit. The hydroriparian reserves are shown on Map 7.

2.1.2 Sensitive soils and unstable terrain reserves

To reduce the risk of erosion, the Scientific Panel recommends that "only stable terrain and resilient soils should be available for forest

Only stable terrain and resilient soils will be available for forest harvesting.

harvesting operations.”³ Watershed plans therefore must include reserves to protect sensitive soils and unstable terrain.

The single criterion established for the designation of reserves to protect unstable slopes is that all Class V terrain – that is, the terrain most at risk of slides due to forest harvesting – must be reserved. Sensitive soils requiring reserves at the watershed level are grouped into six categories: bedrock terrain; shallow organic matter; organic soils; blocky and bouldery colluvial material; active colluvial cones or fans and alluvial fans; and poor growing sites.

The terrain in this planning unit is highly varied. The lowlands and plains of the peninsula in the west are distinctly different from the steeper, higher elevation terrain in the eastern portion of the planning unit. While the peninsula is characterised by an abundance of sensitive soils, including organic sediments and bogs, as well as poor growing sites, the eastern portion includes areas of unstable terrain, particularly the mid- and upper slopes of Hesquiaht Point Creek and areas southeast of Hesquiaht Lake. Careful planning of road location in order to avoid sensitive slopes, unstable sections and vulnerable stream reaches is essential in these areas.

Unstable terrain reserves cover approximately 1,236 ha; and, 1,724 ha are set aside in sensitive soils reserves. Together, unstable terrain reserves and sensitive soils reserves cover 2,960 ha (12 percent) of the total land base of the unit. The locations of these reserves are shown on Map 8 and 9.

2.2 Reserves to Protect Biological Diversity

The Scientific Panel acknowledges that “maintenance of biological diversity is inextricably related to the long-term maintenance of healthy, productive ecosystems.”⁴ A series of reserves provide strategies to advance this management objective.

2.2.1 Reserves to protect red- and blue-listed species

The protection of rare species is a key strategy for maintaining biological diversity.

A key strategy for maintaining biological diversity is the protection of rare or threatened species. The Scientific Panel recommends that reserves be established at the watershed level to protect red-listed and blue-listed plant and animal species. At the same time, the Panel notes that some species require protection measures at the site level, and that planning for species protection may also occur at the sub-regional level.

³ Report 5, p.169.

⁴ Report 5, p.200

Plant Species

Among the plant communities occurring in the Hesquiaht planning unit, two communities are red-listed, and seven are blue-listed. See Appendix 3 for the Conservation Data Centre's list of red and blue-listed plant communities in Clayoquot Sound.

The red-listed communities are Sitka spruce/Lily-of-the-valley (CWHvh1/SL), and Sitka Spruce/Salmonberry (CWHvm1/SS), which cover a total area of 197 ha, all of which is in structural stages 6 and 7 (mature and old forest), and has been included in the reserve network.

The seven blue-listed plant communities found in the Hesquiaht planning unit are:

- CWHvh1/AL, RC, RF, SK and SW;
- CWHvm1/RC and RS.

Over 2700 ha of blue-listed plant communities have been reserved.

The TPC was advised by the CDC to reserve 50 percent of blue-listed plant communities occurring in structural stages 6 and 7. In total 2,731 ha of blue-listed plant communities are included in the reserve network.

The list of rare natural plant communities provided by the CDC includes one yellow-listed community, Mountain Hemlock-Amabilis Fir/Blueberry (MHmm1/MB), which was given an "apparently secure/vulnerable" ranking. In the Hesquiaht planning unit, MHmm1/MB is the single most common ecological unit within the Mountain Hemlock subzone, encompassing 81 ha, or just under 80 percent of the total MH subzone in the planning unit. For this reason, the TPC decided it was not necessary to set aside more of this site series than was already reserved by other reserve layers. Analysis indicates approximately 51 percent of the MHmm1/MB overlaps with other reserves.

In total, approximately 2,928 ha of site series which support red- or blue-listed plant communities have been identified within the reserve network. Together these comprise 12 percent of the land base of the Hesquiaht planning unit. The locations of the various protected plant communities are shown on Map 10.

Individual rare plants will be reserved at the site level when they are discovered.

Animal Species

The Hesquiaht planning unit contains known nesting habitat for the Marbled Murrelet, a provincially red-listed bird. Maximum dawn

murrelet counts recorded at Boat Basin and Hesquiaht Point Creek range from 307 to 355, and 108 to 284, respectively.

54 percent of all Class 1 and 2 Marbled Murrelet habitat has been reserved.

In this planning unit, seven murrelet reserves were identified, totalling 1,297 ha or 5 percent of the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit. The location of these reserves is shown on Map 11. Additional important habitat is included in reserves for other purposes and in protected areas. In total, approximately 54 percent of all class 1 and 2 Marbled Murrelet nesting habitat has been protected in murrelet reserves, other reserves and protected areas.

Other animals that are vulnerable or of particular management concern in Clayoquot Sound include Roosevelt Elk, Black Bear and Black-tailed Deer. Suitable habitat for these species is represented in other reserves and protected areas within the Hesquiaht planning unit, and therefore specific reserves for these species have not been identified as part of this watershed plan.

2.2.2 Reserves to protect forest-interior conditions in mature forests

The Scientific Panel recognizes the importance of maintaining sections of older forests, and of ensuring that these are large enough to maintain conditions similar to those in the interior of historic forests.

Currently, approximately 18,721 ha or 83 percent of the forested land base of the Hesquiaht planning unit is covered by old growth forests over 141 years old. 14,275 ha or 76 percent of the old growth forest in Hesquiaht is currently in forest-interior condition. The amount of old growth forest, and the amount of old interior forest are currently well above the minimum amount recommended by the Scientific Panel. Please refer to Map 12 showing the current locations of old growth and interior old growth forests in the Hesquiaht planning unit.

10,697 ha of old forest (47.5 percent of the total forested area) are located within provincial parks and within reserves proposed for other values (e.g. hydriparian, terrain, soils, murrelets, etc.). This exceeds the Scientific Panel recommendation for retention of 40 percent of the forested area as old growth.

Approximately 34 percent of the forested land base is encompassed in reserves in forest-interior old growth condition.

Recommendation 7.16 of the Scientific Panel Report 5 states that a minimum of 20 percent of the retained old forest should be reserved in forest-interior condition. At this time 7,641 ha of old forest in forest-interior condition is encompassed within the reserve network. This represents 34 percent of the total forested land base of the planning unit, or 71 percent of the total old growth retained in the reserve

network. Map 13 shows the location of the old and old-interior forest within the reserve network in the Hesquiaht planning unit.

2.2.3 Reserves to represent all ecosystems

The Panel recommends that reserves to represent all ecosystems be added to the reserve network “as necessary, to ensure that the entire variety of ecosystems is represented in the reserve system to maintain plants, animals, and other organisms that have specific habitat requirements.”⁵ Representation of all ecosystems is an essential component of biological diversity.

As shown in Table 2.1, there are two biogeoclimatic zones represented within the Hesquiaht planning unit: the Coastal Western Hemlock zone (CWH) and the Mountain Hemlock zone (MH). The CWH is represented by two subzones, which include three variants: the CWHvh1 - Southern Very Wet Hypermaritime; the CWHvm1 - Submontane Very Wet Maritime; and, the CWHvm2 - Montane Very Wet Maritime. These variants occur below 800 metres. The Mountain Hemlock zone includes one variant: MHmm1 - Moist Maritime Subzone, Windward Variant which occurs above 800 metres. Refer to map 4 for the biogeoclimatic classification of this planning unit.

Table 2.1 Biogeoclimatic zones, subzones and variants occurring in the Hesquiaht planning unit

Biogeoclimatic Zone	Subzone	Variant	Location	Total Area
Coastal Western Hemlock (CWH)	Very Wet Hypermaritime (CWHvh)	Southern (CWHvh1)	Coastal	13,923 ha
	Very Wet Maritime (CWHvm)	Submontane (CWHvm1)	Below 600 metres.	8552 ha
		Montane (CWHvm2)	Between 600 metres & 800 metres.	1382 ha
Mountain Hemlock (MH)	Moist Maritime (MHmm)	Windward (MHmm1)	Above 800 metres near the outer coast	103 ha
Total				23960 ha

74 different ecosystem types (site series) are found in the Hesquiaht unit.

There are 74 different ecosystem types (site series) occurring in the Hesquiaht planning unit: 34 different site series in the CWHvh1; 24 in the CWHvm1; 11 in CWHvm2 and 5 in MHmm1. The most commonly occurring forested ecosystems are Western Hemlock/Amabilis Fir -

⁵ Report 5, p. 171.

Blueberry (AB), Western Hemlock/Western Redcedar - Salal (HS) and Lodgepole Pine/Yellow-Cedar Sphagnum (LS).

Many of the site series occurring in the Hesquiaht planning unit are defined as rare; that is, they cover less than 2 percent of the planning unit or exhibit less than 6 occurrences. In total, rare site series cover approximately 3,350 ha, or 14 percent of the planning unit.

Once the reserves for all other values were mapped, the TPC determined the degree to which the existing reserve network achieved the recommended ecosystem representation targets. In the Hesquiaht planning unit, 15 ecosystems were found to be underrepresented in the existing reserve network:

- CWHvh1/LR and RS;
- CWHvm1/AB, AS, HD, HS, LC, RS and YG;
- CWHvm2/AB, AF, AS, AW and HS; and
- MHmm1/MB.

The following eight site series-dominant tree species-age class groups were also underrepresented:

- CWHvm1/AB/YC/201-400;
- CWHvm1/HS/YC/201-400;
- CWHvm1/LC/YC/201-400;
- CWHvm2/AB/HM/201-400;
- CWHvm2/AB/HW/201-400;
- CWHvm2/AB/YC/201-400;
- MHmm1/MB/HM/201-400;
- MHmm1/MB/YC/201-400.

Ecosystem polygons in underrepresented units were added to the reserve network to satisfy all representation requirements. All other ecosystem units were represented in the reserve network, in many cases well above the minimum thresholds.

Approximately 612 ha were added to the reserve network to ensure complete ecosystem representation. Map 14 shows the location of the ecosystem units that were added to the reserve network to ensure full ecosystem representation.

2.2.4 Reserves to ensure linkages between watershed planning areas

The Scientific Panel recommends that watershed planning areas be linked in order “to allow migrations of animals, to provide connectivity among plant and animal populations, or to accommodate recreational opportunities.”⁶ While such linkages are primarily an objective of sub-regional plans, the Panel also acknowledges that this objective can only be realized after some watershed-level planning has taken place.

Reserves to ensure linkages among watersheds will be established once watershed-level plans are completed for adjacent watersheds.

Once watershed-level plans are completed for a number of adjacent watershed planning units in Clayoquot Sound, opportunities for linkage corridors will be evaluated. Where necessary, reserves that create linkages needed to support biodiversity or recreation objectives will be added to the reserve network.

2.3 Reserves to Protect Human Values

The Scientific Panel recognizes that “many aspects of the Clayoquot Sound environment are important to people – both First Nations and others – for cultural, spiritual, and scenic values, and for recreational and tourism use.”⁷ Accordingly, reserves to protect these values at the watershed planning level form part of the Panel’s overall framework for sustainable ecosystem management in Clayoquot Sound.

2.3.1 Culturally Important Areas to protect First Nations’ values

Culturally important areas include sacred sites, historic areas and areas in current use.

The Scientific Panel stresses the importance of maintaining First Nations’ cultural values, dedicating an entire report to an account of First Nations’ perspectives and recommendations on how to incorporate these perspectives in planning and management of land, water and resources in Clayoquot Sound. Culturally important areas include sacred sites, historic areas, and areas in current use. The Panel recommends that these areas be identified by the Nuuchahnulth First Nations and that they be protected in ways that are consistent with traditional knowledge.

Watershed level planning for Hesquiaht First Nations cultural values

Note: The material in this section is supplied by the Hesquiaht First Nation and has not been modified by the TPC.

The Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound (Reports 3 and 5, 1995) provided over 100 recommendations concerning

⁶ Report 5, p. 171

⁷ Report 5, p. 37

forest management and planning in Clayoquot Sound. The Panel emphasized that all forest planning in the Sound must involve full participation of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Central Region nations - to ensure consideration and integration of FN interests and traditional ecological knowledge. Specifically, Scientific Panel Report 3 emphasizes that *hahuulthi* must be incorporated into resource management decisions as a basis for Nuu-Chah-Nulth to participate in co-managing the traditional territories and the resources within the area.

Hahuulthi is the “Nuu-Chah-Nulth system of hereditary ownership and control of traditional territories;” it “represents a long history of resource use and management;” and, as such, is “a dominant element in the Nuu-Chah-Nulth social and cultural fabric” (Report 3). Under *hahuulthi*, the Chief is responsible for the land and the sea resources, as well as his tribal members. The Central Region nations endorsed the Scientific Panel recommendations because the Panel’s forest planning model recognized the need to respect Nuu-Chah-Nulth social structures. The Panel stressed that *hahuulthi* is important to the development of protocols and recommendations for sustainable resource management in Clayoquot Sound for the following reasons:

- *hahuulthi* recognizes First Nations historical use and management of land, water and other natural resources;
- *hahuulthi* is a source of Nuu-Chah-Nulth traditional ecological knowledge within this area;
- *hahuulthi* embodies the Nuu-Chah-Nulth belief system regarding sustainable resource use to promote effective enhancement levels to sustain life for the tribe today and for generations to come; and,
- *hahuulthi* provides a potential framework for Nuu-Chah-Nulth to participate in future co-management of the resources within this area.

In order to ensure the inclusion of Hesquiaht First Nation values and knowledge in forest management policies, *hahuulthi* must be understood by the non-aboriginal community, and especially by the various planning bodies. The relationship the Nuu-Chah-Nulth desire to have with the environment is reflected in the values, knowledge, and the roles associated with *hahuulthi*. For the Hesquiaht First Nation (HFN), both historical and contemporary values provide guidance to decision makers.

The HFN initiated a review of their cultural interests in order to provide long-term certainty to the continuing use of, and access to, sites that are culturally significant to Hesquiaht traditions and values. This process does not define, derogate from, or replace aboriginal rights and title. It

is intended to support current processes that are in place to manage and monitor values that have existed for thousands of years.

All cultural information collected by the HFN is considered confidential, and is stored in their offices. It is available to Chief and Council and, at their discretion, to HFN staff or members. Now that it has been compiled, this information is expected to be very beneficial when reviewing proposals within HFN territory.

To inform the watershed planning process, without releasing sensitive information, the HFN decided to release a map indicating the cultural importance of individual sub-basins, and provide accompanying text to describe Hesquiaht cultural values and a consultation process for development proposals within their territory. Map 15(HFN) shows the Hesquiaht *hahuulthi*; plus, the cultural significance assigned to each sub-basin.

The upland portions of the Hesquiaht Peninsula, the surrounding coastal plain and the adjacent lower mountain slopes lie within the Coastal Western Hemlock biogeoclimatic zone. This zone tends to be dominated by dense coniferous forests comprising western hemlock, western redcedar, Sitka spruce, and silver fir, with some Douglas-fir, grand fir, white pine, lodgepole pine, western yew and yellow-cedar. Deciduous species, such as red alder, willows and crabapple, are also common, as are numerous shrub species, including salmonberry, thimbleberry, red elderberry, black twinberry, wild currants, gooseberries, blueberries, huckleberries, Nootka rose, false azalea and salal. In addition to the typical forest cover, many specialized habitats, each with its own topographic features, soil type and characteristic combination of plant species, can be found in the territory. Edible and useful plants occur in abundance in practically every type of habitat, but some are particularly significant to the Hesquiaht, notably the lakeshore and fresh water habitats with their rushes and aquatic vegetation; the acid bog areas with *Sphagnum* moss, Labrador tea, lodgepole pine and bog cranberries; and, the marine intertidal and subtidal habitats with their many species of seaweeds and seagrasses. In addition, these areas support a large diversity of animal species on which the Hesquiaht relied for food.

Besides their food value, many plants provide products which contributed substantially to Hesquiaht material culture. Plants were used to manufacture tools, weapons, containers, mats, blankets, and clothing, and provided construction material for houses and canoes. Also, plant products were used as fuels, dyes and glues and for decoration and personal adornment.

Generally, all Central Region tribes shared similar knowledge regarding food and material derived from a diversity of plants. As a result, information regarding foods and materials was exchanged freely within tribes. For medicinal use, however, the situation was different. The Hesquiaht believed that the effectiveness of many medicines was contingent upon a high degree of secrecy being maintained, both as to identity of the plant or other substance used, and for its preparation and administration. Consequently, medicinal knowledge was closely guarded by a small number of individuals.

Many areas throughout Hesquiaht territory are “owned” by specific individuals or families to ensure they are protected for purposes of cultural practice. These include sites used for certain purposes; such as, bathing, praying, and burial sites; and, locations where significant historical events occurred. Some sites (e.g., burial sites) deserve special respect. Unfortunately, there have been frequent occurrences of trespass at many sites, therefore, in order to provide protection to these places, the Hesquiaht will not disclose their locations, and will take steps to ensure they remain off-limits.

The HFN decided it was not necessary to protect cultural values by placing areas in no-harvest reserves, as envisioned by the Scientific Panel. Instead, the HFN determined the importance of individual sub-basins according to their associated cultural values, then developed consultation protocol as appropriate to the level of protection required for the respective cultural values. The overall significance of individual sub-basins was determined by considering the cultural values associated with the entire sub-basin, or parts thereof. Individual sites were not identified in consideration of the sensitivity of some information. Map 15(HFN) indicates that sub-basins are classified to be of “low”, “moderate”, “moderate to high”, or “high” cultural significance.

All activities proposed in the Hesquiaht *hahuulthi* require consultation to ensure that HFN values and interests are not impacted. The level of consultation and the outcome will differ for areas of different classifications. For activities proposed in sub-basins of low significance, the HFN expect the review period would be short and their response would not request many changes or modifications. Whereas, if a proposed activity is located in a sub-basin of high significance, depending on the location of the proposed activity, the HFN response would take more time and would certainly request modifications or restrictions.

The Hesquiaht First Nation consider all information provided by Map 15(HFN) and the above text to be dynamic; that is, both are expected to

change and evolve over time, in response to new knowledge and experiences.

Watershed level planning for Ahousaht First Nations cultural values

Note: The material in this section, including the text and consultation flow chart, is supplied by the Ahousaht First Nation and has not been modified by the TPC.

The Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound determined, as of September 30, 1994 that:

“First Nations’ perspectives are inconsistently and incompletely addressed in existing forestry documents and standards pertaining to forest management in Clayoquot Sound. New standards and procedures are required to adequately represent First Nations’ interests and involve indigenous people in forest management and associated activities within their traditional territories.”⁸

New approaches for addressing these two findings were presented in Report 3: First Nations’ Perspectives of the Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound (the Scientific Panel) and included:

- Recognize more clearly the close interrelationships that exist among the forests, waters, and marine ecosystems in Clayoquot Sound;
- Recognize the importance of Nuu-chah-nulth perspectives and traditional knowledge;
- Include Nuu-chah-nulth people and perspectives in decision-making
- Provide educational opportunities for non-Nuu-chah-nulth forestry workers to learn about and gain an understanding of Nuu-chah-nulth history, traditional knowledge, and perspectives; and
- Provide training and employment opportunities for Nuu-chah-nulth people in forestry activities.

The Scientific Panel’s Report 5 (page 166 & 167, 1995b) recommended several watershed-level planning objectives specific to First Nations:

- to identify and describe the environmental resources; natural processes; and cultural, scenic and recreational values in the planning unit;
- to map and designate as “reserves” specific areas within the watershed that: are of special significance for First Nations peoples;

⁸ Report 3, page 47 First Nations’ Perspectives, The Scientific Panel

- to map and designate specific areas (termed “harvestable areas”) within the watershed where forest harvesting or other resource uses will not compromise the long-term integrity of the forest ecosystem, its use by First Nations people, or its recreational or high scenic value;
- to identify reserves and harvestable areas within the watershed. Harvesting is permitted only outside reserve areas which are intended to maintain long-term ecosystem integrity in the watershed, to protect First Nations’ cultural important areas, and to protect recreational and scenic values.

The Scientific Panel’s Report 5 (page 169) recommendation 7.16, describes how “reserve” status would be applied at the watershed level: map and designate reserves in which no harvesting will occur to protect key hydro riparian ecosystems, unstable slopes and sensitive soils, red-and-blue-listed species, late successional forest with forest-interior conditions, important cultural values, and areas with high value scenic and recreational resources; and integrate reserve establishment with the refinement and detailed mapping of various land-use zones (e.g. Protected Areas). Reserve status would be applied to protect cultural values as described on page 170 of the Scientific Panel’s Report 5 (1995b):a variety of culturally important areas, including sacred areas, historic areas and current use areas. These areas must be determined by the Nuuchah-Nulth Nations and protected in ways consistent with traditional knowledge.

The Ahousaht Culturally Significant Areas Mapping Project is one initiative resulting from the Scientific Panel’s (Report 3 and 5) recommendations for new approaches to sustainable forest practices in Clayoquot Sound and the determined work of Ahousaht *Hawiih* (Hereditary Chiefs), Elders, leadership, membership, staff and those involved in negotiations related to the Interim Measures Extension Agreement (IMEA). Prior to this mapping project beginning in 1999, a network of reserves that protects a broad range of values, many which protect more than one, was established. This project mapped information on lands not-owned privately by the Ahousaht members. This project included a series of interviews, meetings, workshops and group discussions that produced several outcomes that compliment the existing network of reserves:

- The identification and mapping of areas of significance to Ahousaht in the context of cultural use: sacredness, sensitiveness, historical relevance, for current and/or future use; in three watershed planning units in Clayoquot Sound: Flores Island, Bedingfield and Cypre; all of which lie within the *Hahuulhi* (traditional territory) of the Ahousaht *Hawiih*.

- For watershed planning, a generalized map of areas of cultural significance to Ahousaht, coded one colour.
- A categorization system and consultation process that is framed by *hishuk ish ts'awalk*, *Hahuulhi* and interests in timely decisions for development proposals.
- Further recognition of two important concepts in the history of Ahousaht's resource use in Clayoquot Sound: *hishuk ish ts'awalk* and *Hahuulhi*. *Hishuk ish ts'awalk* or "everything is one", embodies the sacredness and respect for all life forms and their approach to resource stewardship.⁹ *Hahuulhi*, the Nuuchahnulth system for hereditary ownership and control of traditional territories, represents a long history of resource use and management in Clayoquot Sound, and provides for a basis for Nuuchahnulth participation in co-managing the area and its resources.¹⁰

The outcomes were achieved by a project team, hired by the Ahousaht Council, that included five community researchers, resource personnel from the Central Region Board and the Ahousaht GIS department, a field supervisor and a project coordinator from the Central Region Chiefs/Ma-Mook Development Corporation. This team developed an interviewing and information management protocol after consultation with Dr. Richard "Umeek" Atleo, a member of the Scientific Panel and a Professor at the Malaspina University College in Nanaimo, BC.

Confidentiality was, and continues to be at the forefront of information gathering and management. All personnel involved in this project have signed letters of confidentiality that were presented to each of the interviewees prior to the commencement of the interview. Interviewees were required to sign an acknowledgement and agreement form so that information may be recorded on acetate(s) and audio tape(s). All information is maintained by a secure management protocol and will be protected in ways consistent with traditional knowledge.

A series of maps for Ahousaht use contain detailed, confidential information provided by the interviewees. The map produced for watershed planning locates, in general, the areas of significance to the Ahousaht. The maps are dynamic in nature and the process adaptable to the presentation of new information. The areas may have cultural significance in the context of cultural use: sacredness, sensitiveness, historical relevance, for current and/or future use. The Scientific Panel, page 51 and 52 of Report 3 sets out several recommendations to be considered when establishing the significance of these sites:

⁹ Report 3, page vii, First Nations' Perspectives, The Scientific Panel

¹⁰ *ibid.*

- R10 Before the completion of any ecosystem planning process in Clayoquot Sound, the Nuu-Chah-Nulth of the area (Ahousaht) within the planning is undertaken must be given the opportunity to identify, locate, and evaluate culturally important sites and areas.
- R11 The Heritage Conservation Branch typology (section 4.2.2) for classification of culturally important sites (“traditional use sites”) should be used with the categories of “Traditional Land Management Sites” and “Education and Training Sites” to be added to the categories delineated in this typology.
- R12 The determination of culturally important areas will include sites whose significance and existence are communicated by oral traditions as well as those established by physical and written evidence.
- R13 Culturally important areas identified as significant by Nuu-Chah-Nulth must be protected using methods appropriate to the area and to the use. For example, a buffer zone may be used to protect a culturally modified tree.

The Ahousaht, after consultation with Ahousaht *Hawiih* (Hereditary Chiefs), Elders, leadership, membership and staff, developed a categorization system and consultation process designed to protect areas of cultural significance to the Ahousaht, located within the Ahousaht *Hahuulhi* (traditional territory) that does not designate an area as a “reserve” - the Ahousaht 2001 Annual General Assembly ratified the term: “culturally significant to Ahousaht”, to identify areas of cultural significance to the Ahousaht, instead of the government’s “reserve” designation. The categorization system and consultation process are framed by the two concepts: *Hahuulhi* and *hishuk ish ts’awalk*.

Hishuk ish ts’awalk “everything is one,” embodies the sacredness and respect for all life forms and their approach to resource stewardship.¹¹

Hahuulhi, the Nuu-chah-nulth system for hereditary ownership and control of traditional territories, represents a long history of resource use and management in Clayoquot Sound, and provides for a basis for Nuu-chah-nulth participation in co-managing the area and its resources.¹² Prior to the arrival of Europeans in Clayoquot Sound, the Nuu-Chah-Nulth exercised plenary authority over their own territories.

¹¹ Report 3, page vii, First Nations’ Perspectives, The Scientific Panel

¹² *ibid.*

All the lands, waterways, shorelines, and offshore islands and waters, even relatively remote areas far inland (e.g. The Ursus Valley, Port Alberni Valley, and Gold River area), fell under this system of ownership, control and resource use called *Hahuulhi* ("private ownership").¹³ The boundaries of the various resource use sites owned by individual chiefs were known to all, and were formally recounted and reinforced many times through Nuu-Chah-Nulth oral traditions during feasts and other cultural gatherings.

Also, we know our boundary lines....These boundary lines we can show on a chart, with the old and the new boundary lines, which can tell you that these boundary lines are very important in the same way that the government is with their boundary lines with the U.S.A. and Canada....All along the Nuu-Chah-Nulth, the whole west of Vancouver Island, had their own territories.¹⁴

The Ahousaht's 2001 Annual General Assembly determined that designating areas of cultural significance to Ahousaht as "reserves" would not be consistent with traditional knowledge: *Hahuulhi* or *hishuk ish ts'awalk*. Areas of cultural significance to Ahousaht are to be identified as "culturally significant to Ahousaht". The designation "culturally significant to Ahousaht" would indicate to the Ahousaht, the government and other interested parties that the Ahousaht consultation process must be engaged, in order to initiate any development proposal. A designation of "culturally significant to Ahousaht" identifies the area to be of cultural significance to the Ahousaht in the context of cultural use: sacredness, sensitiveness, historical relevance, for current and/or future use.

The categorization system and consultation process provides for a secure management protocol that protects sensitive details of each area of cultural significance. Detailed Ahousaht maps and associated files include confidential information on: ownership; historical, current and future use; sacredness of an area; and other significant cultural values. Nine categories have been utilized to ensure clarity and certainty of the confidential information chronicled.

The Ahousaht consultation process is consistent with the spirit of the recommendations as set out in the Scientific Panel's Report 3 and 5 - specific to First Nations interests, the recommendations ratified by the Ahousaht 2001 Annual General Assembly, and interests in timely development.

¹³ Drucker 1951; Ellis and Swan 1981; Haiyupis 1988c, 1992; Bouchard and Kennedy 1990; Sam 1993b

¹⁴ Sam 1993b:6

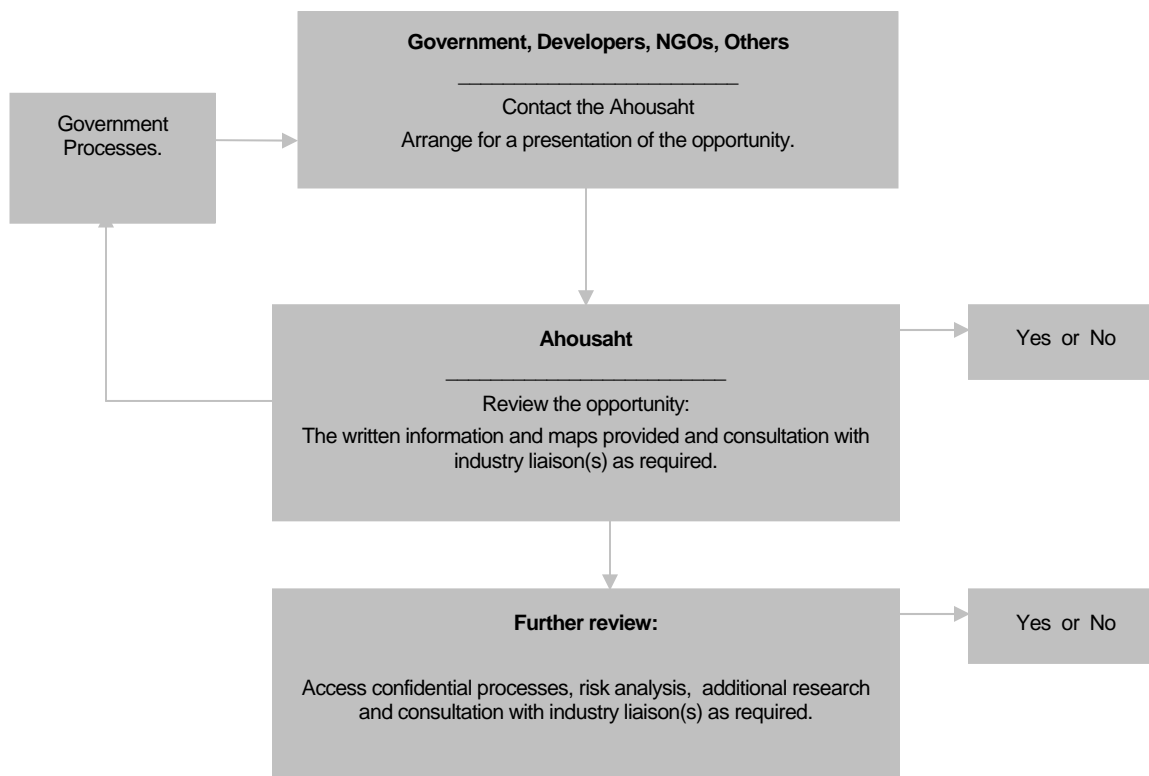
- During sub regional planning, Nuu-Chah-Nulth *Hahuulhi* areas should be mapped (by the Nuu-Chah-Nulth) and the role of *Hahuulhi* in planning identified. At this planning level, make decisions regarding appropriate levels of protection for culturally important areas that extend across watershed boundaries. Identify such areas and initiate preliminary planning to outline watershed-level management actions to sustain values in these areas. Include participation of Nuu-Chah-Nulth Nations in all planning activities. (Page 165, Scientific Panel's Report 5)
- Harvesting is permitted only outside reserve areas which are intended to maintain long-term ecosystem integrity in the watershed, to protect First Nations' cultural important areas, and to protect recreational and scenic values. (page 166, Scientific Panel's Report 5).
- R7 - In consultation with the co-chairs of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council, *hahuulhi*, the traditional system for ecosystem management, must be recognized in ecosystem co-management process of Clayoquot Sound. *Hahuulhi* will be used in determining ecosystem management within the traditional boundary lines. (page 51, Scientific Panel Report 3, 1995)

The Ahousaht consultation process impacts:

- Areas within the *Hahuulhi* of the Ahousaht *Hawiih* that have been designated as "culturally significant to Ahousaht" and those that have yet to be identified;
- Territory located outside of the areas designated as "culturally significant to Ahousaht", and within the *Hahuulhi* of the Ahousaht *Hawiih*.
- Developers who are interested in accessing, for development purposes, the *Hahuulhi* of the Ahousaht *Hawiih* would engage the Ahousaht consultation protocol:¹⁵

¹⁵ Note: The Ahousaht consultation process does not at this time, impact trap lines or lands owned privately by members of the Ahousaht.

Figure 2.1: Ahousaht Consultation Protocol



The Ahousaht Culturally Significant Areas Mapping Project produced the required outcomes for the watershed planning units in Clayoquot Sound which lie within the *Hahuulhi* (traditional territory) of the Ahousaht *Hawiih*. One outcome, that was not required, but is worthy of mention is that the participating youth recognize that traditional knowledge: *Hahuulhi*, is still very much alive and apart of every day life. It has also been noted that information pertaining to the significance of an area continues to emerge. Therefore, the consultation, mapping and inventory processes must be flexible, adaptive to change and to new information disclosed over time.

The Ahousaht's 2001 Annual General Assembly ratified a motion to not use the term "reserve" to protect areas of "cultural significance to Ahousaht". The classification, "cultural significance to Ahousaht" is consistent with traditional knowledge and the spirit of the recommendations as set out in the Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound, Report 3 and 5.

To realize the full spirit of the recommendations presented in the Scientific Panel's Report 3 and 5, and those provided by *Hawiih*

(Hereditary Chiefs), Elders, leadership, membership and staff the Ahousaht are proposing that the remaining watershed planning units located within the Ahousaht *Hahuulhi* be documented utilizing a similar methodology. Time is of the essence in the completion of this work as many of the Elders who are holders of this significant information may not be able to pass it on as time catches up.

Culturally Significant Areas in the Hesquiaht Planning Unit

The Hesquiaht First Nation identified 8,642 ha in watersheds of high cultural significance, 7,545 ha in watersheds of moderate to high, 4,617 in moderate and 2,837 ha in low cultural significance.

The Ahousaht First Nation identified 2,835 ha of culturally significant areas in the planning unit. Please refer to maps 15(AFN) and 15(HFN) for locations.

2.3.2 Protection of scenic values

Landscape appearance is important both for aesthetic reasons and as an indicator of the health of the forest.

The Scientific Panel acknowledges that “landscape appearance is important to Nuu-chah-nulth, other residents, and visitors to Clayoquot Sound, both for aesthetic reasons and as a potential indicator of the health of the forest resource.”¹⁶ Accordingly, the Panel identified the protection of scenic values as one component of the ecosystem management theme of maintaining human values.

In the Hesquiaht planning unit, the scenic class objectives that have been assigned include scenic class 1 (small-scale alteration); scenic class 2 (minimal alteration); and scenic class 3 (natural-appearing). These scenic classes have been applied to ensure that areas of especially high scenic value receive the greatest level of protection. In addition to assigning visually sensitive areas to the above scenic class objectives, many unaltered areas with the highest visual values are located within provincial parks or placed within reserves identified for other resource values, and are thus provided the highest level of protection.

Scenic values are protected by management standards rather than through reserves.

As noted above, while reserves have not been established specifically for scenic values, many areas with identified scenic values have been preserved within existing parks and reserves for other values. Scenic values that are located within the harvestable areas in the Hesquiaht planning unit are maintained through management criteria designed to achieve scenic class objectives and standards (see Volume 1 for these management criteria).

¹⁶ Report 5, p. 40

Table 2.2 presents the breakdown of area within each scenic class in the visible portion of the Hesquiaht planning unit, both within reserves and within the harvestable area.

Table 2.2 Hesquiaht - scenic classes by area

Scenic Class	Reserves	Harvestable Area	Total* ha
Natural - Appearing	829	11	841
Minimal Alteration	332	575	917
Small-Scale Alteration	2087	4294	6440
TOTAL	3248	4880	8198

* Total Ha may include scenic class areas that are not located in reserves or harvestable areas

Areas comprising 34 percent of the Hesquiaht unit have been assigned scenic class objectives.

In total 8,198 ha or 34 percent of the planning unit have been assigned scenic class objectives. Of these, 3,248 ha (39 percent) are located within parks and reserves.

The portion of scenic area in Hesquiaht that is located within the harvestable area will be managed in accordance with the assigned scenic class objective. Timber harvesting and road building operations within these scenic areas will be guided by the management criteria presented in Volume 1.

The remaining landscape is not classified because it is largely not visible from communities, recreation sites, and travel corridors. Any future development in these non-visible areas will take place according to Scientific Panel recommendations. In the case of future timber harvesting, variable retention silvicultural systems will be employed in all areas, visible and non-visible.

Map 16 shows the location of the various scenic class objectives in the Hesquiaht planning unit.

2.3.3 Reserves to protect recreation and tourism values

Protection of areas with significant recreation and tourism values at the watershed level forms part of the Scientific Panel's strategy to maintain the human values associated with the Clayoquot Sound ecosystem.

Hesquiaht Peninsula Provincial Park covers a good part of the peninsula and is a significant tourism corridor for coastal hiking, boating and sea kayaking. It is also home to the heritage attraction known as Cougar Annie's Garden. The park covers 7,899 ha, of which 6,689 ha are upland and 1,210 ha are foreshore area. Maquinna Marine Provincial Park extends along the east side of Hesquiaht Harbour and is

well known for its natural hot mineral spring pools. The portion of the park within this watershed planning unit encompasses a significant wilderness area known for coastal hiking, wilderness camping, sea kayaking and wildlife viewing. Maquinna park is 2,667 ha in size, of which 1,269 are upland and 1,398 foreshore area. Hesquiaht Lake Provincial Park is a small, remote and difficult to access park on the east side of the lake. It protects mature forests of western hemlock, western redcedar and lodgepole pine, and offers opportunities for nature appreciation and backcountry lake fishing. The park covers 62 ha.

Recreation and tourism features in this planning unit outside the provincial parks include the shorelines of the larger lakes, particularly Hesquiaht, Kanim, Village and Rea Lakes.

Approximately 1,144 ha containing features of high to very high recreation significance have been reserved. These areas are located primarily around lakes and marine shores. This represents 5 percent of the total land base of the Hesquiaht planning unit. This reserve layer overlaps almost entirely with the hydriparian reserve layer.

2.4 Summary: The Hesquiaht Watershed Reserve Network

The watershed reserves identified for the Hesquiaht Unit are a cornerstone of the Scientific Panel's framework for sustainable ecosystem management. They are designed to maintain watershed integrity, key components of biological diversity, First Nations' cultural values, and scenic and recreational values and opportunities.

As described in Volume 1, six of the nine different reserve types identified for the Hesquiaht planning unit are reserves in a strict sense; that is, forest harvesting is prohibited under normal circumstances (exceptions to this prohibition are described in Section 2.5 of Volume 1).

These strict reserves include those established to protect watershed integrity and biological diversity:

- hydriparian reserves
- reserves for unstable terrain and sensitive soils
- reserves for red and blue-listed species
- reserves to protect forest-interior conditions in late successional forest
- reserves to represent all ecosystems
- reserves to ensure linkages among watershed-level planning areas.

In contrast, many of the areas identified to protect human values – culturally important areas, scenic areas and recreational or tourism values – are included within reserves or special management zones. Most areas associated with these values are not excluded from harvesting; however, certain conditions and requirements must be met before harvesting may proceed. Volume 1, Chapter 3 describes management criteria for special management zones.

A total of 54 percent of the Hesquiaht planning unit has been reserved.

Map 18 shows all the reserves in the Hesquiaht planning unit. A total of 12,940 ha or 54 percent of the planning unit has been reserved. Many of the different reserves overlap and reserve totals and percentages are thus not cumulative. In other words, a given reserve location may be designated for a number of different reasons, and serve a multitude of conservation objectives.

3.0 Sustainable Ecosystem Management in the Hesquiaht Watershed Planning Unit

3.1 Management Criteria for Special Management Zones

Reserves to protect human values are better characterized as special management zones.

The areas in the Hesquiaht planning unit that are identified to protect human values – that is, First Nations’ culturally important areas and areas identified for their scenic, recreational and tourism values - are better characterized as special management zones, rather than strict reserves. These special management zones are generally accessible for forest harvesting, subject to certain limits and conditions designed to preserve the areas’ sensitivities. Only areas of highest significance within these special management zones are excluded from harvesting.

The Scientific Panel also refers to special management zones in the context of hydriparian reserves, specifically in R7.30 and 7.31 relating to lakes.

This section describes the special conditions, considerations and procedures that apply in each special management zone type.

Culturally Important Areas

Special conditions, considerations and procedures apply in special management zones to ensure that sensitive values are maintained.

Areas of cultural significance have been identified within the Hesquiaht planning unit by both the Hesquiaht and Ahousaht First Nations. Consistent with traditional knowledge, culturally important areas are not designated as “reserves”. Rather, the designation “culturally significant” indicates that the First Nations must be engaged in a meaningful way when development is proposed in these areas. Based on the cultural significance and sensitivity of the area in question, the consultation process will determine the compatibility of the development proposal with First Nations rights and interests.

Scenic Areas

Lands representing approximately 34 percent of the planning unit have been classed as scenic areas. 40 percent of these areas are located within parks or reserves for other values, and are therefore excluded from timber harvesting operations. Most of balance is located within the harvestable area. While this area is available for timber harvesting, management activities will be guided by standards and criteria designed to ensure that the applicable scenic class objectives are achieved.

Volume 1 describes the management standards that apply for each scenic class objective in this watershed planning unit. As proposed by the Scientific Panel, the standards are descriptive and qualitative in nature, avoiding quantification of levels of alteration and green-up.

To ensure that the applicable scenic class objectives are achieved, visual landscape design principles will be applied in the development of harvesting proposals. In accordance with Scientific Panel recommendation R6.6, visual impact assessments will be conducted prior to commencement of harvesting operations on all of the most important scenic areas (this includes, at a minimum, all areas within the 'natural appearing' scenic class objective).

For a breakdown of scenic class objectives by area for this planning unit, please refer to section 2.3.2. Map 19 shows the location of scenic areas in relation to the reserve network and the harvestable area.

Recreation and Tourism

Marine and lake shores are protected by reserve buffers of varying widths. Management zones adjacent to these reserves serve to maintain the integrity of the buffers. In the Hesquiaht planning unit, the management zones for recreation and tourism amount to 1,398 ha. Of this 1,052 ha (75 percent) overlaps with the reserve layer and 346 ha (25 percent) occurs within the harvestable areas. Please refer to Volume 1 for a description of reserve and management zones.

Forest practices and the application of the retention system in the management zones need to be designed to ensure the integrity of recreation and tourism values encompassed in the reserves. Many (if not most) recreation and tourism features, settings and opportunities are valued for the visual enjoyment and experience they provide. For this reason, the visual impact of any forest practices must be managed and should remain minor within recreation and tourism management zones. This may be achieved by following the management standards described in Volume 1.

Lakes

The panel recommends that a special management zone be designated around all lakes, adjacent to the hydriparian reserve zone. This special management zone is to extend 20 m beyond the reserve zone, or up to the edge of the hydriparian influence, whichever is greater.

The panel states that the special management zone around lakes may be subject to retention systems of harvest provided it is outside the

hydriparian reserve proper. The management zone will function as a buffer to protect the integrity of the reserve zone next to the lakeshore.

3.2 Management Criteria for Sensitive Sites

Over the years, the TPC consulted a number of experts for assistance with watershed level planning. These experts recognized the limitations inherent in the scale and intensity of watershed-level mapping. Accordingly, some provided recommendations regarding site-level measures that should be undertaken to ensure that sensitive sites are afforded adequate protection prior to and during operational management activities. Site level recommendations were provided to address a variety of sensitive sites and features, including terrain, soils and wildlife habitat.

Terrain and Soils

A team of soils and terrain specialists provided advice to the TPC on unstable terrain and sensitive soil reserves. This team described instances where terrain or ecosystem mapping does not provide sufficiently detailed information to determine whether a terrain or sensitive soils reserve is needed, or where specifically the reserve should be. The team recommends that, in such instances, the resource management decisions be based on site level assessments. See Table 3.2 in Volume 1 for the terrain types or features that should be field assessed, including any site-level management recommendations referenced in the consultation report.

Plants and Wildlife

The Scientific Panel provided recommendations for the protection of sensitive plant and animal species through the designation of reserves at the watershed level, and this watershed plan describes the area and locations of reserves. The Scientific Panel was mindful, however, that protection for many species could often be better implemented at the site level. Consequently, the Panel recommended that more refined information be collected at the site level about plant and animal species considered to be at risk by human activity. The Panel described the biodiversity objective at the site level as confirming the presence or absence of species or habitats that will affect operational management of the site.

In addition to the Scientific Panel recommendations pertaining to site-level information and management requirements for species at risk, further information on accommodating such species at both the watershed and site level can be found in the 2003 TPC report entitled *Clayoquot Sound Watershed Level Planning - Wildlife Habitat Overview*.

3.3 Silviculture, Harvesting and Transportation Systems

The Scientific Panel sets out guidelines for a new silviculture system known as the Variable Retention Silviculture System (VRSS). This system is used in all forestry activities in Clayoquot Sound. The Scientific Panel recommendations also provide guidance to forestry operators with respect to harvesting and transportation systems. For details of these recommendations and their application to ecosystem management in this watershed planning unit, please see Volume 1, Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

3.4 Rate-of-Cut

Rate-of-cut limits protect hydrological integrity. The calculation of rate-of-cut will occur at the site level of planning.

For the purposes of this watershed plan, the Panel's recommendations with respect to rate-of-cut are interpreted as limits imposed on forest development operations in order to protect the hydrological integrity of watersheds. Limits to the rate-of-cut apply to individual watersheds within the Hesquiaht planning unit. Table 3.1 identifies the individual watersheds within this planning unit and sets out the rate-of-cut limits assigned in accordance with the Scientific Panel recommendation R3.1.

Volume 1 describes the methodology used to assign rate-of-cut limits in Clayoquot Sound. Map 21 shows the individual watersheds for this planning unit.

Table 3.1: Rate-of-Cut Limits for Watersheds in the Hesquiaht Planning Unit

Watershed or Map Unit	WS ID	Type	Area (ha)	Does Rate-of-cut Rule Apply?	5 Year Cut (ha)	10 Year Cut (ha)
107	731	Primary Watershed, >=200-500 ha	271	Yes	-	27.1
108	743	Primary Watershed, <200 ha	103	No	No limit	No limit
109	723	Primary Watershed, <200 ha	141	No	No limit	No limit
110 Total		Primary Watershed, >500 ha	1,062	Yes	53.1	-
110	612	Primary - residual area	893	No	-	-
110.1	599	Secondary Watershed, <=500 ha	169	No	-	-
111	591	Primary Watershed, <200 ha	143	No	No limit	No limit
112 Total		Primary Watershed, >500 ha	1,767	Yes	88.3	-
112	399	Primary - residual area	957	No	-	-
112.1	514	Secondary Watershed, <=500 ha	290	No	-	-
112.2	443	Secondary Watershed, <=500 ha	192	No	-	-
112.3	367	Secondary Watershed, <=500 ha	327	No	-	-
113	553	Primary Watershed, <200 ha	177	No	No limit	No limit
114	503	Primary Watershed, >=200-500 ha	304	Yes	-	30.4
115	373	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	565	Yes	28.2	-
116 Total		Primary Watershed, >500 ha	5,672	Yes	283.6	-
116	86	Primary - residual area	1,096	No	-	-
116.1	333	Secondary Watershed, <=500 ha	235	No	-	-
116.2 Total		Secondary Watershed, >500 ha	2,593		129.7	-
116.2	167	Secondary - residual area	521	No	-	-
116.2.1	97	Tertiary Watershed, >500 ha	746	Yes	37.3	-
116.2.2	273	Tertiary Watershed, >500 ha	504	Yes	25.2	-
116.2.3	201	Tertiary Watershed, >500 ha	823	Yes	41.1	-
116.3	25	Secondary Watershed, >500 ha	1,499	Yes	74.9	-
116.4	215	Secondary Watershed, <=500 ha	250	No	-	-
117	216	Primary Watershed, >=200-500 ha	428	Yes	-	42.8
118	285	Primary Watershed, >=200-500 ha	251	Yes	-	25.1
119	330	Primary Watershed, >=200-500 ha	227	Yes	-	22.7
120	250	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	673	Yes	33.7	-
121	360	Primary Watershed, >=200-500 ha	295	Yes	-	29.5
121.A	351	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	685	Yes	34.2	-
122	598	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	775	Yes	38.8	-
123	642	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	1,029	Yes	51.5	-
124	556	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	664	Yes	33.2	-
125	350	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	829	Yes	41.5	-
126	322	Primary Watershed, >=200-500 ha	308	Yes	-	30.8
127	306	Primary Watershed, >=200-500 ha	385	Yes	-	38.5
128	185	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	1,047	Yes	52.4	-
129	116	Primary Watershed, >500 ha	675	Yes	33.7	-

The Ministry of Forests and Range will verify that forest development is consistent with rate-of-cut limits.

It is the forest tenure holder's responsibility to ensure that the amount of development proposed within a given watershed is consistent with the rate-of-cut that applies for that particular watershed. The Ministry of Forests and Range will verify that forest development proposed by licence holders is consistent with applicable rate-of-cut limits.

As described above, rate-of-cut will be determined at the site level in accordance with watershed-level objectives. Rate-of-cut will also be calculated at the management unit level; that is, rate-of-cut limits will be considered along with other factors in the Chief Forester's determination of the AAC for a given tree farm licence or other management unit (or portion thereof) within Clayoquot Sound.

3.5 Restoration

While most Scientific Panel recommendations focus on the implementation of new planning approaches and new forest practices to maintain ecosystem integrity, the Panel also recognizes that past practices have led to some environmental damage and degradation. Recommendation R3.12 calls for the development of restoration plans where forest values have been degraded, with an initial focus on hydriparian areas and large clearcuts.

International Forest Products reports the following restoration efforts completed to the end of 2004: 75.6 km of permanent road deactivation, 200 m of in-stream restoration (main stem) and 28.3 ha of landslide restoration. Future anticipated restoration activities include 15.3 km of road deactivation, 14,000 m of in-stream restoration and 14 ha of riparian restoration, subject to availability of funding and resources.

In addition, the Northwest Ecosystem Institute, in partnership with the Hesquiaht First Nation accomplished 4 km of road deactivation (2 km permanent, 2 km semi-permanent), 6 km of in-stream restoration (2 km side channels, 4 km main stems), and 12 ha riparian restoration. At this point, there are no further restoration activities anticipated by the Institute.

3.6 Summary: Harvestable Area in the Hesquiaht Watershed Planning Unit

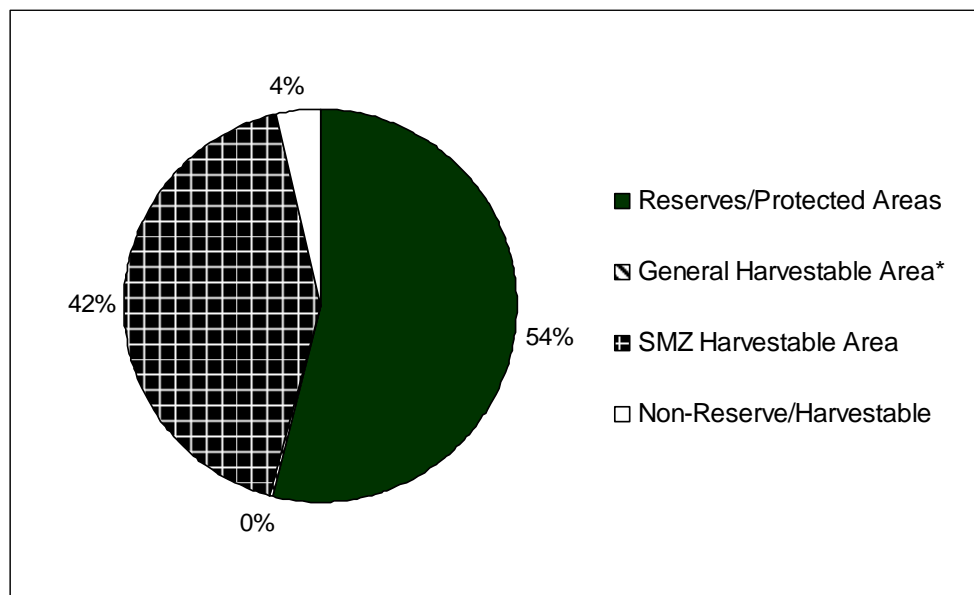
The harvestable area is the area that lies outside designated reserves. Forest harvesting can take place within the harvestable area as long as it is undertaken in a manner consistent with the Scientific Panel recommendations relating to operations, the *Forest Practices Code of*

British Columbia Act, the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the special management considerations described in Volume 1.

Approximately 10,139 ha of the Hesquiaht Watershed planning unit has been designated as harvestable area. Much of the remainder is in reserves.

Special Management Zones including First Nation areas of cultural important comprise approximately 10,104 ha or 99 percent of the harvestable area. Map 20 shows the location of the harvestable area, including Special Management Zones, as well as the reserve network. Figure 3.1 shows the proportion of designated reserves, Special Management Zones and general harvestable area (i.e., without special management zone designation) in the Hesquiaht planning unit.

Figure 3.1 Reserves and Harvestable Area in the Hesquiaht Planning Unit



* Note: The General Harvestable Area is only 0.15% of the total watershed plan area

Appendix 1: Clayoquot Sound Technical Planning Committee

Membership on the Technical Planning Committee changed during the period it took to complete *Watershed Planning in Clayoquot Sound, Volumes 1 to 9*. The following list includes membership throughout this period:

Nelson Keitlah, First Nations Co-chair, Nuuchah-Nulth Tribal Council
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Jackie Godfrey, First Nations Co-chair Alternate, Central Region Chiefs
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Guy Louie, Representative for Ahousaht First Nation

Thomas Martin, Representative for Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations

Simon Tom, former Representative for Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations

Brian Retzer, Provincial Co-chair Alternate, ILMB, MAL

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Dean Fenn, Ministry of Forests Liaison

Peter Verschoor, former Central Region Chiefs Strategic Planning
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Appendix 2: Red- and Blue-listed Plant Communities in Clayoquot Sound*

Rare Plant Communities	Rank	Associated Ecosystem Units		
		BEC unit	Site Series	
Red-Listed			Number	Symbol
<i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i> (Sitka spruce / false lily-of-the valley)	S2	CWHvh1	08	SL
<i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Rubus spectabilis</i> (Sitka spruce / salmonberry)	S2	CWHvm1	09	SS
[<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> – <i>Aster foliaceus</i> (pearly everlasting - leafy aster)]	S2	MHmm1	00	n/a]
[<i>Carex macrocephala</i> (large headed sedge) herbaceous community]	S1S2	CWHvh1	00	n/a]
[<i>Phlox diffusa</i> - <i>Selaginella wallacei</i> (spreading phlox - Wallace's selaginella club moss)]	S2	MHmm1	00	n/a]
[<i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Trisetum canescens</i> (Sitka spruce / tall trisetum grass)]	S2	CWHvh1	09	ST]
Blue-Listed				
<i>Alnus rubra</i> / <i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i> (red alder / false lily-of-the valley)	S3	CWHvh1	10	AL
<i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Eurhynchium oreganum</i> (formerly <i>Kindbergia oregana</i>) (Sitka spruce / Oregon beaked-moss)	S3	CWHvh1	15	SK
<i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Polystichum munitum</i> (Sitka spruce / sword fern)	S3	CWHvh1	17	SW
<i>Thuja plicata</i> / <i>Picea sitchensis</i> - <i>Lysichiton americanus</i> (western redcedar - Sitka spruce / skunk cabbage)	S3	CWHvh1	13	RC
<i>Thuja plicata</i> / <i>Picea sitchensis</i> - <i>Lysichiton americanus</i> (western redcedar - Sitka spruce / skunk cabbage)	S3	CWHvm1	14	RC
<i>Thuja plicata</i> - <i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Polystichum munitum</i> (western redcedar - Sitka spruce / sword fern)	S2S3	CWHvh1	05	RF
<i>Thuja plicata</i> - <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> / <i>Polystichum munitum</i> (western redcedar - western hemlock / sword fern)	S3?	CWHvm1	04	RS
<i>Thuja plicata</i> - <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> / <i>Polystichum munitum</i> (western redcedar - western hemlock / sword fern)	S3?	CWHvm2	04	RS
[<i>Abies amabilis</i> - <i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Oplopanax horridus</i> (amabilis (silver) fir - Sitka spruce / devil's club)]	S3	CWHvm1	08	AD]
[<i>Abies amabilis</i> - <i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Oplopanax horridus</i> (amabilis (silver) fir - Sitka spruce / devil's club)]	S3	CWHvm2	08	AD]
[<i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Calamagrostis nutkaensis</i> (Sitka spruce / Nootka reedgrass)]	S3	CWHvh1	16	SR]
[<i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Carex obnupta</i> (Sitka spruce / slough sedge)]	S3	CWHvh1	18	SE]
[<i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Malus fusca</i> (Sitka spruce / Pacific crab apple)]	S3	CWHvh1	19	SC?]
[<i>Populus balsamifera</i> ssp. <i>trichocarpa</i> / <i>Cornus stolonifera</i> (black cottonwood / red-osier dogwood)]	S3	CWHvm1	10	CD]
[<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> – <i>Picea sitchensis</i> / <i>Rhytidadelphus loreus</i> (western hemlock - Sitka spruce / lanky moss)]	S3	CWHvh1	04	HM]
Yellow-Listed				
<i>Abies amabilis</i> - <i>Thuja plicata</i> / <i>Tiarella trifoliata</i> (amabilis (silver) fir - western redcedar / foamflower)	S3S4	CWHvm2	05	AF
<i>Thuja plicata</i> – <i>Chamaecyparis nootkatensis</i> / <i>Lysichiton americanus</i> (western redcedar - yellow-cedar / skunk cabbage)	S3S4	CWHvm2	11	RC
<i>Tsuga mertensiana</i> – <i>Abies amabilis</i> / <i>Vaccinium alaskaense</i> (mountain hemlock - amabilis (silver) fir / Alaskan blueberry)	S3S4	MHmm1	01	MB

*Source: BC Conservation Data Centre (CDC), November, 2004

Note: Communities found in the Hesquiaht watershed planning unit are shown above in grey shading.

Notes on ranking system:

S1 - Critically Imperiled because of extreme rarity in the province, or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extirpation from the province. Typically, there will be 5 or fewer occurrences or very few remaining individuals (<1,000).

S2 - Imperiled because of rarity (typically 6-20 extant occurrences or few remaining individuals) or because of some factor(s) making it vulnerable to extirpation or extinction.

S2S3 is used to indicate uncertainty about the exact status of a taxon; may fall within S2 or S3 rankings.

S3 - Vulnerable provincially either because very rare and local throughout its range, found only in a restricted range (even if abundant at some locations), or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extinction.

S4 - Apparently Secure is uncommon but not rare, and usually widespread in the nation or province; possible cause of long-term concern; usually more than 100 occurrences and more than 10,000 individuals.

[] - Denotes communities which are not classified as distinct ecosystem units in the TEM data base which supports sub-regional and watershed level planning; these communities may, however, be encountered at the site level of planning

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