

B.C. Indigenous Advisory Council on Agriculture and Food

Strategic Plan Overview | 2024–2027

Vision - Indigenous Peoples and communities across B.C. are nourished through thriving, healthy, and resilient food systems that reflect their distinct rights, values, priorities, and needs while supporting thriving culture and economic revitalization.

Purpose and Approach

IACAF is a collaborative platform for the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food and IACAF members to work together to support the realization of Indigenous Peoples' food security, food sovereignty, and economic development objectives.

Key Actions: Advise the Ministry, collaborate, engage, identify and inform key actions and priorities

Guiding Values

IACAF is guided by Indigenous values of balance and co-management with everything that lives and breathes. These values are integral to IACAF's work and are expressed through the following core principles:

St'akmen (St'Át'imc) – The way of being where everything has life and is respected, and where reciprocity is valued and practiced in all aspects of life.

Na'tsa'maht (Hul'q'qmi'num) – Working together as one, with one heart



?iisaak (Nuuchahnulth) – Value and natural law that keeps us in good reciprocity with each other and everything that lives and breathes

Core values: Mutual learning, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Integrity, Excellence



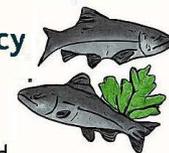
2024–2027 Strategic Priorities

Strategic Priority 1: Champion ongoing economic revitalization, investment and funding of Indigenous food systems



Investing in Indigenous food systems is essential to advancing reconciliation, strengthening community resilience, and fostering sustainable economic revitalization that honours Indigenous rights, knowledge, and leadership in agriculture and food.

Strategic Priority 2: Address policy gaps impacting access to traditional foods



Addressing policy gaps is essential to uphold Indigenous rights to access and steward traditional foods and remove systemic barrier that hinder cultural practices, food sovereignty, and community well-being.

Strategic Priority 3: Promote awareness, education and engagement related to Indigenous food systems



Promoting awareness, education, and engagement is vital to fostering mutual understanding, supporting intergenerational knowledge sharing, and building inclusive food systems that reflect and respect Indigenous cultures and contributions.