

## WSÁNEĆ Marine Use Plan Engagement Survey

### What's this about?

The WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council is working on to establish a Marine Use Plan for the WSÁNEĆ people that will help guide us under a unified vision for the marine environment and the WSÁNEĆ way of life. It will help identify appropriate strategies to assert and affirm WSÁNEĆ authority and presence throughout the territory. This is a multi-year (5+) initiative that will identify community goals and priorities to help guide the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council in decision making regarding Douglas Treaty Rights, Aboriginal Rights and title, and appropriate strategies to assert and affirm WSÁNEĆ authority and presence throughout the territory.



The plan is community based, community driven, and will reflect who we are as WSÁNEĆ people with cultural teachings and WSÁNEĆ law embedded. Therefore, we need your input to be involved in participatory decision-making processes regarding issues that directly impact your life and your family's lives for future generation! Please fill out the survey to express your opinions on the future of marine and land use planning for the WSÁNEĆ people.

### What is a Marine Use Plan?

A Marine and Land Use Plan is a tool that communities can use to better plan for their future. The purpose is to make a territory wide marine and land use plan to address some of the issues and concerns community members have on how the land and sea are being used. The Department of Fisheries (DFO) is in the early stages of doing their own regional (Southern Coast of BC) marine spatial plan, and so we need to develop our own community-based plan that identifies community priorities on how we think the marine and lands in the Salish Sea should be used/not used. This way, we can ensure our values are incorporated and that appropriate measures are put into place so that our Douglas Treaty and Indigenous rights are respected.

We have a sacred responsibility to take care of the land of water and so we should have more of a say on what happens in our territory. Developing this marine and land use plan for our territory is a useful tool to help us do that.

Below is a map of the territory the Marine Use Plan would encompass.



Why is this worth your time?

The purpose of this survey is to find out more about your opinions and attitudes regarding some key aspects of the W̱SÁNEĆ Nation. Below is an overview of **all the topics for the W̱SÁNEĆ Marine and Land Use plan. However, this survey will focus on Ocean Current 3:**

- ❖ Ocean Current 1: QOMQOM S,ELTÁLNĒW ṮFU MEQ SÁN (Community Health and Well Being)
- ❖ Current 2: W̱SÁNEĆ SENĆOFEN, SKÁLS, ĆELÁNEN, WUCISTENs (W̱SÁNEĆ language, law, culture, ancestral knowledge and teachings)
- ❖ Current 3: SĆUÁTSET LA,E ṮFE SCULHÁUTW (Capacity building, education and training)
- ❖ Current 4: W̱SÁNEĆ SNIUS E ṮFE ÁLENENEŹ I ṮFE TETÁTEN KÓ (W̱SÁNEĆ Governance and Stewardship Practices for Land and Sea)
- ❖ Current 5: I FÁ,I ĆELÁNEN I ṮFE SKÁLS ŁTE (Douglas Treaty, Indigenous Rights and title)
  - Subcurrent 1: Jurisdiction Issues - QENAL EL SĆÁ (Access management), ŁEQŚÁN EL SĆÁ (Commercial Fisheries), QENSTIN EL SĆÁ (Monitoring and Enforcement)
- ❖ Current 6: ĆÁ,I TW ṮFE TENĒW ŁTE I ÍY,NONETs ṮFE WILNĒW (Economic Development includes subtopics: Recreation and (Eco)Tourism)
- ❖ **Current 7: EWES ŚĆÍ,U ŚÍSEJ I ṮFE ṮI SNELNÁNET ĆSE LA,E ṮFE TENĒW (Resources and extractive industries including shipping and vessel traffic)**
  - Sub Current 1: FÁ,I ṮFE ĆELÁNEN E ṮFE ÁLEN,ENEŹ (Food Sovereignty and Security)
  - **Sub Current 2: QÁSET ṮFE TENĒW SĆÁŹEL I ṮFE ÍY,NONET TÁU,NĒN (Climate change and alternative energy)**
  - Sub Current 3: NENSET S,JOŃEL I TWĒ KELILETEW ṮFE TENĒW (Cumulative effects assessment)
- ❖ Current 8: HIŹ LE ĆELÁNEN I ṮFE SELWÁN ŁTE (Archaeological and heritage)

Your participation will help us identify concerns and opinions for the new Marine and Use Plan to make it culturally relevant, realistic and achievable, and promote an environment of mutual respect, sharing, community pride, and confidentiality.<sup>1</sup>

Instructions:

The Survey will consist of 4 informational questions (to send out gift cards) and 12 questions regarding climate change, most of which will be open ended for you to provide further choices/comments. The approximate time to complete the survey is estimated to be about 15-20 minutes. To encourage you to complete the survey, you will be compensated for your time with a \$50 gift card.

Your opinions are important to us, so please return your survey **no later than May 31, 2024**. There are several options for you to complete the survey:

1. Please visit the W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council website (<https://wsanec.com/share-your-thoughts-to-receive-a-50-gift-card/>) to download and print a paper copy of the survey and return to the W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council office or scan and email to [shauna.johnson@wsanec.com](mailto:shauna.johnson@wsanec.com);
2. Follow the link on the W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council website or the QR code on the delivered poster/paper copy to complete the survey online;



Please contact Shauna if you have any other questions via email ([shauna.johnson@wsanec.com](mailto:shauna.johnson@wsanec.com)).

HÍSWKE SIÁM for your participation!

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<sup>1</sup> The information will be confidential and anonymous. The surveys will be numbered with no personal identifiers attached to your name to protect confidentiality of survey participants.

## Survey Questions – Climate Change and Alternative Energy

1. This survey is for members of the W̱SÁNEĆ community. Please tell us which W̱SÁNEĆ community you belong to:

- Tsawout
- Tsartlip
- Tseycum
- Pauquachin
- Other relative Nation (Lummi, Semiahmoo, etc.)

2. To receive your gift card in the mail, please provide us with your full mailing address.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Region/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you like to be added to future email communications? (limited to invitations to future events, surveys and "what we heard reports."). ***If no, please skip to question 5.***

Yes

No

4. Please provide us with your full email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What environmental changes have you observed on the land?

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6. What environmental changes have you observed in the water/ocean?

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7. Have you noticed changes in sea level rise? If so, where? And describe how sea level rise has impacted those areas.

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8. What changes have you noticed in species, their habitats, or their behaviors?

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9. What are some ways our communities can combat climate change every day?

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10. What types of alternative energy (solar, wind, tidal/current, geothermal) would you like to see more of in our W̱SÁNEĆ communities?

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11. Have you had any health problems related to air or water quality due to climate change? If yes, please describe

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12. Have you seen any changes in how sediment moves, or erosion occurs? If so, where?

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13. Do you worry about having clean drinking water or the future quality of water (due to climate change impacts, like droughts)?

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14. Is your household ready for emergencies like earthquakes, floods, and droughts? Can you survive without electricity, running water, and heat for 3-4 days?

*Please circle the appropriate number on the scale that describes your household preparations for emergencies.*

| 1                   | 2 | 3                        | 4 | 5                     |
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| Not prepared at all |   | We are somewhat prepared |   | We are fully prepared |

15. If WLC were to host events related to climate change, what topics would you be most interested in learning about?

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16. Do you have any other thoughts you would like to share with us about climate change?

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