

FIRST NATIONS DIALOGUE

ON MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

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Quality Inn conference center, 157 Water Street, Campbellton (NB) E3N 3H2
Room A

Atlantic time

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| 9:45 AM | Arrival of the participants | |
| 10:00 AM | Opening ceremony | |
| 10:10 AM | Welcoming word | Chief Scott Martin, Listuguj First Nation |
| 10:15 AM | Introduction word | Mylène Clavreul, First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute Patrick Nadeau, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Quebec chapter |
| 10:20 AM | Contextualization | <i>To be confirmed</i> , Migmawei Mawiomi Secretariat Victoria LaBillois, Gespe'gewaq Mi'gmaq Resource Council Catherine Lambert Koizumi, Mi'kmaq Maliseet Aboriginal Fisheries Management Association |
| 10:35 AM | Participants introduction | |
| 10:45 AM | Break | |
| 10:50 AM | Presentation - What is a MPA ? | Patrick Nadeau, SNAP Québec |
| 11:15 AM | Discussions | Facilitated by FNQLSDI |
| 11:30 AM | Break | |
| 11:35 AM | Presentation - Impacts and benefits of MPAs networks on fisheries | Sabine Jessen, CPAWS |
| 12:10 PM | Discussions | Facilitated by FNQLSDI |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch break Brasserie 1026 - 157 Water St | |
| 12:00 PM | Presentation - Haida perspective on MPAs | Chief Russ Jones, Haida Nation |
| 2:35 PM | Discussions | Facilitated by FNQLSDI |
| 2:50 PM | Break | |
| 3:00 PM | Discussions about DFO's MPA network strategy for the Gulfe of St Lawrence | Facilitated by FNQLSDI |
| 3:45 PM | Closing words | |
| 4:00 PM | End of the workshop | |

CONCILIATING FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION

The Gulf of Saint Lawrence and its Estuary are an exceptional marine ecosystem. They are home to a rich and fragile biodiversity, including numerous endangered species. Take for example salmon - or *Utshas humek*⁸ to the Innu, *Polam* to the Maliseet, *Plamu* to the Mi'gmaq. The Saint Lawrence is used as a migration route by salmon for 111 of the 114 salmon rivers in Quebec.

Crab and lobster industries generate 800 million dollars per year and support almost 10 000 businesses. Commercial fishing activities in the Saint Lawrence also represent a major economic and social aspect for the Innu, the Maliseet and the Mi'gmaq. The Gulf and the Estuary are also at the heart of a dynamic tourist industry and a very strong source of identity for coastal communities and First Nations.

In spite of all this, **the Saint Lawrence and its resources are still clearly under protected and marine protected areas (MPA) are almost inexistent.** Yet, the conservation of the Saint Lawrence marine habitats is essential to the defence of fisheries resources on which these communities depend. How is it possible to conciliate marine conservation and fisheries?

On the Pacific coast, First Nations take an active part in marine conservation and in return profit from the resulting benefits to fisheries. This is the case for the Haida Nation, which was implicated in the creation and the management of MPAs (notably that of the Gwaii Haanas).

While the federal government begins the process of creating a network of MPAs in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute (FNQLSDI) and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) invite you to participate in a **workshop on MPAs with Russ Jones, Haida Chief and manager of marine planning for the Council of the Haida Nation.** By gathering First Nations from one ocean to the other, this meeting aims at initiating a dialogue and sharing experience on marine conservation.



Photos: Sabine Jessen

LECTURERS

RUSS JONES, NANG JINGWAS,

has worked for the Council of the Haida Nation in Haida Gwaii for the past 25 years and manages their marine planning initiative. He is also a Haida hereditary chief and lives in the village of Skidegate. Recent accomplishments have included completion of a Haida Gwaii Marine Plan that proposes a system of marine protected areas within Haida marine territory. The plan was developed by the Haida Nation in partnership with the Province of British Columbia over a period of three years. It was supported by a marine advisory committee and was informed by a comprehensive Haida Marine Traditional Knowledge study. Russ was also involved in developing the Haida Fisheries Program that engages in fisheries management and stewardship activities. In 2004 he participated in a three-person panel that held hearings in First Nation communities and wrote a report for First Nations that outlines a vision for First Nations fisheries allocation and management, *Our Place at the Table: First Nations in the BC Fishery*. He is a past Commissioner of both the Pacific Salmon Commission and the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission. He has also published papers on a variety of topics including Haida marine planning, Haida ethics and values, First Nations and marine protected area policy, co-management of the Haida Gwaii razor clam fishery, abalone stewardship and an ethical analysis of the herring fishery.

SABINE JESSEN

is the National Director of the Oceans Program for the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. Sabine holds a Master's Degree in Geography, specializing in coastal zone management and environmental regulation. She serves on the advisory committee of Gwaii Haanas and has collaborated with the Haida for numerous years. She has also served as an Advisor to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, BC Parks, the British Columbia Commission on Resources and Environment, and the Economic Council of Canada.

PATRICK NADEAU

is director of the Quebec chapter of CPAWS. Trained as a biologist, Patrick focused his Master's degree on Pacific salmon at the University of British Columbia. His interest in conservation led him to collaborate with the Western Philippines University, where he did an evaluation on the effectiveness of a marine protected areas network managed by local communities. As the Administrative Director of CPAWS Quebec, Patrick manages many projects, notably those related to marine conservation.

