



# *Reconciliation & Partnerships Branch*

## *DFO*

Sport Fishing Institute – Annual Policy Conference  
November 27, 2020



# Government of Canada Priorities

*Government will take further steps to bridge vulnerable businesses to the other side of the pandemic by... introducing further support for industries that have been the hardest hit, including travel and tourism, hospitality, and cultural industries*

*The Government will look at continuing to grow Canada's ocean economy to create opportunities for fishers and coastal communities, while advancing reconciliation and conservation objectives.*

*The Government will move forward to introduce legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples before the end of this year.*

*- Speech from the Throne 2020*



# DFO's Mission

*Protect Canada's 3 oceans and waterways, ensuring they remain healthy for future generations and providing economic opportunities to Canadians and coastal communities.*



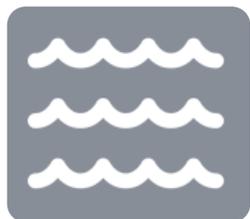
## Sustainably managing fisheries and aquaculture

**Working with fishers, coastal and Indigenous communities to enable their continued prosperity from fish and seafood**

Ensuring that Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are protected from negative impacts

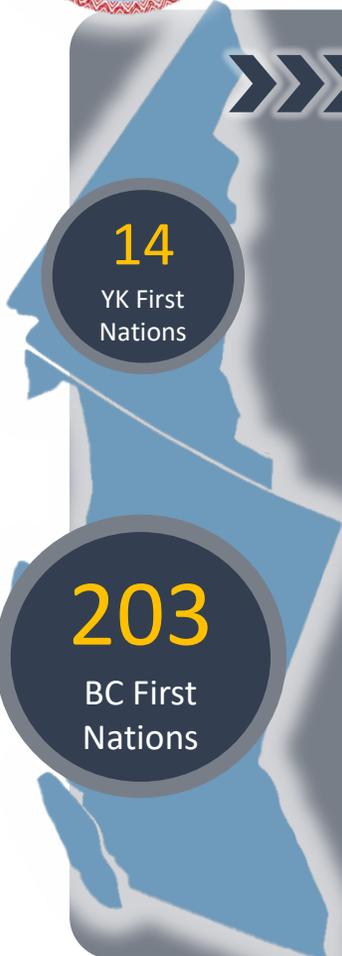
Ensuring commercial vessels and recreational boaters can safely navigate our waters

Being there to save lives and protect our environment when emergencies arise





# Reconciliation & Partnerships at DFO



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YK First Nations

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BC First Nations

## PACIFIC REGION

**APRIL** Creation of the new *Reconciliation and Partnerships (R&P) Branch*

Implementation of five regional *Executive Performance Management Commitments* on Reconciliation

**ACTIVE** *Regional Action Plan* to enhance the capacity of DFO to advance Reconciliation

JUNE 2020

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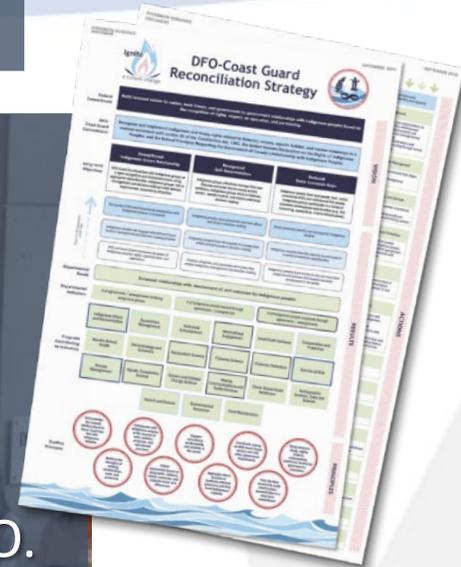
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YK 4 38 Regional Negotiation Tables

## National DFO-CCG Reconciliation Strategy

- Guidance document to better understand why and how reconciliation connects in work at DFO.
- Based on the recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership.



### QUICK LINKS



<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/aboriginal-autochtones/reconciliation-eng.html>



# Reconciliation Agreements Process

## *Access, Allocation and Reconciliation*

- **Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD)** and other Reconciliation negotiations:
  - Based on an approach where Indigenous rights are recognized, CIRNAC leads and coordinates these negotiations with multiple federal departments, including DFO.
  - When the topics being discussed are fisheries and marine matters, DFO takes the lead in coordination with CIRNAC.
- **Fisheries Resources Reconciliation Agreements:**
  - DFO also negotiates **practical agreements** that are not designed to recognize Indigenous rights, but seek to **advance reconciliation with Indigenous groups** by working out arrangements where they have an enhanced role in collaborative fisheries governance and management, while **still maintaining Ministerial authority** and **providing for a robust and meaningful process for engaging stakeholders**.

### QUICK LINKS



<https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/abor-autooc/treaty-traites-eng.html>

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Reconciliation Agreements Signed in BC

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RIRSD Tables in BC

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Modern Treaty Nations in BC & Yukon

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Negotiation Tables in BC & Yukon



# Reconciliation and Recreational Fishery

## Percy Walkus Hatchery



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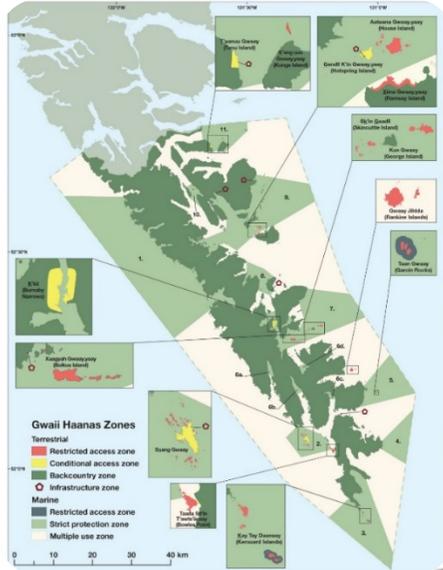
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## VISION 2021

2021 Vision is a positive call to action by a sector that wants to strengthen relationships with Indigenous communities and seek out joint opportunities to promote areas of common cause.



## Salmon Allocation Policy Review



## Gwaii Haanas

### Ongoing:

- West Coast Roundtables
- Development of engagement process with Fisheries Resources Reconciliation Agreement (FRRRA)
- Oceans Marine Planning





# Collaboration



Achieving reconciliation will require strong relationships between the Department and industry, governmental and non-governmental organizations. DFO is committed to supporting the fisheries relationship between stakeholders and Indigenous groups.

<p>\$142.85 Million towards British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF)</p>	<p>Big Bar Landslide 8 First Nations honouring salmon</p>	<p>2020 Management measures to protect SRKW</p>	<p>\$8.3 Million to clean up oceans of "ghost" fishing gear</p>
<p>AAROM - PAGRAO Launch of new AAROM Online Hub</p>	<p>\$469.4 Million: Fish Harvester Benefit and Grant Program</p>	<p>\$50 Million for Indigenous Habitat Participation Program</p>	<p>Salish SEA Initiative CHIEF SEYMOUR TRIBES: VIRTUAL HOST Matthew Louie Salish Sea Initiative virtual First Nation engagement sessions 33 FIRST NATIONS OUR GOALS: SUPPORT CAPACITY, Evaluate impacts \$141 MILLION Provides and operates as a self-government</p>
<p>Big Bar landslide response with Gitksan Watershed Authorities and St'at'imc Eco Resources</p>	<p>\$9 Million to support fish, seafood and aquaculture processors</p>	<p>First Nations Fisheries Council AGM Nov 2019</p>	<p>Our Gathering 2020: #kexwkexwnsttchet #tasqaqipct</p>