



# IISAAKSTAŁ<sup>1</sup>

## AHOUSAHTA HA-HAHOULHLEE LAND & MARINE USE DESIGNATIONS

### Introduction

The following is a description of proposed land use designations for Ahousaht Ha- Hahoulhlee, the homeland of the Ahousaht muschiim.

Overall, this resource management direction will guide management of these designated areas until such time as a management plan is developed for each specific area. Any subsequent management plans will be consistent with the initial resource management direction provided by this plan.

### Management Intent

The management intent for all Ahousaht land use designations is to promote the long-term stewardship of Ahousaht Ha-Hahoulhlee and to provide lasting social and economic benefits for the Ahousaht muschiim and others.

Specifically, these designations are intended to protect Ahousaht cultural and heritage resources, maintain and enhance the Ahousaht way of life, protect and maintain biological diversity and natural environments, and provide community development opportunities for both economic and social well being.

The following sections describe each of these land use designations in more detail.

### TAQWII?AK<sup>2</sup>

**Description:**

Ahousaht Taqwii?ak is a marine and foreshore management designation. These areas are identified for their abundant food fish and intertidal resources and historic access by Ahousaht muschiim.

**Management Intent:**

The management intent for Ahousaht Taqwii?ak areas is to protect, conserve and manage marine and inter-tidal resources to provide for sustained and abundant Ahousaht community food fish harvesting, including shellfish. All other uses are secondary to providing Ahousaht community food fish harvesting. Uses which may negatively impact or undermine Ahousaht community

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<sup>1</sup> Pronounced “ee-sock-stalth”

<sup>2</sup> Pronounced “Tuck-wee-uck”. Means the areas where fish spawn, or the food grows and must be taken care of and cleaned; for example, working a field to prepare to plant a crop. People would clean the sides of the river, similar to weeding a garden. Taking care of areas to prepare them for harvesting, similar to farming.



food fish resources and activities will not be permitted in Ahousaht Taqwii?ak Areas.

**Objectives:**

- Protect & conserve the marine and intertidal ecosystems.
- Protect & enhance Ahousaht access and opportunities for food fish harvesting.
- Enhance Ahousaht role in management of Ahousaht Taqwii?ak Areas and resources.
- Support & enable Ahousaht commercial harvesting.

**Allowable Activities:**

- Ahousaht sustenance and commercial harvesting of food fish resources.
- Low impact commercial and non-commercial recreation & tourism.

**Prohibited Activities:**

- Uses which may negatively impact or undermine Ahousaht community food fish harvesting. This may include finfish aquaculture and shellfish aquaculture.
- Intensive recreation or tourism development (i.e. floating lodges, marinas, docks).
- Log booms, log sorting, commercial forestry (on foreshore).

**MA?AS:<sup>3</sup>**

**AHOUSAHT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS (ACDA)**

**Description:**

Ma?as Areas are areas with existing community settlement or are suitable for community residential or economic development purposes.

**Management Intent:**

The management intent for Ma?as Areas is to enhance Ahousaht community economic development and social infrastructure for the benefit of Ahousaht muschiim. Uses could include but are not limited to: community amenities, housing, institutional development, commercial development, tourism and hospitality.

Community social and economic development, including related infrastructure, will take precedence over other values and uses in Ma?as Areas.

**Objectives:**

- Protect and enhance Ahousaht community well-being, social amenities and services.
- Support and enable community economic development.

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<sup>3</sup> Pronounced “mah-us” and means “place for houses.”



**Allowable Activities:**

- Community infrastructure, including residential development, schools, hospital, office buildings, etc.
- Light industrial development in support of, or consistent with, community economic and social development.
- Run of the river hydro-electric development, consistent with community development needs.
- Intensive tourism and hospitality development (i.e. lodges, resorts, marinas) consistent with community development needs.
- Road and utility infrastructure.

**Prohibited Activities:**

- Industrial development that would undermine community amenities or quality of life.
- Mineral exploration and development.
- Industrial forestry (e.g. clear cutting).

**ŁAAŠŁAAŠA UUĤŪWAL HITAQŁAS:<sup>4</sup>  
AHOUSAHT FOREST MANAGEMENT AREAS (AFMA)**

**Description:**

Łaašłaaša uuĥŭwal hitaqłas Areas are forested areas suitable for commercial forest restoration, enhancement and development by Ahousaht.

**Management Intent:**

The management intent for Łaašłaaša uuĥŭwal hitaqłas Areas is to manage the full range of forest resources (timber and non-timber) to generate long-term social and economic benefits and jobs for Ahousaht muschiim.

Management will strive to achieve a balance of forest restoration, silvicultural enhancement, and timber and non-timber harvesting, within a viable forest operation that emphasizes Ahousaht and local employment.

**Objectives:**

- Manage forests according to ecosystem-based management principles that meet or exceed Clayoquot Sound Scientific Panel recommendations and Clayoquot Sound Watershed Plans.
- Focus on long-term, value-added forest management and development that generates sustainable Ahousaht jobs and local economic benefits.

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<sup>4</sup> Pronounced “Thlaash-thlaash-ah ooh-wathl hit-ack-klas”. Means to “use the forest to high grade selection”; “cherry picking the forest”.



- Protect, and where necessary, restore high value and sensitive ecosystems within the context of an actively managed forest landbase.
- Develop a carbon offset project to capture value of additional carbon sequestered under Ahousaht forest management.
- Manage for timber and non-timber forest products, as well as cultural and sustenance uses.

**Allowable Activities:**

- Forest (timber and non-timber) harvesting and associated road and other infrastructure.
- Forest restoration & value-added silviculture.
- Road access.

**Prohibited Activities:**

- Industrial forestry (e.g. clear cutting).

## **MUULŠIĀ<sup>5</sup> AHOUSAHT SHORELINE AND ISLAND MANAGEMENT AREAS (ASIMA)**

**Description:** Muulšič Areas are sensitive ecosystems with high biodiversity and importance to Ahousaht as food reservoirs. The boundaries extend out to a cast length beyond the low water mark.

**Management Intent:** The management intent for Muulšič Areas is to protect and conserve sensitive marine, terrestrial and intertidal resources and continued opportunities for food harvesting by Ahousaht muschiim. Conservation of resources and continued food harvesting by Ahousaht muschiim will take precedence over all other uses.

**Objectives:**

- Protect and conserve the sensitive marine, terrestrial and intertidal ecosystems and resources.
- Conserve and enhance opportunities for Ahousaht food harvesting.

**Allowable Activities:**

- Conservation and restoration activities.
- Ahousaht commercial and non-commercial food harvesting.
- Low impact tourism and recreation.

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<sup>5</sup> Pronounced “moothl-shikl” and means “getting everything”, for example, going berry picking and getting many different kinds.



**Prohibited Activities:**

- Industrial development, including mineral exploration and development, mining, commercial forestry, and hydro electric development.
- Intensive recreation and tourism development (including lodges, marinas, resorts, etc.)

**HIIŠ SAĀPAT<sup>6</sup>  
AHOUSAHT MARINE HARVEST BAYS (AMHB)**

**Description:** Hiiš saĀpat Bays are geographically distinct ocean embayments that support both traditional food gathering and spiritual communing. These areas need pro-active management and in some instances well planned restoration activities and programs.

**Management Intent:** The management intent for Hiiš saĀpat Bays is to protect and conserve sensitive marine and intertidal resources and provide continued and enhanced opportunities for food harvesting by Ahousaht muschiim. Conservation of marine and intertidal resources and continued food harvesting by Ahousaht muschiim will take precedence over all other uses.

**Objectives:**

- Protect and conserve the sensitive marine and intertidal ecosystems and resources.
- Conserve and enhance opportunities for Ahousaht marine and intertidal food harvesting.

**Allowable Activities:**

- Conservation and restoration activities.
- Ahousaht commercial and non-commercial food harvesting.
- Low impact marine-based tourism and recreation.

**Prohibited Activities:**

- Industrial development.
- Intensive recreation and tourism development (including lodges, marinas, resorts, etc.) may be permissible subject to Ahousaht assessment of impacts on marine and inter-tidal resources.

**WIKLAK<sup>wIIH</sup><sup>7</sup>**

<sup>6</sup> Pronounced “heesh saw pat”. Means and means “getting everything”, for example, going berry picking and getting many different kinds..

<sup>7</sup> Pronounced “wick-lakwee-ah” and means to never mistreat.



## **AHOUSAHT CULTURAL AND NATURAL AREAS (ACNA)**

**Description:** Wiklakwiih Areas are Ahousaht protected areas set aside to conserve biological diversity, natural landscapes and wilderness, and to provide for Ahousaht continued spiritual, cultural and sustenance use.

**Management Intent:** The management intent for Ahousaht Wiklakwiih Areas is to protect and restore natural conditions free of industrial use, to conserve biological diversity and natural conditions and support a range of Ahousaht spiritual, cultural and sustenance uses, as well as other compatible non-industrial uses.

Conservation of biological diversity and Ahousaht sustenance, cultural and spiritual use will take precedence over other uses in Cultural and Natural Areas.

Management emphasis will be placed on maintaining the ecosystems, cultural and recreational resource values and natural features for which the Cultural and Natural Area was established.

### **Objectives:**

- Protect the diversity of natural environments, including wildlife habitat values, riparian and aquatic ecosystems, salmon-bearing watersheds and wilderness quality.
- Protect Ahousaht cultural sites features and landscapes, and maintain opportunities for the practice of Ahousaht way of life, including the following: hunting, trapping and fishing; gathering traditional foods; gathering plants for medicinal and ceremonial purposes; cutting selected trees for ceremonial or artistic purposes; conducting, teaching or demonstrating ceremonies of traditional, spiritual or religious significance; seeking cultural or spiritual inspiration; and constructing and using shelters, such as camps and cabins.
- Assist in providing ecological connectivity within and beyond the Sound.
- Maintain natural conditions for the benefit, recreation, education and enjoyment of present and future generations, including opportunities for hunting, trapping and fishing.
- Enable sustainable economic development activity consistent with Ahousaht social, ceremonial and cultural uses, and where appropriate to the zoning and resource management direction for each designated area.

### **Allowable Activities:**

- Conservation and restoration activities.
- Ahousaht commercial and non-commercial food harvesting.
- Low impact tourism and recreation.
- Locally owned and developed hydroelectric and wind power generation is potentially acceptable within Ahousaht Wiklakwiih Areas, where consistent with the values and resource management direction for the designated area.



- Intensive recreation and tourism development (including lodges, marinas, resorts, etc.) may be acceptable within Ahousaht Wiklakwiih Areas, where consistent with the values and resource management direction for the designated area.
- Develop a carbon offset project to capture value of additional carbon sequestered under Ahousaht Wiklakwiih Areas.

**Prohibited Activities:**

- Logging, mineral exploration and development, hydroelectric or wind power generation and development, oil and gas development, and other similar types of industrial uses are not allowed in Ahousaht Wiklakwiih Areas.

## **IISTATUK<sup>w</sup>AŁ HITAHTA?US<sup>8</sup> AHOUSAHT WATERSHED HEALTH AREAS (AWHA)**

**Description:**

Ahousaht listatuk<sup>w</sup>ał hitahta?us Areas are landscape-scale Ahousaht protected reserves, set aside to conserve biological diversity and natural landscapes, and to provide for Ahousaht continued spiritual, cultural and sustenance use. A primary purpose of these reserves is to protect streams, rivers, and lakes throughout Ahousaht territory.

Boundaries of the listatuk<sup>w</sup>ał hitahta?us Areas correspond to the watershed integrity and biological diversity reserves from the Clayoquot Sound Watershed Plans, where these have been delineated. Additional reserves will need to be mapped in some AFMA and ACDAs.

**Management Intent:** Ahousaht listatuk<sup>w</sup>ał hitahta?us Areas will be managed consistent with the management direction for watershed integrity and biological integrity reserves from the Clayoquot Sound Watershed Plans.

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<sup>8</sup> Pronounced “ees-tat-ukwakl hitah-ta-us” and means coming down from the mountains after what is important (i.e. ceremonies).



## IISAAKSTAŁ DESIGNATIONS

Area	English Name	Acres	Hectares	%
<b>ŁAAŠŁAAŠA UUĤWÁŁ HITAQŁAS</b>				
<b>Ahousaht Forest Management Areas</b>				
1	<b>čitapii</b> (chi-taw-pee)	Cypre River	28,387	11,488
2	<b>Cacuuqĥaca</b> (tsa-tsook-huts-ah)	Atleo River	17,451	7,062
3	<b>łamaayuk<sup>w</sup></b> (thla-mah-yookw)	Stewardson Inlet	5,036	2,038
	AFMA Total	50,874	20,588	12.0
<b>MAŦAS</b>				
<b>Ahousaht Community Development Areas</b>				
1	<b>Maaqtusiis</b> (mawk-tah-sees)	Flores Island	8,275	3,349
2	<b>QuŦušinmitis</b> (ku-ush-in-mit-iss)	Warn Bay	2,154	872
3	<b>UuŦinmitis</b> (oo-in-mit iss)	Bedwell Estuary	2,016	816
4	<b>WaaŦus</b> (wah-oos)	Hecate Bay	1,949	789
5	<b>Muuyahii</b> (mo-yee-a)	Moyeha Bay	1,663	673
6	<b>Ahuus</b> (a-hoos)	Ahous Bay	1,476	597
7	<b>Tanaknit</b> (ton-awk-nit)	Steamer Cove	1,352	547
8	<b>Ŧuupnit</b> (oop-nit)	Hotsprings Cove	1,275	516
9	<b>Pinił</b> (pin-eelth)	Whitepine Cove	1,243	503
10	<b>Kluułpič</b> (kloolth-pitch)	Clothpich	1,045	423
11	<b>ČaŦiiŦah</b> (tsa-ee-ah)	Sidney Estuary	369	149
12	<b>Uhtliiyuu</b> (ut-lee-yoo)	Atleo Delta	120	49
	ACDA Total	22,937	9,282	5.4
	Private Land	2,415	977	0.6
	Indian Reserves	1,452	588	0.3
	Total	422,310	170,903	100
<b>WIKLAK<sup>w</sup>IIĤ</b>		344,632	139,468	81.6
<b>Ahousaht Cultural and Natural Areas</b>				