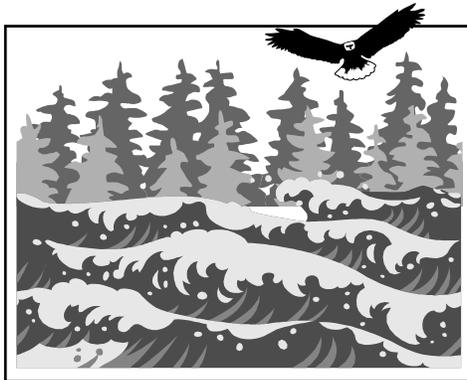




## **CLAYOQUOT SOUND CENTRAL REGION BOARD**

**Public Review of the  
Scientific Panel  
Draft Watershed Reserve Plans for  
Flores, Cypre and Bedingfield Watersheds**



## WATERSHED RESERVE PLANS

The Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound identified the need for an ecosystem-based approach to managing the forest resources in Clayoquot Sound. The objectives of this approach are to (a) maintain watershed integrity; (b) maintain biological diversity; (c) maintain cultural values; (d) maintain scenic, recreational, and tourism values; and (e) be sustainable.

The Scientific Panel recognized that attaining these objectives required a new approach to planning and a comprehensive planning framework. It identified watershed-level planning as the key long-term planning level.

The Parties to the *Interim Measures Extension Agreement* (IMEA) established a **Technical Planning Committee** (TPC) to implement the watershed planning process. Under the direction of the TPC, comprehensive inventories have been collected and watershed reserve plans are being developed.

The watershed reserve plans currently under review are the first in a series of plans developed by TPC in accordance with the principles and recommendations set out by the Scientific Panel to guide sustainable forestry in Clayoquot Sound. The purpose of the plans is to map and designate areas that will be set aside as reserves to protect a range of values. The plans also designate the harvestable areas in which sustainable forest harvesting may take place.

## IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC REVIEW

The Scientific Panel recommended fast-tracking watershed-level planning. The Panel also recommended local and First Nations involvement in the forest planning process. The CRB recognizes the need to provide opportunities for meaningful public input into the further development and completion of the watershed reserve plans.

The public review is designed to engage the broad range of publics interested in the watershed reserve plans. The definition of public will be broad enough to accommodate those who have an interest in forestry activities in Clayoquot Sound.

## PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC REVIEW

The CRB, in cooperation with the TPC, is undertaking a public review of the draft Scientific Panel Watershed Reserve Plans. The public is invited to review and comment on the plans for Flores Island, Cypre and Bedingfield watersheds.

The purpose of the public review is to afford the opportunity for members of the public to provide input in the development of the watershed reserve plans through specific comments to the TPC. The collective results of the public input will also inform the CRB in making its recommendations to the Parties. The focus of the public review will be on the content of the draft watershed reserve plans. The Board will consider this input when developing its own recommendations to the Parties. The Board will also provide the Parties with a report and recommendations on the public review process.

## CRB COMMITMENT TO THE PUBLIC

The CRB will

- ensure that the public has information to properly participate in the review;
- ensure that the public has the time to become informed about the watershed reserve plans
- carefully listen to the ideas, issues and concerns expressed during the review;
- convey input received from the public to the Parties;
- take into account those comments when developing the Board's recommendations and its report;
- report to the public on how their comments and the Board's recommendations influenced the preparation of the final watershed reserve plans.

## QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

The CRB will encourage and focus public comment on the following questions regarding the draft watershed reserve plans based on the watershed-level planning section of the Scientific Panel Report 5:

1. *The Panel's recommendations are based on the precautionary principle; namely, "act cautiously and make subsequent adjustments based on the application of methods tested and found successful in similar environments; support change by diligent monitoring of responses in the Clayoquot environment" (Report 5, p. xi):*
  - Do the watershed reserve plans adequately reflect a precautionary and ecosystem-based approach?

2. *The Panel emphasized that the watershed level “is the key long-term planning level [as] it is within individual watersheds constituting the watershed-level unit that cumulative effects of all land-use activities create stress on ecosystems...To assure ecosystem integrity and protection of biological diversity, adequate reserves must be identified in the watershed planning unit” (Report 5, p. 166):*
  - Do the identified reserves assure ecosystem integrity, protect biological diversity and allow continued natural ecosystem functioning?
3. *The Panel identified primary objectives of watershed-level planning. The objectives at the watershed-level focus on identifying reserves and harvestable areas within watersheds (Report 5, pp. 167-168):*
  - Have the environmental resources, natural processes, and cultural, scenic and recreational values in the planning unit been adequately identified and described? If not, what should be included?
  - Do the reserves contribute significantly to maintaining watershed integrity and the habitats of aquatic and terrestrial organisms and are they sufficient to ensure continuation of those ecosystems?
  - Do the reserves contribute to maintaining areas that have high recreational and/or scenic significance?
  - Will the “harvestable areas” compromise the long-term integrity of the forest ecosystem, use by First Nations, or recreational or scenic values?
  - Do the management objectives for the harvestable areas respect the sensitivities of the resources to harvesting and other development?
  - Have species sensitive to human disturbance been adequately identified?
4. *Other issues:*
  - What are your general comments regarding the watershed reserve plans?
  - What are your comments or suggestions regarding this public review process?

## PUBLIC REVIEW TIMETABLE

<b>Thurs., July 25</b>	Plans presented to CRB
<b>Tues., July 30</b> <b>1<sup>00</sup>-4<sup>30</sup> pm</b>	Information meeting, Ahousaht
<b>Wed., July 31</b> <b>6<sup>00</sup>-9<sup>30</sup> pm</b>	Information meeting, Tin Wis Best Western, Tofino
<b>Tues., Sept. 17</b>	Public Input meeting, Tofino
<b>Wed., Sept. 18</b>	Public Input meeting, Ahousaht
<b>Mon. Sept. 30</b>	Last day for public comment

## CRB BACKGROUND & MISSION

The Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board (CRB) is a joint management board that addresses resource management and land use planning in Clayoquot Sound from an environmental, social and economic perspective. The CRB was established under an Interim Measures Agreement (IMEA) between the Hereditary Chiefs of the Nuu-chah-nulth Central Region and the Province of British Columbia (the Parties). The CRB serves as a link between the BC government, First Nations and other local communities. The Board has the responsibility of reviewing plans produced by any BC agency or ministry empowered to make resource management and land use decisions. The CRB ensures that First Nations and local perspectives are brought to bear in decisions regarding development in Clayoquot Sound. When considering issues, the Board strives to see a broad picture (the Nuu-chah-nulth concept of *Hishuk ish ts'awalk* or "everything is one"). The social, economic and environmental concerns of First Nations and local communities are addressed in the review of proposals, applications, and strategic plans brought to the Board.

The mission of the CRB is to address lands and resources in Clayoquot Sound, prior to the conclusion of a treaty, in a manner that:

- provides opportunities for First Nations and local communities consistent with aboriginal resource uses and heritage;
- conserves resources in Clayoquot Sound and promotes resource use that supports sustainability, economic diversification and ecological integrity;
- encourages dialogue within and between communities and reconciliation of diverse interests.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For further information on the public review process or the activities of the Board, please contact us at the address below or visit our Internet web page at **[www.island.net/~crb](http://www.island.net/~crb)**

The draft watershed reserve plans may be viewed at the CRB's web page. The plans are also available for viewing at the following locations, but please call ahead to confirm viewing opportunities:

### **CRB OFFICE**

1119 Pacific Rim Hwy., Tofino  
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### **RAINFOREST INTERPRETIVE CENTRE**

451 Main St., Tofino  
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### **LONG BEACH MODEL FOREST**

243 Main St., Ucluelet  
726-7263

### **MINISTRY OF FORESTS**

4885 Cherry Creek Road, Port Alberni  
724-9205

### **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

2080 Labieux Road, Nanaimo  
751-3100

### **VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARIES**

Tofino, Ucluelet, Port Alberni

**The CRB has a limited number of paper copies to distribute;  
however, the CRB can make available the draft plans on CD.**

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