Fall 2024 Newsletter from The Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society





Bringing people together in-person from around the region is a rewarding part of our work. The networking, knowledge sharing, effective dialogue, and good food all build relationships that lead to cooperation and collaboration within our biosphere region.

We hear the common concerns regarding affordability, transportation and extreme weather events. In contrast, we also hear of the many actions tackling climate change and biodiversity loss. The West Vancouver Sea to Sky region just voted its first Green Party MLA as an indicator of people's environmental priorities. Our two newly elected MLAs, <u>Randene Neil</u> and <u>Jeremy Valeriote</u>, will serve key roles over the next four years in representing our biosphere region. Congratulations to them both.

Part of our role is to lift up the organizations and the projects aligning with our Unity Plan. Help us to support these projects through charitable giving. Your gift of support would help us help others, including our current donation campaigns outlined below.

We have also been working hard to improve our communications materials in recent months. We recognize that too few people know about the biosphere region. As residents of the region are in this together, the more there is understanding and a striving for a more sustainable, equitable future, the better a place we will all be in. We have assembled a <u>Communications Toolkit</u> and are

immensely proud to share our new video, "The Biodiverse Átl'<u>k</u>a7tsem/Howe Sound."

Enjoy,

Ruth Simons,

Executive Director, Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society

Bringing People Together

Convening people for knowledge sharing, learning, and collaboration kept us busy this fall with the <u>Howe Sound Community Forum</u>, <u>Howe Sound Roundtable</u>, the <u>Howe Sound Conservation Network</u>, and <u>three Intergenerational</u> <u>Conversation events</u> co-hosted with Squamish Climate Youth Corps.









Communicating about the Biosphere



Our <u>new 5-minute</u>, <u>1 minute</u> and <u>30 second</u> videos are for sharing widely.

Coming in 2025, we will launch our Biosphere 101 online course.

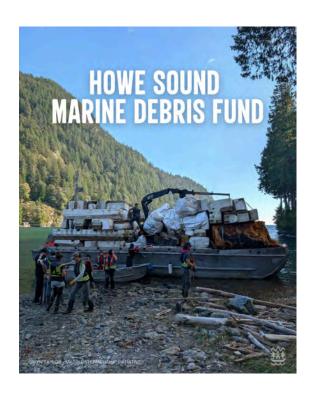
Year-end Charitable Gifts

HSBRIS is now a registered charity.

Your tax-deductible gift will support community projects.

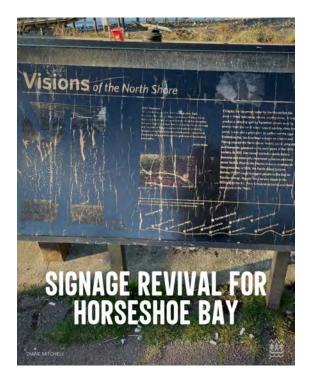
We collaborate with local groups to make your donations go further.





Donate to train more Streamkeepers

Donate to respond to urgent clean ups





Donate for a new sign to share pride of place

Donate to sustain our work bringing people together

What's Happening in the Biosphere



Every Friday <u>we share Good News</u>
<u>Stories from the region</u> on our social media channels. These can make for good dinner conversations.

Read here about Knowing our Fish Creeks in Howe Sound and share some fun facts about all the fish species that call this watershed home. Read here Summarizing our Actions on Ocean Health.

Follow us on our socials to receive current news

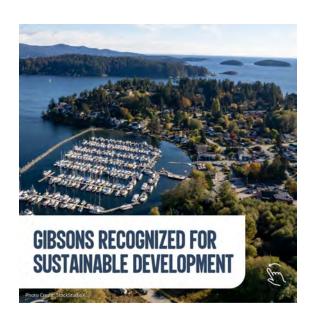




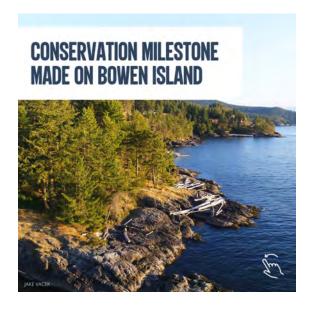


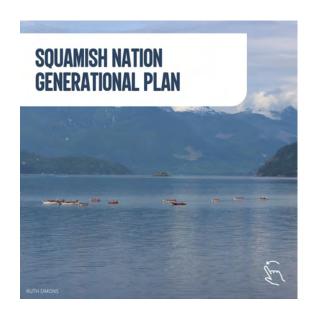












Learn More About Howe Sound



We will co-host a workshop with the Howe Sound Marine Stewardship Initiative on December 12th from 1 to 2 p.m. Our Terrestrial map is a companion to the Marine Stewardship Initiative's Howe Sound Marine Reference Guide. These maps capture publicly available data applicable to the biosphere region.

Register here

Knowledge Sharing - Canadian Biosphere Network



A few of us travelled to the National Gathering in Waterton Lakes Biosphere Reserve in Alberta, where the prairie meets the mountains. We learned how Ranchers steward their lands, manage the presence of Grizzly bears, and how the Blackfoot Nation is working on the return of bison. We enjoyed wonderful hospitality and stories from people who care.

Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Region

Oceanside hosted the BC Biosphere Region gathering. The Snaw-na-as First Nation welcomed us to the territory oceanside at Lantzville. We visited the biosphere's new home in downtown Qualicum Beach, where visitors are welcome, and attended zthe official opening of the new Indigenous Art installation.



Want to get involved?

If you care for this region and are looking to get involved, please get in touch with us.

We are members of the Canadian Biosphere Regions Association













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