

This atlas was produced as a spatial reference document in support of planning processes associated with the Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) Initiative. The PNCIMA Initiative's aim is to ensure a healthy, safe, and prosperous ocean area by engaging all interested parties in the collaborative development and implementation of an integrated oceans management plan for PNCIMA. PNCIMA includes the marine environment extending from the southern area of Johnstone Strait and Brooks Peninsula to the Canadian Exclusive Economic Zone in the north, and west to the base of the continental slope.

The PNCIMA process will address both issue- and place-based management of marine uses and requires that information be represented spatially where possible. This atlas responds to that need by compiling geospatial information contained

within other background reports produced for the PNCIMA process, including reports on an ecosystem overview, a marine use analysis, Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs), and marine environmental quality. This atlas includes maps displaying information relevant to the geographical context, communities, physical oceanography, hydrology, ecology, commercial fisheries, recreation and tourism, aquaculture, energy, forestry, point source pollution and marine transportation in the area.

Maps are presented using a consistent template on the right hand page, while summary text and other graphics are provided on the left hand page facing the map. Though the atlas may be viewed in its entirety as a hard-copy printed document, each map with its associated text also tells a discrete story and stands alone.



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