



**PNCIMA Socio-Economic and Cultural
Valued Ecosystem Components Workshop Draft Agenda**

February 14, 2012 8:30am – 4:30pm
Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC

Workshop Background

The concept and use of Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs) is increasingly being used in a wide range of resource and environmental management applications. VECs describe attributes or components of the natural and human environments for which there is public or professional concern. In the context of Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) planning, they are elements of the area that humans view as significant or valuable. VECs may be ecological, socio-economic, or cultural in nature.

The PNCIMA initiative is currently considering using VECs in order to generate understanding between various parties, develop strategic plans, and establish a monitoring framework.

To date, significant scientific work has been conducted by DFO, the Province of BC, collaborative projects like the BC Marine Conservation Analysis, and others to develop and apply methods for the identification of ecological VECs. A workshop exploring the potential application of these different methods for the identification of ecological VECs in PNCIMA was held on November 30, 2011.

As a complement to the methods available for identifying ecological and biological VECs, DFO is seeking to establish methods for the identification of socio-economic and cultural VECs. Methodologies that can identify socio-economic and cultural VECs according to clear criteria and so that they can be understood in relation to physical places such as an ocean area or coastline are of particular interest, as these are key features of the planned approach to the identification of ecological VECs as well. The focus of this workshop will be on *how* to identify and apply socio-economic and cultural VECs. The actual identification and application of these VECs will be the focus of future work.

Workshop Objectives

1. Build shared understanding of the concept of socio-economic and cultural VECs and how they have been applied to marine planning initiatives elsewhere.
2. Explore how socio-economic and cultural VECs can best be applied within PNCIMA.
3. Review different methods of identifying socio-economic and cultural VECs.
4. Review draft criteria for refining and synthesizing socio-economic and cultural VECs.
5. Identify information that may be relevant to inform a list of potential socio-economic and cultural VECs for PNCIMA.

Workshop Agenda:

Part 1 - Introduction & Background

- 8:30 Plenary Introduction
- Welcome and introductions
 - Housekeeping
 - Agenda review
- 8:45 Background and Context (Presentation by Neil Davis, DFO)
- Overview of PNCIMA Initiative
 - Action to date

Part 2 – Learning from Experience: Applying VECs in Marine Planning Initiatives

- 9:05 Examples of How Socio-Economic and Cultural VECs Have Been Applied in Resource and Ocean Management (Presentation by Andrew Day, Uuma Consulting Ltd.)
- 9:40 Panel Discussion: Applying Socio-Economic and Cultural VECs
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Panel Discussion (Continued)
- 12:00 Lunch

Part 3 – Methods for identifying Socio-Economic and Cultural VECs for PNCIMA

- 1:00 Methods for Identifying Socio-Economic and Cultural VECs (Presentation by Andrew Day, Uuma Consulting Ltd.)
- 1:30 Panel Discussion: Methods for Identifying Socio-Economic and Cultural VECs in PNCIMA
- 2:30 Break Out Groups: Identifying VECs for PNCIMA (Continued)
- Criteria for refining VECs
 - Available information to inform the development of VECs
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Report out on Group Work and Summaries of Discussion
- 4:00 Workshop Summary and Next steps
- How workshop feedback will be used
 - Next steps in PNCIMA initiative
 - Next IOAC meeting dates & theme
- 4:30 Adjourn