



PNCIMA Valued Ecosystem Components Workshop Agenda

Nov 30, 2011, 8:30 – 4:15
Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
3500 Cessna Drive, Vancouver BC

Workshop Background

The PNCIMA planning process will pursue a risk-based approach to the identification of PNCIMA-scale ecosystem priorities that may warrant closer management attention. The first step in this risk based approach is to identify the valued ecosystem components (VECs) that will serve as the base units for risk assessment. VECs may be ecological, socioeconomic, or cultural in nature. Ecological VECs will be the focus of this workshop. A follow-up workshop on socioeconomic and cultural VECs is being explored for the early new year.

Workshop objectives:

1. Build understanding of the concept of VECs.
2. Identify information available that can inform the development of VECs in PNCIMA; review strengths, limitations, and gaps in information available.
3. Review different methods used in the identification of VECs and explore their applicability to PNCIMA planning.
4. Identify lessons learned from other experiences with VECs.

Workshop Agenda:

Part 1 - Introduction & Background

8:30 Plenary introduction (15 min)

- welcome and introductions
- housekeeping
- agenda review

8:45 Background and Context

- VECs & a risk based approach to priority setting for PNCIMA

Part 2 – Presentations on available information relevant to VECs for PNCIMA

9:15 PNCIMA ecosystem overview – status, trends, drivers (Jim Irvine, DFO)

9:45 Methods for identifying valued marine ecosystem features in provincial coastal planning, and lessons learned in their application (Doug Biffard, Province of BC)

10:15 Break



10:30 BC Marine Conservation Analysis – identifying marine areas of high conservation value on the BC coast (Karin Bodtker, BCMCA project team)

11:00 Methods and results from identifying ecologically and biologically significant areas in PNCIMA (Glen Jamieson)

11:30 Lessons learned across Canada in the identification of ecologically and biologically significant areas (Ian Perry / Jim Boutillier, DFO)

12:00 Lunch

Part 3 - Discussion

1:00 Overview of discussion topics & format

1:15 Breakout group discussions – session 1

Two topics:

1. Information

- What other information is available beyond that presented in the morning's presentations that is relevant to the identification of VECs for PNCIMA?
- What are the strengths, limitations, and gaps in the information that has been identified?
- What are some of the lessons learned in the use of this information to inform decision making beyond those outlined in the presentations this morning?

2. Methods

- What is the applicability of different methods for identifying VECs in PNCIMA planning?
- What steps/measures can be taken to incorporate existing information on potential VECs generated by different projects/methods for the purposes of PNCIMA planning?

2:15 Breakout group discussions – session 2

- Swap topics from session 1 to cover the other topic

3:15 Break

3:30 Workshop summary - reporting out in plenary

4:00 Next steps

- How workshop feedback will be used
- Socio-economic VECs workshop preview
- Next IOAC meeting dates & theme

4:15 Adjourn