



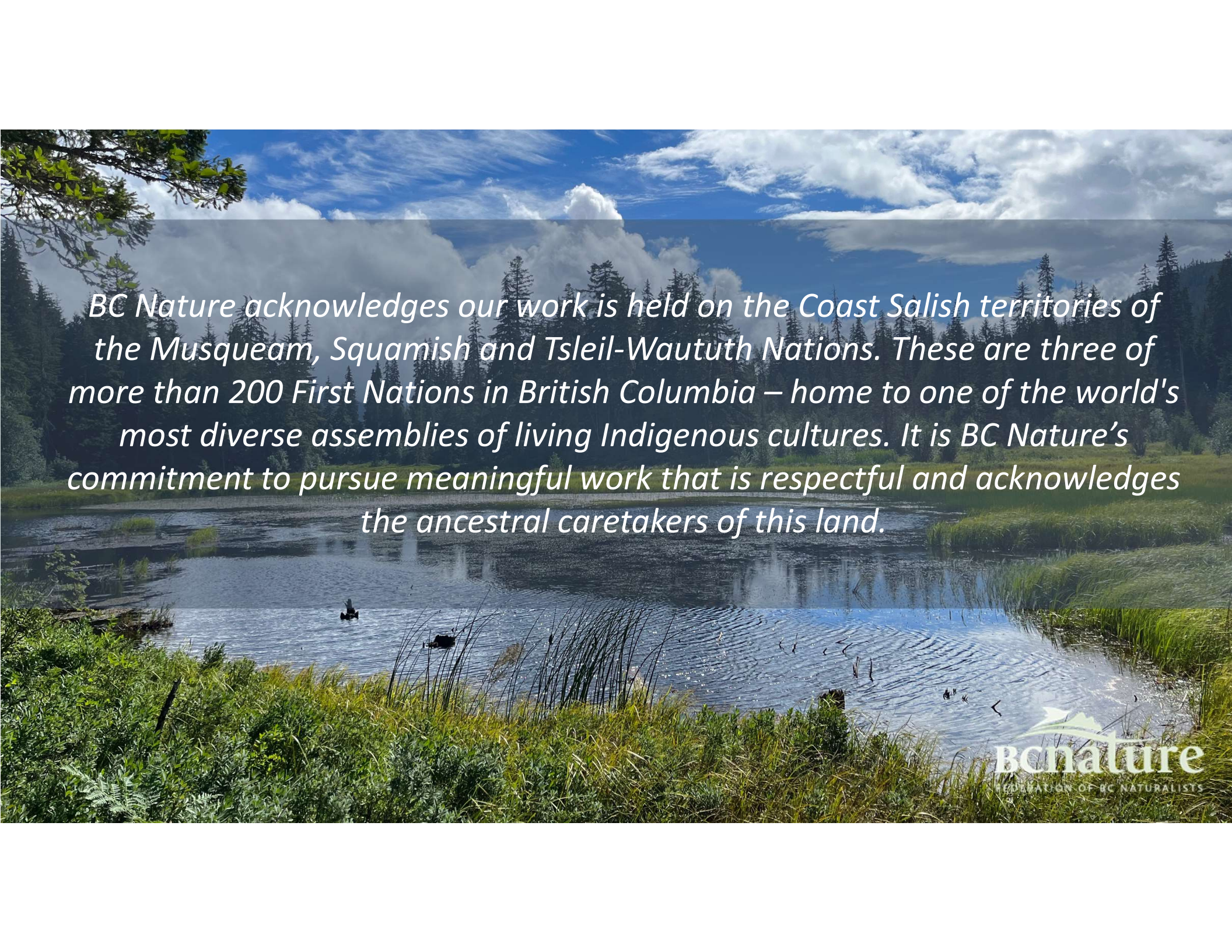
MUNICIPAL PROTECTED AREAS PROJECT

Municipality of North Cowichan
Committee of the Whole

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BC Nature acknowledges our work is held on the Coast Salish territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. These are three of more than 200 First Nations in British Columbia – home to one of the world's most diverse assemblies of living Indigenous cultures. It is BC Nature's commitment to pursue meaningful work that is respectful and acknowledges the ancestral caretakers of this land.



**“Know Nature And Keep It
Worth Knowing”**

BC Nature is a federation of
local nature clubs, representing
more than 56 local nature clubs
throughout BC





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“Protected places, species and spaces must exist everywhere; they are not out there, but must be part of human life everywhere” – Ann Dale in Edging Forward: Sustainable Community Development



Conservation Targets Importance of Local Governments

- Participation by all levels of government is integral to achieving Canada’s 30 x 30 commitment
- Municipal natural areas are home to rich biological diversity
- Municipal natural areas play a critical role in local adaptation to climate change
- Municipal protected natural areas are under-reported in Canada

Why Should Municipalities Participate in MPAP?

“Having our regional parks system included in Canada’s Protected and Conserved Areas Database recognizes our ongoing conservation efforts and the confidence that regional residents have placed in the Capital Regional District to sustain and grow our regional parks system over the years” - Colin Plant, Board Chair, Capital Regional District

Mount Wells
Regional Park

- Raises the profile of municipalities work
- Municipalities can operationalize global biodiversity goals
- Validates municipalities conservation policies and approaches
- Builds collaboration between municipalities and local conservation organizations
- Ensures municipalities are well positioned to seek future support and resources for conserved areas

Which Municipal Lands Qualify?

Natural areas can be added to the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database (CPCAD) if they:



Have clearly defined geographical boundaries.



Achieve in-situ conservation of biodiversity.



Prohibit actions incompatible with conservation.

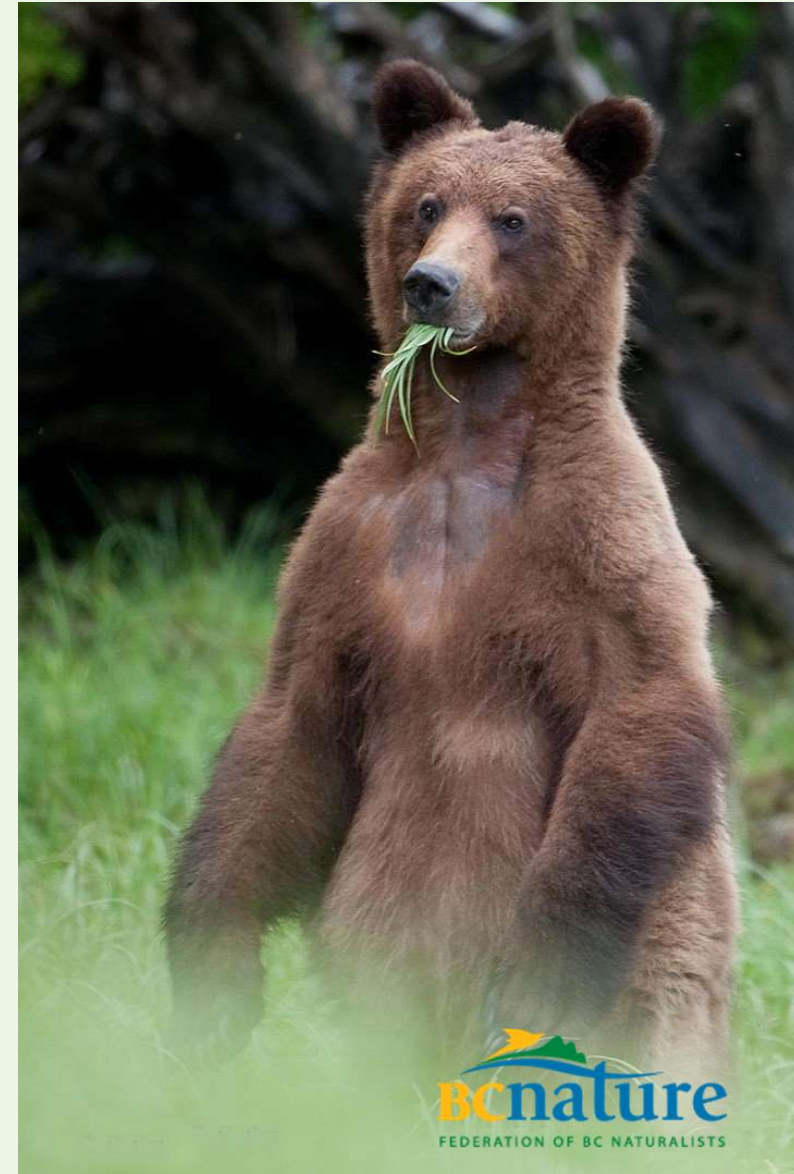


Are intended to be protected into perpetuity.

What does BC Nature Bring to the Table?

We can:

- Assess municipal lands for registry with Federal Government
- Undertake the registry process
- Engage with local clubs to promote and generate excitement about the conservation
- Provide information to municipal staff for the protection of lands
- Identify opportunities for new lands to be conserved and protected



Our Request

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The Municipality of North Cowichan engage with BC Nature in the assessment of municipal owned protected areas for CPCAD and register eligible areas.





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Thank you!



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