



# OVERVIEW OF FISHERIES BENEFITS WITH TREATY

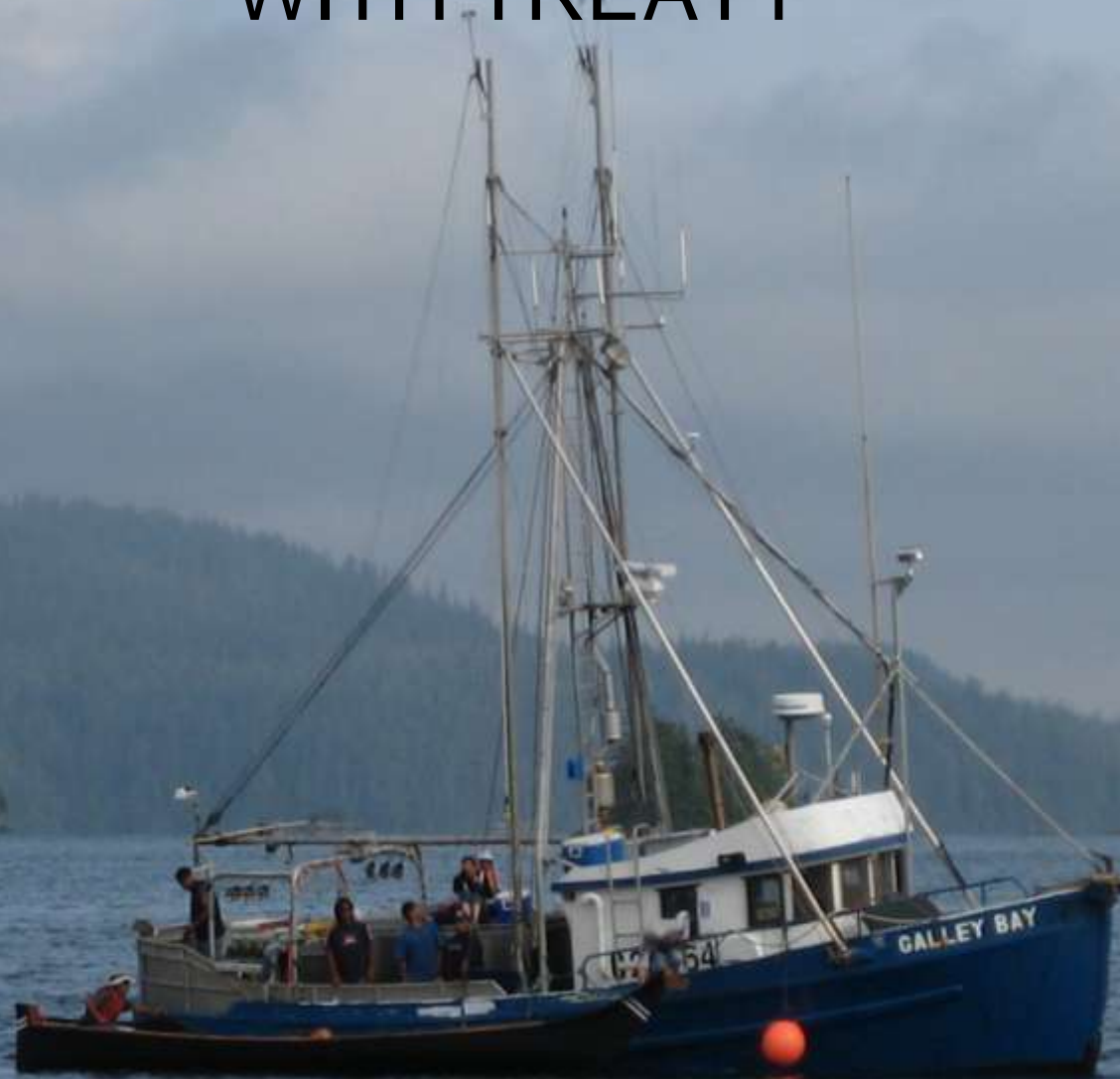
## THE FIRST NATIONS OF MAA-NULTH TREATY SOCIETY

Huu-ay-aht First Nation | Ka:'yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations

Toquaht Nation | Uchucklesaht Tribe | Ucluelet First Nation



# OVERVIEW OF FISHERIES BENEFITS WITH TREATY



# FISHERIES

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- Domestic Fishing Right
- Commercial Fishing
- Aquaculture Tenures
- Fish Management
- Stewardship and Enhancement



# FISHERIES – Domestic Fishing Right

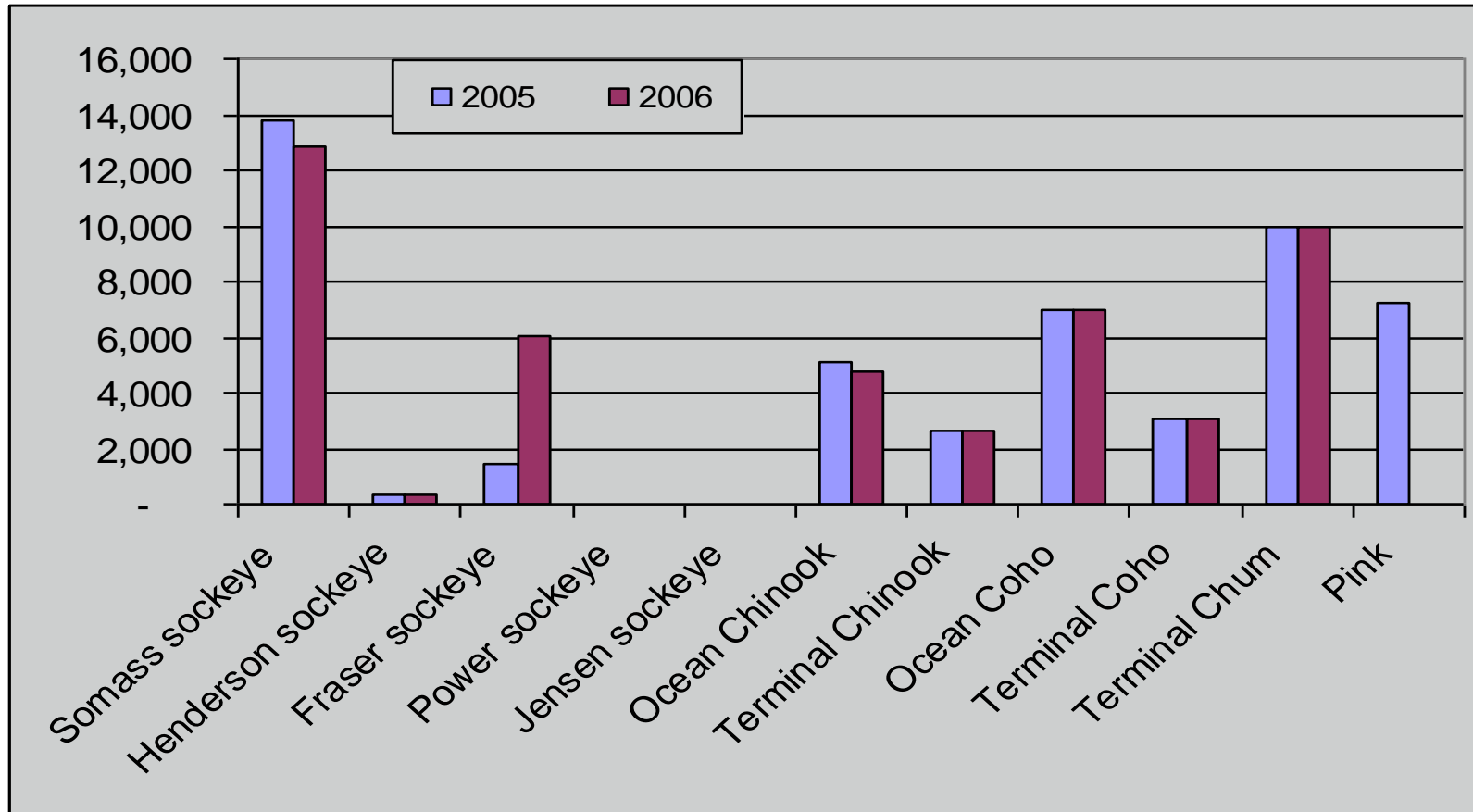
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- Maa-nulth Fishing Right for Food, Social and Ceremonial – a protected Treaty Right subject only to conservation, health and safety
- Specific allocations for wide diversity of species
  - Abundance-based (most salmon, halibut, rockfish, and sablefish)
  - Fixed amounts (Ocean coho, pinks, herring, groundfish)
  - Exclusive beaches (intertidal bivalves)
- All other species remain unallocated
  - E.g. crab, prawn, urchins, mussels, chitons, barnacles, seaweeds
- Potential for harvests of surplus salmon in terminal areas



# FISHERIES – Salmon Allocations

Maa-nulth allocation in pieces if Treaty were in effect in 2005 and 2006



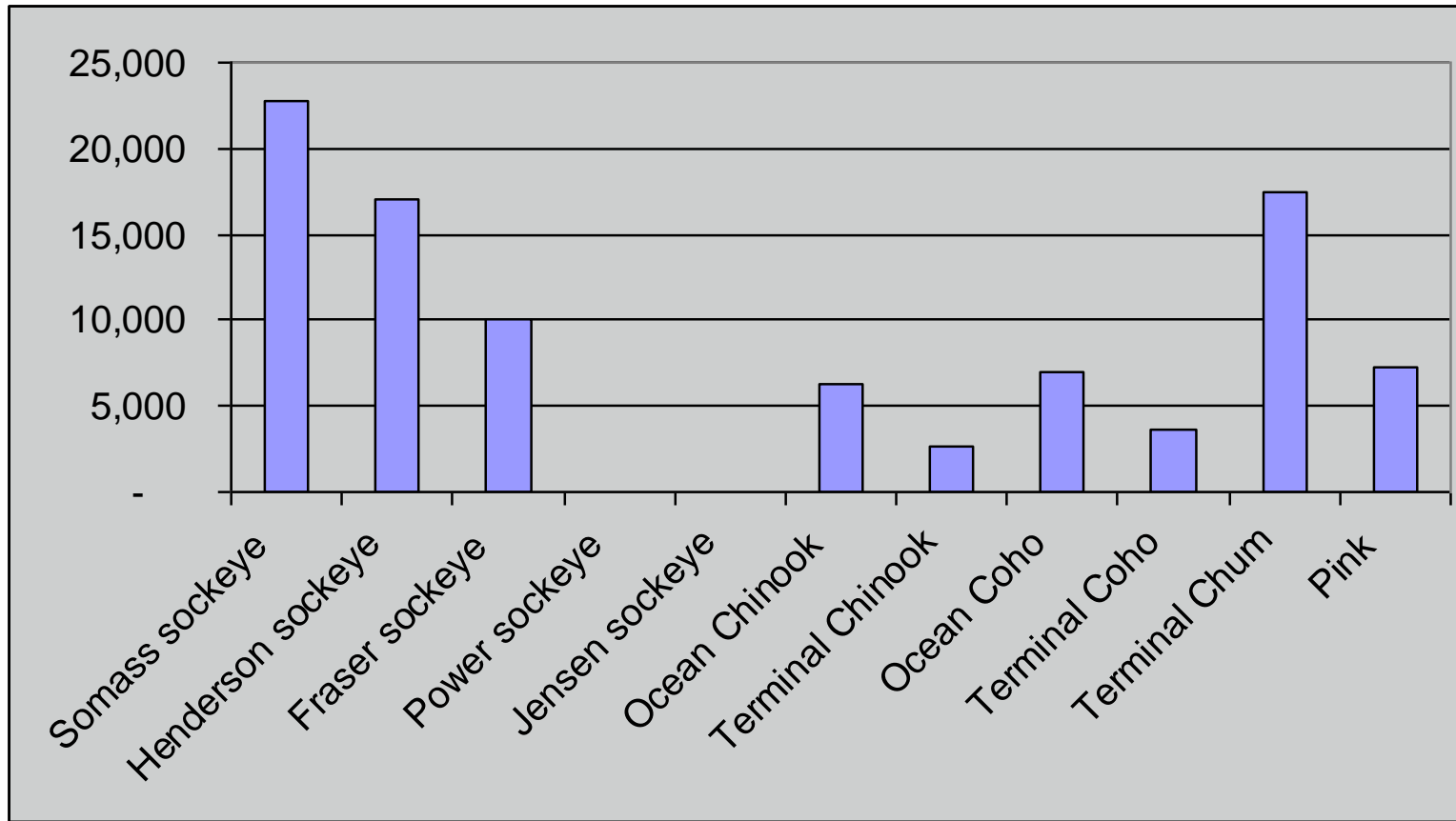
2005 = 50,465 pieces

2006 = 46,552 pieces



# FISHERIES – Salmon Allocations

Maa-nulth allocation in pieces if all species returns are abundant

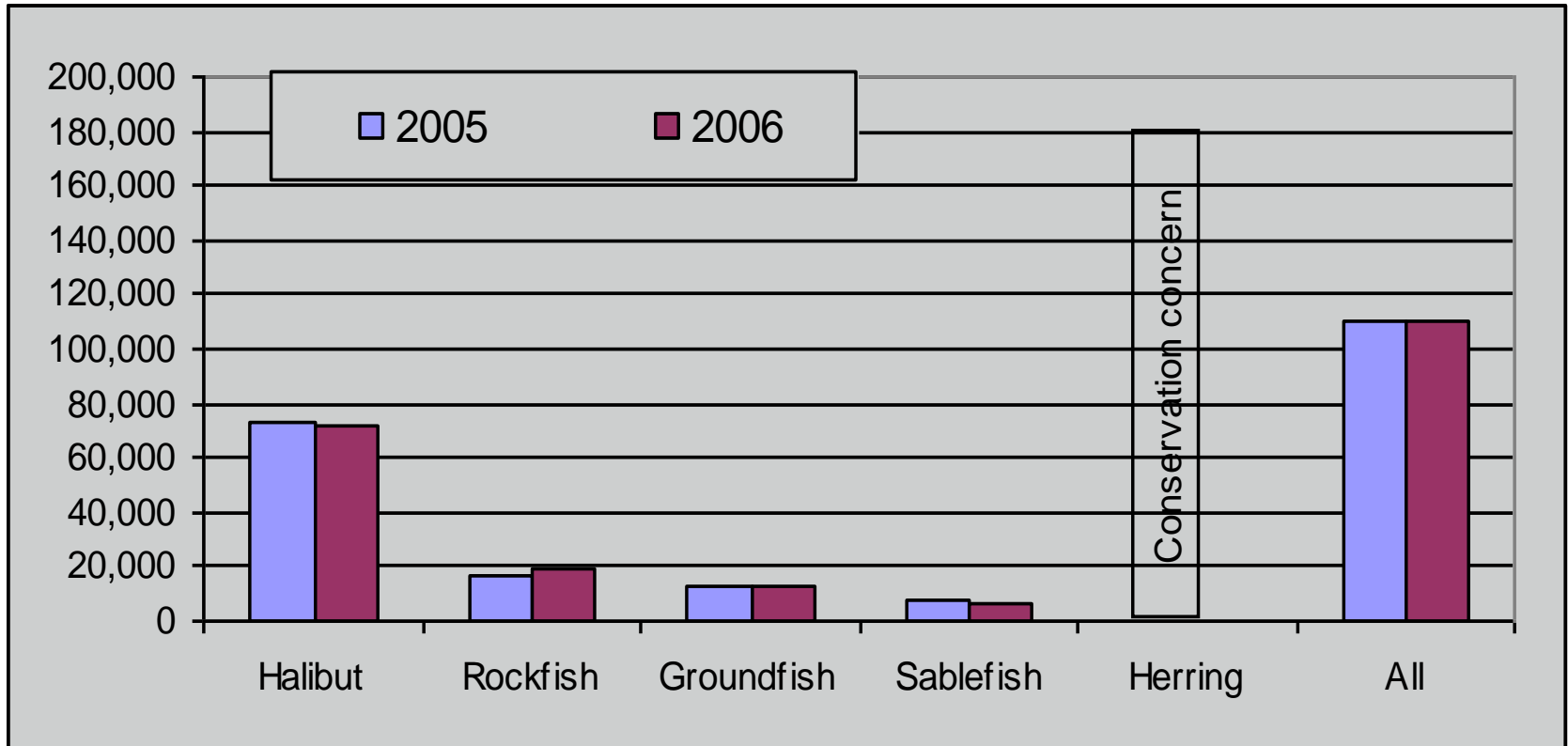


94,217 pieces total



# FISHERIES – Non-salmon Allocations

Maa-nulth allocation in pounds if Treaty were in effect in 2005 and 2006



# FISHERIES – Overages / Underages

In order to balance domestic allocations over time:

Overage / underage provisions enable:

- Maa-nulth to carry forward un-caught allocation to future years unless not enough fishing effort

Overage / underage provisions require:

- Maa-nulth to pay back any catch in excess of allocation in future years





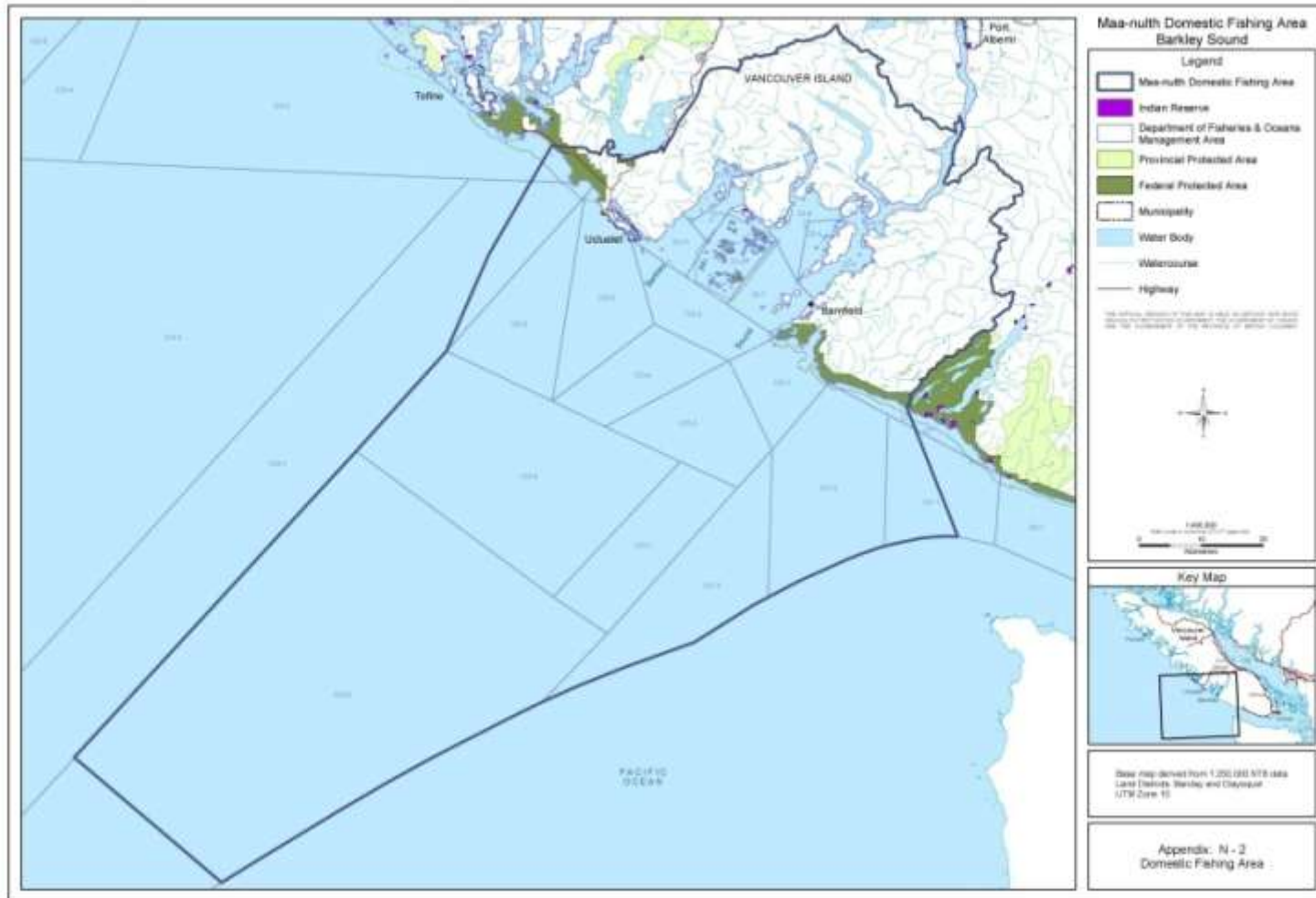
# FISHERIES – Maa-nulth Fishing Area

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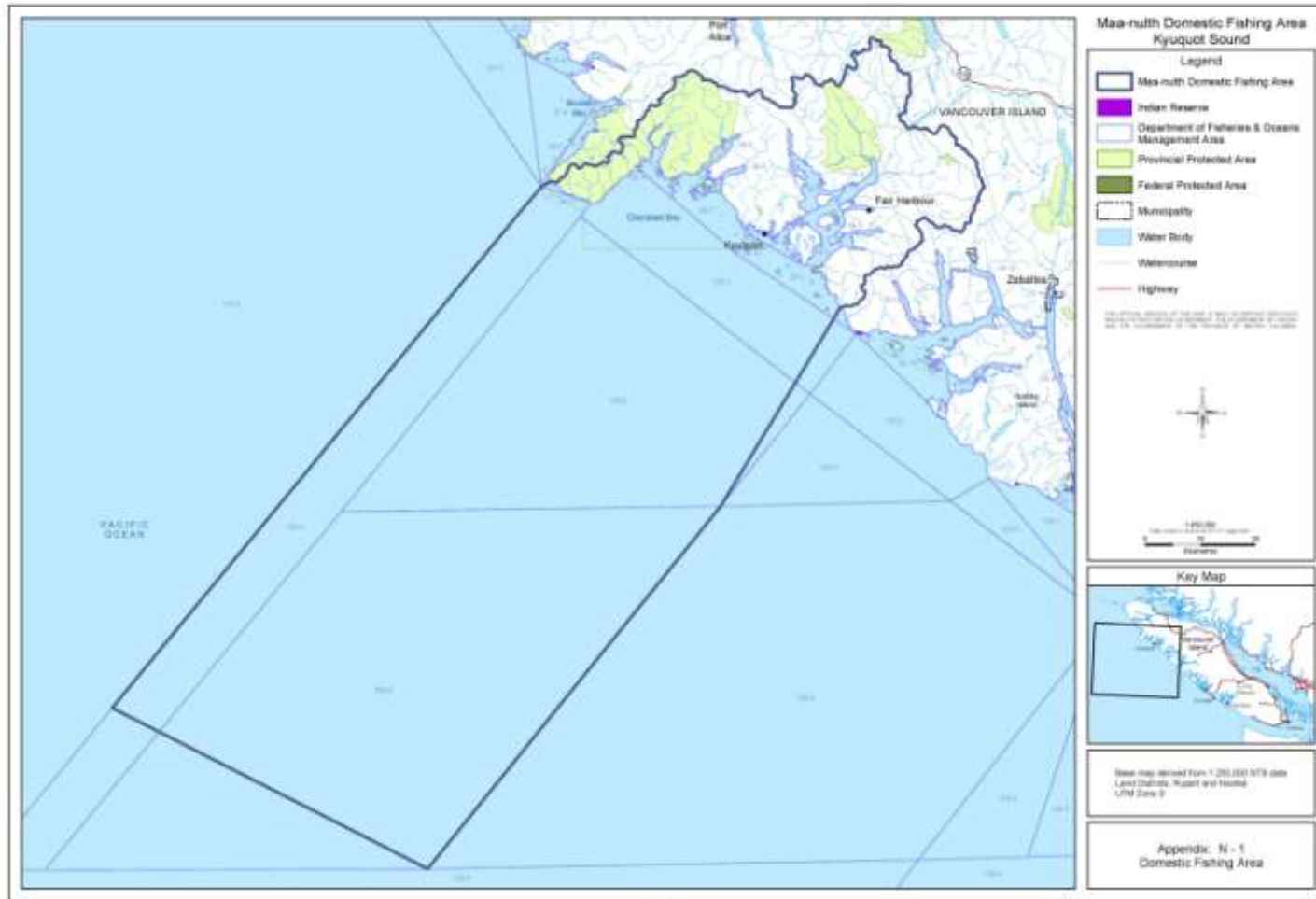
- Domestic Fishing Area
  - Fishing Right to be exercised within DFA
  - Fishing can occur outside of DFA under Protocol or by approval of Minister
- Intertidal beaches
  - Maa-nulth has 100% of harvest of select beaches for bi-valves



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# FISHERIES – Commercial Fishing

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- Provides for increased participation in commercial fishing
  - Salmon (Area 2 gillnet, Area G troll, terminal)
  - Halibut, rockfish, roe herring, sablefish, crab, prawn
- Funds to acquire licences and quota
  - \$4.15M specific for licences
  - Capital Transfers : at discretion of First Nation
- Ability to adjust with changes in fishery regulations over time including what might come from NTC Litigation



# FISHERIES – Aquaculture Tenures

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- Lands set aside as described in Appendix O of Final Agreement for 25 years
- Maa-nulth may apply for shellfish aquaculture tenures on these lands
- Maa-nulth may also establish aquaculture tenures on intertidal bivalve beaches set aside for each Nation (described in Appendix P of Final Agreement)



# FISHERIES – Fish Management

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- Maa-nulth authority over designation and documentation of fishers – Can make own laws!
- Joint Fisheries Committee
  - Each Maa-nulth Nation will appoint 1 representative
  - Canada will appoint 1 representative
  - BC may or may not participate
- Annual Maa-nulth Fishing Plan
  - Developed by Maa-nulth, reviewed by Joint Fisheries Committee
  - Identifies species, amounts, how and where to be harvested in Maa-nulth domestic fisheries



# FISHERIES – Fish Management (cont)

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- **Broader Fish Management Issues**
  - Share information, discuss, make recommendations on
    - Stock assessment, stewardship, enhancement
    - Fisheries monitoring and enforcement
    - Environmental protection and ocean management
- **Resource Management Funding**
  - Resource Management Fund - annual interest
  - Specific Funds for catch monitoring and biological support



# FISHERIES – Stewardship and Enhancement

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- Maa-nulth can continue to develop and operate enhancement measures
- May benefit from harvests of salmon produced from facilities
- No specific fund to support these activities
  - Capital Transfers : at discretion of First Nation







*Thank you*

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