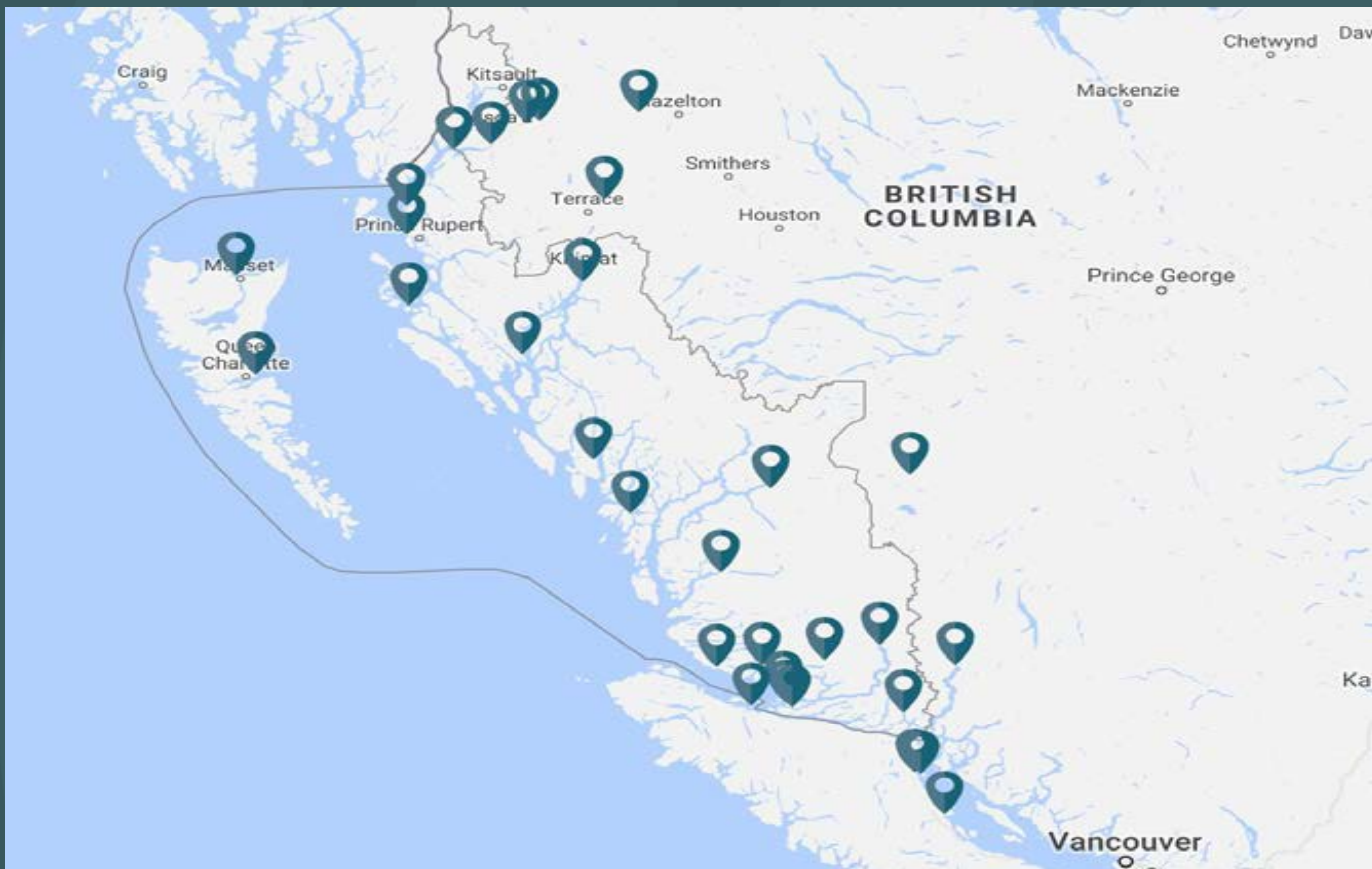




Coastal First Nations – The Great Bear Rainforest Carbon Project

DAVID OXLEY & DANI WARREN
GREAT BEAR CARBON CREDIT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
COASTAL FIRST NATIONS – GREAT BEAR INITIATIVE

First Nations of the Great Bear Rainforest

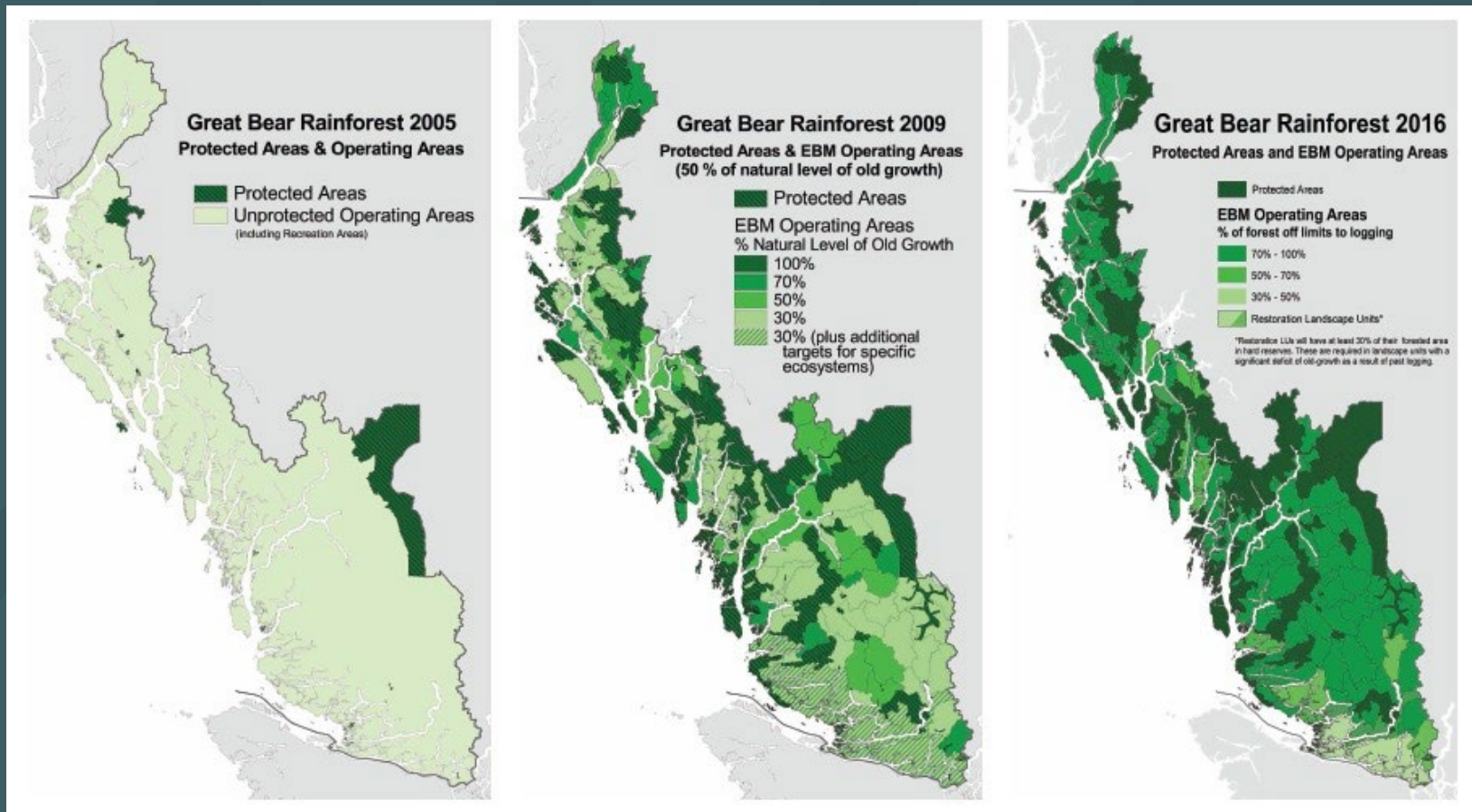


Largest Indigenous-led Forest Carbon Project in Canada

- 85% of forests protected
- 3 projects: Haida Gwaii, North Mid Coast, South Central Coast
- Project validated (created) under BC's Forest Carbon Offset Protocol (FCOP)
- 1M+ tonnes annually since 2012
- BC government operations achieving carbon-neutral status with Great Bear offsets



Land Use & Forestry: Terrestrial Conservation in Great Bear (% Protection)



Great Bear Rainforest Agreements: Achievements in Protection



- **Terrestrial spatial protection:** 2M+ hectares in new protected areas
- **Co-management of terrestrial protected areas:** First Nations and Crown government
- **Aspatial protection:** 6.4M hectares (15.8M acres) of “ecosystem-based management operating areas”
- **Land Use Agreements:** First Nations and Crown government



Investments in Indigenous-led Stewardship, Guardians and Communities

Governance & Stewardship

- Healthy ecosystems and well-being of member Nations
- First Nations authority and responsibility
- Effective monitoring, enforcement and adaptive management
- Contributes resources to sustain First Nations governance and stewardship

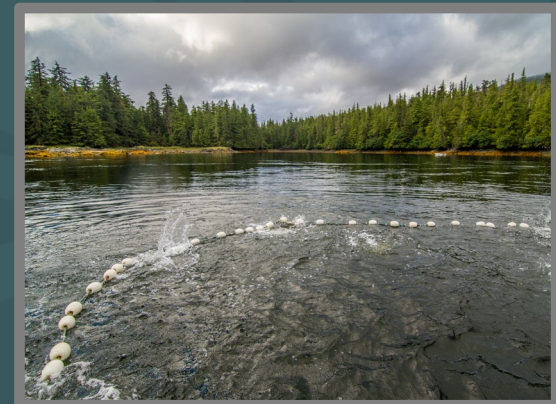
People, Communities and Ecosystems

- Social and economic benefits
- Restoring community resilience including food security and salmon for food and cultural purposes
- Shift to diverse, equitable conservation economy



Benefits from Carbon Offsets

- 65% carbon-offset revenue to stewardship
 - Stewardship offices established and maintained by carbon revenue
 - Resource technicians, fisheries guardians, community watchmen, community programs (bear safety)
- Manage conservation & biodiversity areas on a gov't to gov't basis
- Create new jobs in forestry
- Clean energy opportunities
- Ecotourism



Building a Sustainable Coastal Economy



- Strengthen connection between communities, environment and economy
- Changing economic opportunities to:
 - New carbon offsets opportunities
 - Sustainable forestry
 - Clean energy
 - Ecotourism
 - Revitalized fisheries
 - Shellfish and seaweed aquaculture

Fundamental Agreements Between Nations & BC



- Reconciliation Protocol Agreement: the result of decades of land management negotiations; contains commitment by BC to deal with signatory Nations on a "nation-to-nation basis"; and, to achieve identified goals.
- IABA: Indigenous Atmospheric Benefits Agreement [formerly: ABSA: Atmospheric Benefits Sharing Agreement]
 - An IABA defines the sharing of offsets derived from the respective project area.

What challenges and/or policy/legal barriers do you face, and what recommendations would you make to other First Nations pursuing projects, or to the Provincial government? I.e. Methodologies



BC not cap and trade jurisdiction.
Forest Carbon Offset Protocol not
well known in the carbon market.

Market variability and lower cost
of offsets on international
markets.

Carbon sector very new and still
evolving with multiple changes.

What economic benefits has the carbon offset project brought?



Establish stewardship offices in 7 communities.

Sales have elapsed \$60M

Supports 140 jobs for the Nations

What do carbon rights mean for CFN?

Through the sharing agreements our Nation partners and BC gov't recognize the carbon offsets and the rights to sell them.



How does the project reflect CFN goals for your communities? Has it contributed to the communities' well-being?

CFN seeks to address:

Marketing of the offsets has to be to end-use clients who demonstrate support for CFN's goals

Sustainable development through ecosystem-based management

Marine and land resources in the Great Bear region

Capacity building in our communities

Increased local control and management of forestry and fisheries

Partnerships with government, industry, environmental groups and others

Has the project enabled other opportunities to advance your interests?

- Beyond current economic benefits, sales have also funded:

MaPP capacity funding – ocean protection and planning

Blue carbon research project





Indigenous-led governance and stewardship
supported by durable, self-determined finance
secures the well being of people and ecosystems
across the Great Bear Rainforest and Sea

