



GWA'NI PROJECT

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OUTLINE

- Modernized Land Use Planning in BC
- Gwa'ni Project:
 - Mandate
 - Planning team structure
 - Project Area
 - Process
 - Integration with FLP
 - SEEA
 - Values
 - Engagement

MODERNIZED LAND USE PLANNING

- Reconciliation
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- A strong and stable economy
- Considering climate change
- Addressing cumulative effects

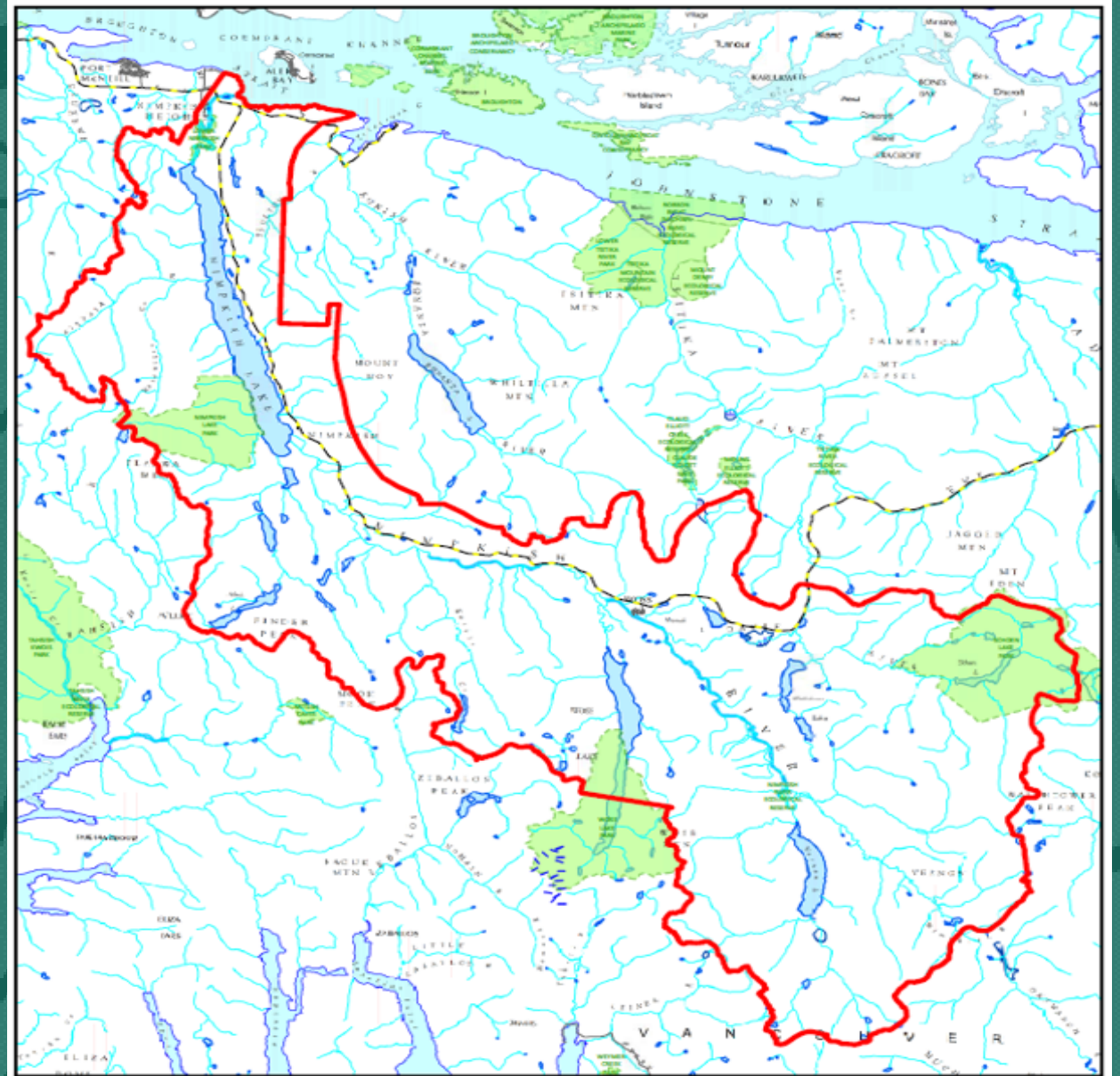
Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plan Update	currently in government-to-government discussions	Peace River	Plan Initiation
Gwa'ni Project	'Namgis First Nation	Mount Waddington	Plan Development
Nicola Watershed Planning	Upper Nicola Indian Band, Lower Nicola Indian Band, Nooaitch Indian Band, Shackan Indian Band, and Coldwater Indian Band	Thompson - Nicola	Plan Initiation
Sea to Sky Visitor Use Management	Squamish Nation, Lílwat Nation, N'Quatqua	Squamish - Lillooet	Plan Development
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GWA'NI PROJECT MANDATE

- Mandate
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Terms of Reference
- Project Team

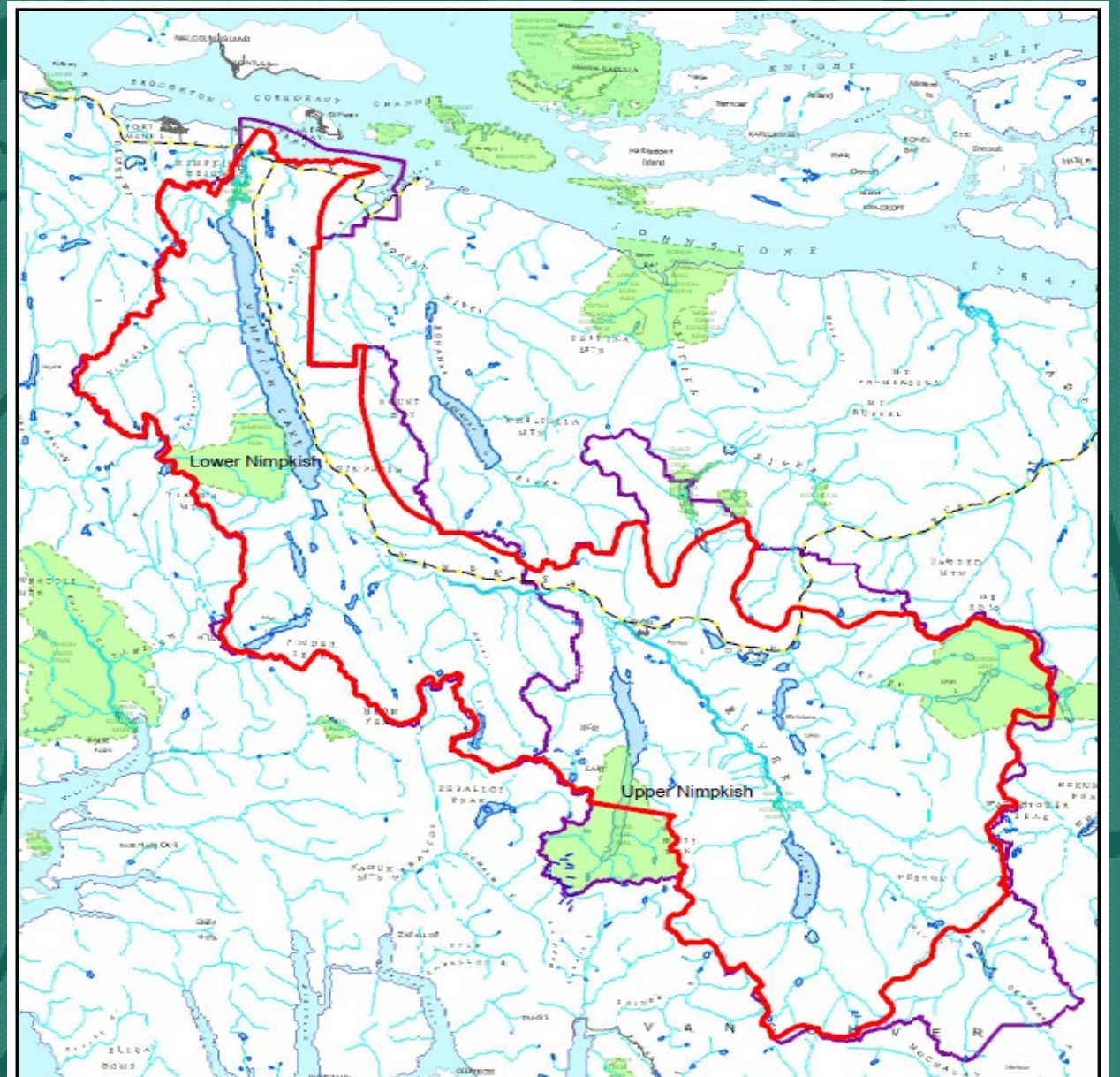
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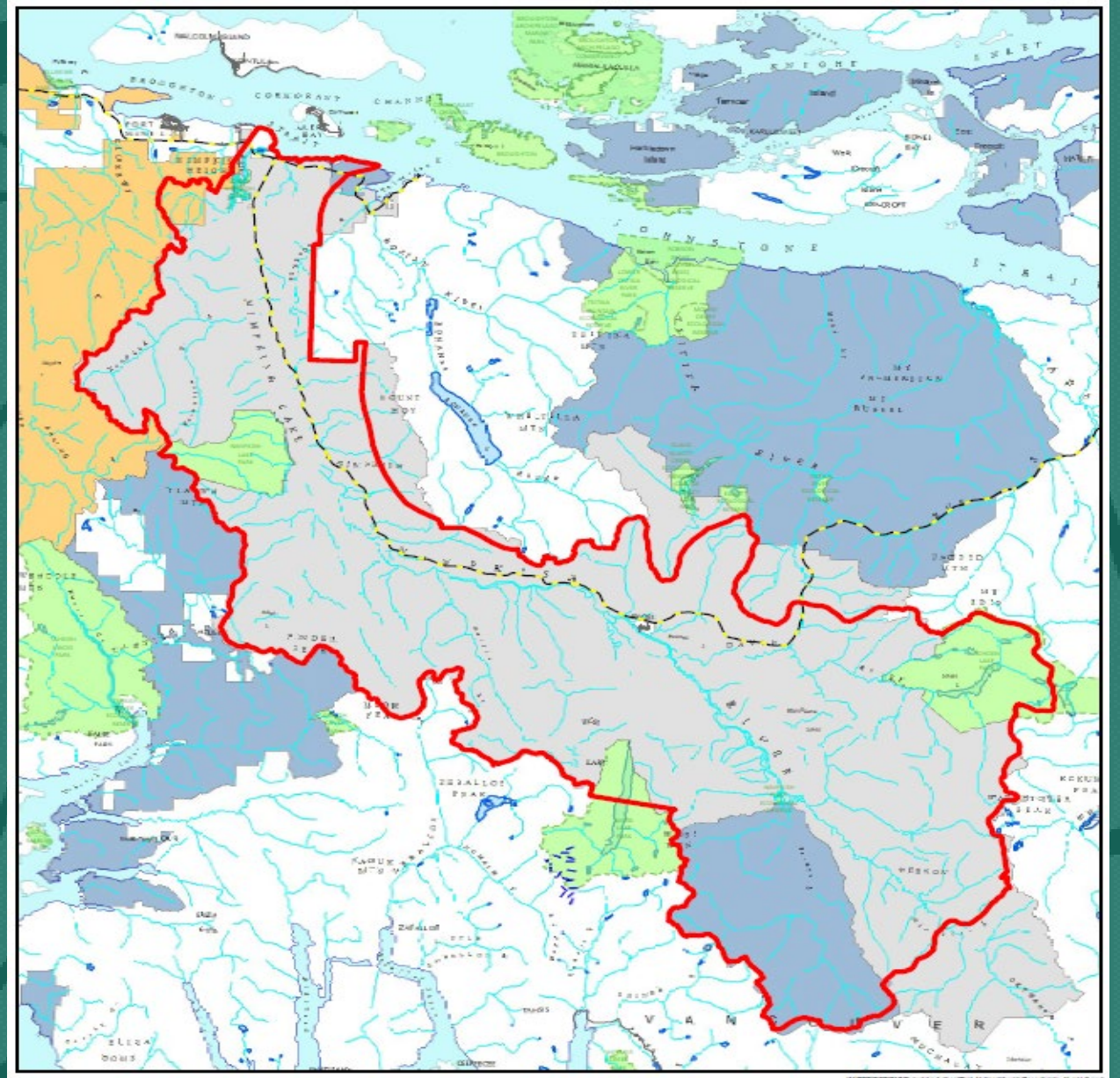
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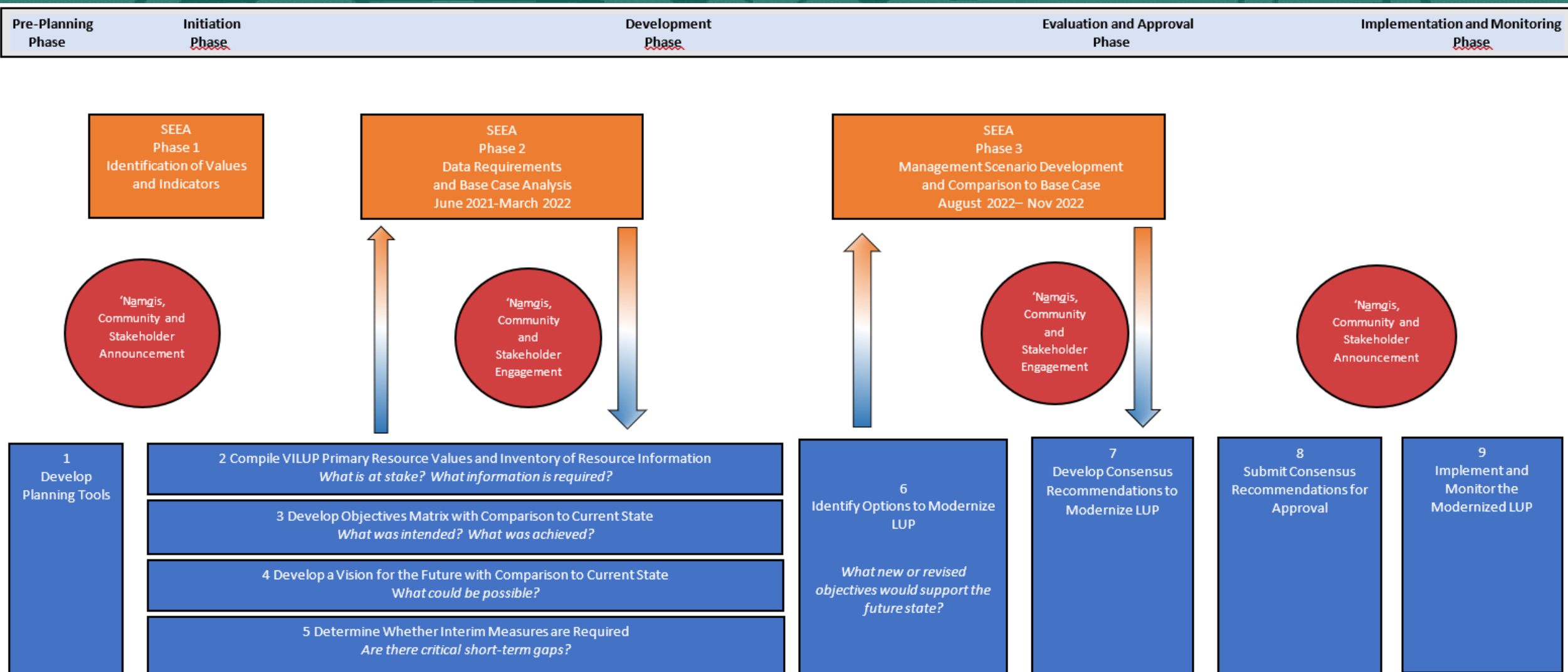


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- Portions of TFL 37 (gray), TFL 6 (orange), BCTS (blue), North Island TSA



GWA'NI PROJECT PROCESS



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE GWA'NI PROJECT?

The Gwa'ni Project is:

- A Step towards Reconciliation
- A G2G Process
- Consensus-based
- Responsive to input through engagement
- A Higher-Level Plan (Strategic)
- An opportunity to modernize VILUP

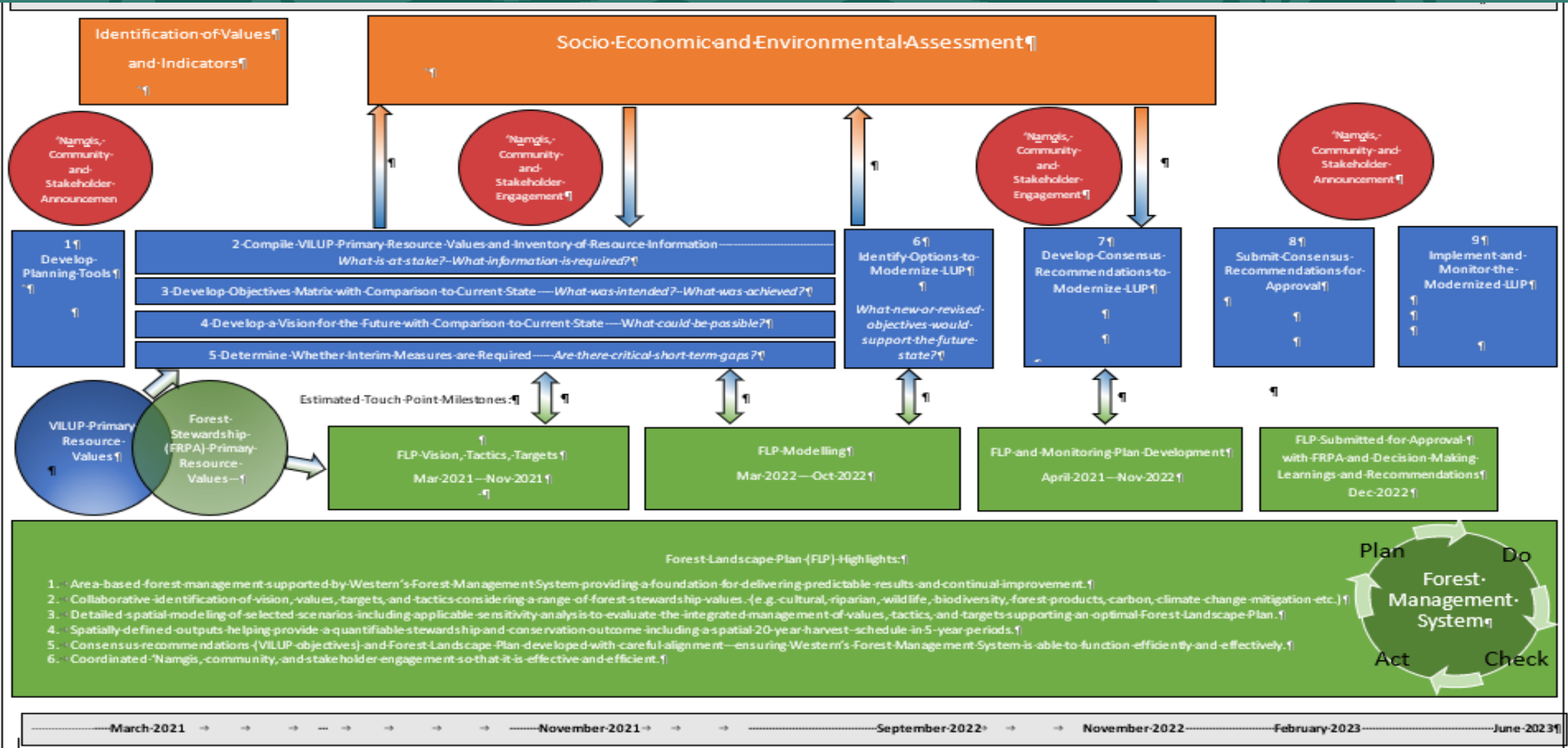
The Gwa'ni Project is NOT:

- Applicable to Municipal, Federal or Private (outside of TFL) Land
- The Forest Landscape Plan in TFL 37 (Tactical)
- A new Land Use Plan
- Priority Old Growth Deferral process
- A Treaty process or a Land Claim Agreement

Forest Landscape and Operational Planning

Strategic Land Use Planning	NEW Forest Landscape Planning	Operational/Site-level Planning
<p>Sets legal direction under a cabinet approved land use plan</p> 	<p>Sets direction under the <i>Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)</i></p> <p>Must be consistent with an approved Strategic Land Use Plan</p> 	<p>Must follow an established Forest Landscape Plan or propose variances to the plan for government approval</p> 
<p>Strategic Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Is conducted in partnership with Indigenous governmentsEngages local governments, stakeholders and the public in the planning process	<p>Tactical Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Is conducted in partnership with Indigenous peoples and in collaboration with forest and range license holders under <i>FRPA</i>Enables deeper engagement & greater transparency with local governments and stakeholders	<p>Operational Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Promotes cooperation with forest and range licence holdersProvides the opportunity for all stakeholders and the public to comment on road and cutblock locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sets objectives and direction for natural resource stewardship and management across the natural resource sectorEstablishes the foundation for healthy, transparent and collaborative natural resource managementBalances economic, social and environmental interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aligns broad forest management direction from one or more Strategic Land Use Plans that overlap the Forest Landscape Plan areaApplies that direction to specific forest management areas (e.g. timber supply areas, tree-farm licences & large, area-based forest tenures)Directs where and how forestry activities can occur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensures operational forestry activities are consistent with Strategic Land Use Plans and Forest Landscape PlansDefines where roads and cutblocks will be located consistent with Strategic and Forest Landscape Plans

GWA'NI MLUP – TFL 37 FLP INTEGRATION



GWA'NI PROJECT VALUES



Biodiversity

The diversity and connectivity of life found within terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems.



NTFP

Non-timber forest products that are used as food sources, or other important substances, materials and/or commodities that come from forests.



Soil

Soil health, productivity and stability.



Aquatic habitat and fish

Fish populations, spawning grounds aquatic species and habitats.



Recreation

Participation in outdoor opportunities such as camping, hiking, water sports, fishing and more.



Minerals

Sand, gravel, metals and other materials extracted by mining.



Wildlife

Animal habitats and populations, including opportunities for viewing, trapping and hunting.



Tourism

High-quality experiences and recreation opportunities in efforts to attract visitors and stimulate economic growth in the area.



Indigenous Forest Values

Encompassing the duty to ensure that the cultural, environmental and spiritual vitality of the waters, lands, and resources are protected and used sustainably for future generations of people, plants and animals.



Water

Water quality and quantity from safe and healthy water sources.



Access

Ability to approach, enter and use the project area.



Timber

Timber and forest health that promotes biodiversity, creates economic opportunity and minimizes wildfire risk.



Karst

An area of land made up of and shaped by the erosion of limestone, such as sink holes and caves.



Visuals

The beauty of the natural landscapes and scenery of the project area.



Cultural

Spaces for all cultural traditions and activities throughout the project area.

GWA'NI PROJECT ENGAGEMENT

- Engagement website:
<https://landuseplanning.gov.bc.ca>
 - Gwa'ni Project Survey
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Brochure
 - Engagement Plan
 - Land Use Planning Context for the Gwa'ni Project aka VILUP Backgrounder

Gwa'ni Project email:
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Gwa'ni Project

The 'Namgis First Nation ('Namgis) and the Province have agreed to collaborate and modernize land use planning within the Nimpkish Valley on Northern Vancouver Island. The planning process will review the cultural, environmental and economic values of this unique area and develop management recommendations to bring certainty to how this unique area can be managed for future generations.

Partner First Nation(s) 'Namgis First Nation

Agreement(s) [Memorandum of Understanding for Modernized Land Use Planning](#)

Public Comment Period is Open

October 27 - December 31, 2021

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Details

Region

West Coast

Regional Districts

Mount Waddington

Project Phase

Plan Development

Existing Provincial Land Use Plan(s)

[Vancouver Island Land Use Plan](#)





QUESTIONS?