



BC Crown Contaminated Sites Program Site Summary



Toquaht Bay

Location: 49° 01' 20" N, 125° 21' 40" W

Status: Remedial Planning

The former Toquaht Bay Marina and Campground (TBMC) is located approximately 16 kms northeast of Ucluelet, BC, off the Maggie Lake Forest Service Road on the shore of Barkley Sound. During the 1960's, ore from the Brynnor iron mine, was milled on the property located immediately north of the TBMC. Fine sand wastes (tailings) containing high concentrations of metals, primarily iron, arsenic, and cobalt, were deposited along the shoreline on what became the TBMC property.

Under the terms of the Maa-Nulth Treaty, the Province is responsible to remediate the campground. Initial studies in 2013 identified high concentrations of metals in the tailings sand, resulting in the closure of the campground and restricted use of the marina. Further study has included pre-remediation site characterization, contaminated site risk assessments, and development of conceptual remedial options. Toquaht Nation and the Province are currently assessing three potential remedial options. Once an option is confirmed, remediation is expected to take up to six years to complete. Former campground and marina structures were decommissioned in 2019 in preparation for remedial activities.

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