



Te'mexw Treaty Association
Press Kit



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Te'mexw Treaty Association is a non-profit society formed of five Coast Salish Nations – Beecher Bay, Malahat, Snaw-Naw-As, Songhees and T'Sou-ke. The Te'mexw member Nations joined to support one another and to work together under one organization to negotiate five Nation-specific modern treaties with the federal and provincial governments in the British Columbia treaty process.

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Vision

Unified in our pursuit of self-governance – united culturally, socially and economically for future generations.

Mission

Negotiate just, modern-day treaties, ensuring our Citizens are knowledgeable and prepared to make informed decisions.

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Member Nations





Beecher Bay First Nation

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Beecher Bay (SC'IA'NEW) First Nation's main community is on Beecher Bay in East Sooke, 30 km southwest of Victoria. They can trace their ancestry to people who spoke several different languages. Historically, the predominant language was Hul'q'umi'num'. The English translation of their name, SC'IA'NEW means "big fish." With their strong relationship to the waters of the Salish Sea, they are known as the salmon people. For thousands of years Beecher Bay First Nation peoples have used and occupied the lands and waters of the south coast of Vancouver Island.

Traditional language: Hul'q'umi'num'

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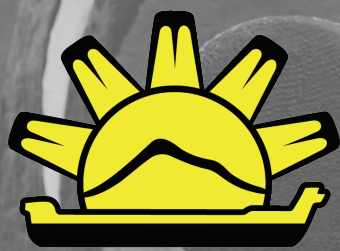
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Malahat

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The Malahat Nation is located south of Mill Bay, along the western shores of Saanich Inlet, approximately 40 km northwest of Victoria, BC. The traditional languages spoken were SENĆOTEN, Hul'q'umi'num' and Samish. Nation members have family ties with the WSÁNEĆ peoples of the Saanich Peninsula and with members of the modern Hul'q'umi'num Treaty Group.

The word "WSÁNEĆ" means "emerging land" or "emerging people"—harking back to the great flood of ancient times—and was anglicized to "Saanich" by European settlers. Prior to European contact, the WSÁNEĆ ancestors of the modern Malahat, Pauquachin, Tsartlip, Tseycum and Tsawout Nations owned and occupied several village sites and resource areas within a large traditional territory that included the Saanich Peninsula; the western shores of the Saanich Inlet from Goldstream to Hatch Point; the Gulf Islands; the San Juan Islands; and surrounding areas. Together they formed one of the largest population groups on Vancouver Island. The WSÁNEĆ people spoke SENĆOTEN, Hul'q'umi'num' and Samish. The name "Malahat" comes from the SENĆOTEN word "MEMEX-ÁŁ" and Hul'q'umi'num' word "Ma'le-'h'xe'l'", both of which mean "caterpillars," a reference to a historic infestation in the area.

Traditional languages: SENĆOTEN, Hul'q'umi'num' and Samish

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Snaw-Naw-As Nation

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The Snaw-Naw-As Nation is located on the east coast of Vancouver Island, adjacent to the city of Lantzville, situated between Parksville and Nanaimo, in Nanoose Bay. Their name derives from the Halkomelem word "Naus," meaning "inside looking out" reflecting the shape of Nanoose Bay. The traditional language is Hul'q'umi'num', which is 1 of 3 branches of the Halkomelum dialect spoken from Nanoose to Oregon.

The Snaw-Naw-As Nation's traditional territory included villages that dotted the areas in the mid-Island region of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Traditional language: Hul'q'umi'num'

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Songhees Nation

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Songhees Nation of the Lekwungen People is located beside Esquimalt and View Royal on Vancouver Island, 5 km from Victoria. Songhees is a Coast Salish Nation and the main language spoken historically was Lekwungen. Currently, Songhees Nation is reviewing the origin of its name and many other linguistic details through the Lək̓ʷəŋən Language Revitalization Program. They are the descendants of the Lekwungen people, original inhabitants of a territory that included the British Columbia Legislature, James Bay, Esquimalt, and other areas of Greater Victoria.

Traditional language: Lekwungen

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T'Sou-ke Nation

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The T'Sou-ke Nation is located 36 km west of Victoria, near the town of Sooke. In the SENĆOTEN language, the word "T'Sou-ke" is the name of the stickleback fish that lives in the estuary of the river. Contact with Europeans through the Hudson's Bay Company saw the name changed first to Soke and then Sooke. The English name is now common and is used for many things including the name of the neighbouring town, the river and basin, and the main road. T'Sou-ke's traditional languages are Lekwungen, Malchosen, Semiahmoo, SENĆOTEN, and T'Sou-ke. The T'Sou-ke Nation's traditional territory includes Spring Salmon Place – the river (Sooke River), Face Mountain and Sacred Mountain, which are regarded as spiritual and sacred places for the T'Sou-ke people.

Traditional languages: Lekwungen, Malchosen, Semiahmoo, SENĆOTEN, T'Sou-ke

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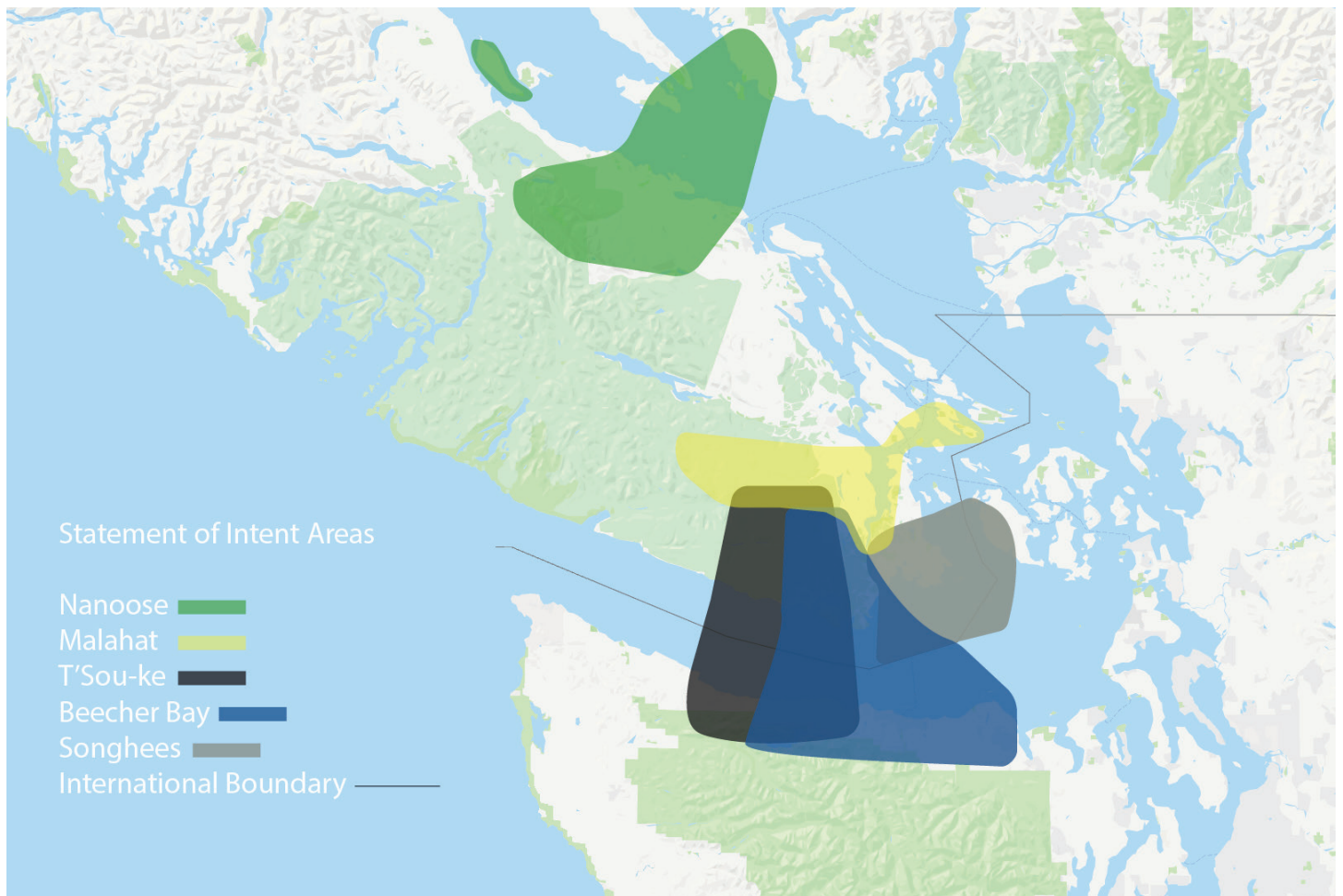
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Map of Nations



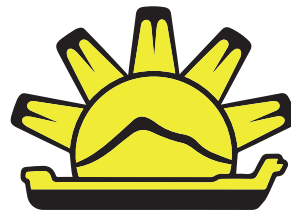
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