



Co-Management

Haida Gwaii Institute
Professional Development Program
University of British Columbia
February 8-12, 2020
Online 10:00am-1:00pm PST daily

Program Description

As federal and provincial governments work to advance reconciliation and renew relationships with Indigenous peoples, co-management has become an area of increasing interest. Co-management—the shared administration of natural resources and areas by Crown and Indigenous governments—brings together multiple perspectives, such as western science and traditional knowledge, and may help to build more durable solutions to resource management conflicts.

In 1993, the landmark *Gwaii Haanas Agreement* was signed, which committed Canada and the Haida Nation to cooperative management of Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site. Over the following decades, various co-management arrangements in Haida Gwaii have advanced to include marine and terrestrial resources and areas around the islands. This makes Haida Gwaii an ideal case study for co-management.

This online professional development program is an opportunity for representatives from diverse sectors and communities of practice (e.g., Indigenous, federal, provincial and municipal government; industry; non-government) to develop the understanding, tools and strategies required to begin and/or advance co-management initiatives, based on experiences in Haida Gwaii.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the 5-day program, participants should be able to:

1. Explain what co-management is and how it has been applied in Haida Gwaii and elsewhere;
2. Summarize and analyze various approaches to co-management as they have been applied in Haida Gwaii;
3. Critically assess the perspectives, assumptions and legal foundations underlying co-management practice;

4. Explain and analyze how power, trust, relationships and consensus-building influence the success of co-management; and
5. Reflect on their own experience as it relates to co-management (e.g., opportunities and challenges).

Program Organization

Each day involves a 3-hour online session, 10am-1pm PST. Participants should spend additional time (~1 hr) preparing for the following session through course readings and reflection.

Course schedule

Module	Topics
Monday Feb 8th Module 1: Introduction to co-management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course overview and participant introductions• Defining co-management• History and evolution of co-management in Haida Gwaii; comparisons with other places and contexts• The importance of multiple perspectives and truths in co-management
Tuesday Feb 9th Module 2: Common ground, trust, and consensus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building trust and relationships• The importance of common ground, and how to find it• How power sharing is exercised in the context of Haida Gwaii• The influence of power on consensus-building• Strategies for overcoming conflict and building consensus
Wednesday Feb 10th Module 3: Unpacking bias, behaviours and assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examining and understanding interpersonal and psychological barriers and behaviours in an intercultural or co-management context• The importance of “unlearning” for co-management
Thursday Feb 11th Module 4: Towards adaptive co-management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of knowledge co-production in co-management• The importance of learning and knowledge co-production for advancing and adapting co-management• Building a case for co-management• Applying co-management concepts in different contexts
Friday Feb 12th Module 5: Institutional barriers and opportunities for transformative change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rights and responsibilities reflected in co-management• How co-management arrangements arise• Frontiers in co-management (e.g. self-governance, autonomy and completing confederation)