



CO-MANAGEMENT

Haida Gwaii Institute

University of British Columbia

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Daily weekday online synchronous sessions, 10:00am–1:00pm Pacific

INSTRUCTORS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

As Crown 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 can 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, co-management arrangements in Haida Gwaii have advanced to include several other marine and terrestrial resources and protected areas. This makes Haida Gwaii an ideal case study in co-management.

This online professional development program is an opportunity for representatives from diverse sectors such as Indigenous, federal, provincial and municipal governments as well as industry and non-government organizations 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:

- Explain what co-management is and how it has been applied in Haida Gwaii and elsewhere;
- Analyze and explain how power, trust and relationships influence co-management;
- Analyze and explain how interpersonal and psychological barriers influence how people work in co-management contexts;
- Develop strategies for building trust, relationships and common ground;
- Reflect on their own experience in relation to co-management (e.g., opportunities and challenges);
- Develop strategies for creating or advancing co-management initiatives in their own professional contexts.

COURSE ORGANIZATION

During the course, participants will attend daily synchronous sessions, 10am–1pm Pacific time. Participants will also need to set aside approximately one hour in advance of each session to prepare for class by reading/watching/listening to course materials.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Module	Topics
Monday, September 27th Module 1: Introduction to co-management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions and course overview• Definitions of co-management and applications in Haida Gwaii• The importance of multiple perspectives and truths in co-management
Tuesday, September 28th Module 2: Power, trust and relationships in co-management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding power dynamics in co-management contexts• The importance of trust and relationships in co-management• Strategies for building trust, developing relationships, and finding common ground

<p>Wednesday, September 29th Module 3: Overcoming interpersonal and psychological barriers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding how interpersonal and psychological barriers influence co-management • Dealing with uncertainty • Developing strategies to overcome interpersonal and psychological barriers
<p>Thursday, September 30th</p>	<p>No class – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</p>
<p>Friday, October 1st Module 4: Knowledge co-production and adaptive co-management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining and applying knowledge co-production and adaptive co-management principles • Co-management as a continuous process
<p>Monday, October 4th Module 5: Co-management workshop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant reflections • Applying course learning to individual professional contexts