

## **Consultation Questions for the DRAFT Canada-British Columbia Marine Protected Area Network Strategy**

The consultation period for the draft Canada-BC MPA Network Strategy will run until August 31 2011. Your input at this stage is **very important** as it will be used by government staff to help revise the draft Strategy.

You may provide input to the draft Canada-BC MPA Network Strategy by visiting Fisheries and Oceans Canada's public consultation website at <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/consultation/oceans/canada-bc/index-eng.htm>, or by e-mail to [mpait@gov.bc.ca](mailto:mpait@gov.bc.ca). Alternatively, you can mail or fax your responses to:

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It would be helpful if you could describe your views, suggestions, and experiences when responding to the attached questions, rather than giving "yes" or "no" answers. Please do not feel constrained by the specific questions below, or feel obliged to offer responses to all of them.

## Consultation Questions

It would be helpful if you could structure your response to address the questions below, but please do not feel restricted to these questions. Please send us any information that you feel is relevant to your response.

### 1. WHY CREATE A CANADA-BRITISH COLUMBIA MPA NETWORK STRATEGY?:

This section of the draft Strategy describes the purpose of the MPA Network Strategy.

- 1.1. *Does the draft document clearly convey the intent of this initiative?*
- 1.2. *What additional information could help clarify the purpose of this initiative?*

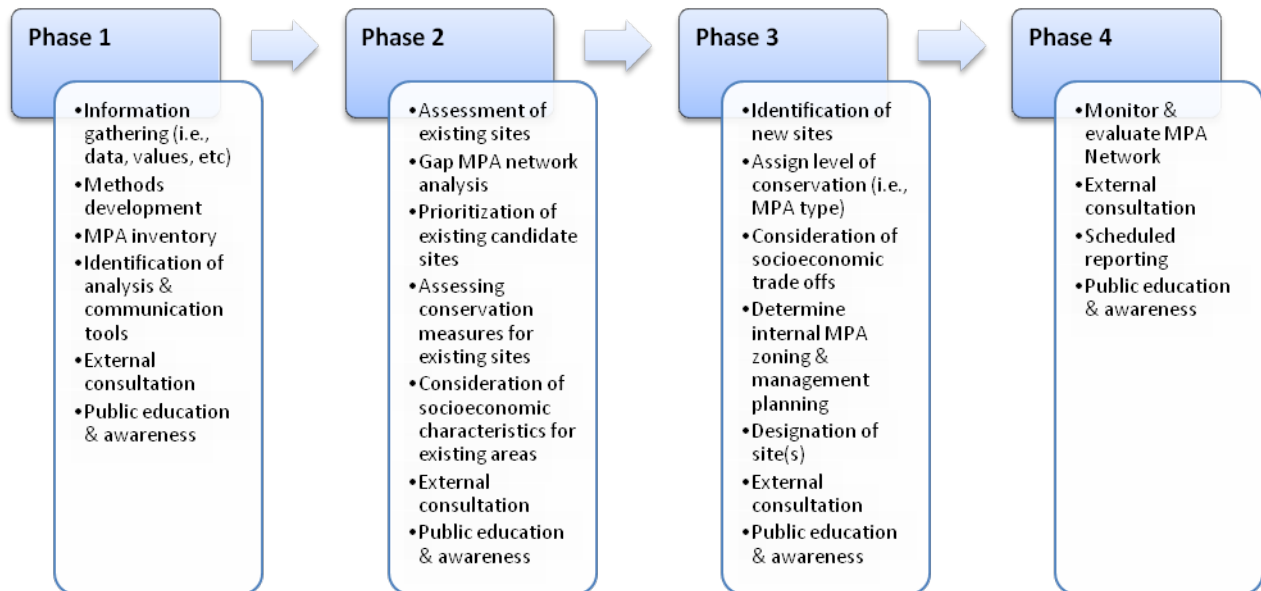
### 2. OBJECTIVES: The draft strategy identifies six overarching objectives to meet network goals and contribute to the vision for a network of MPAs on the Pacific Coast. Thinking about the whole coast of British Columbia,

- 2.1. *Does the document reflect a balance between ecological , socio-economic and cultural objectives?*
- 2.2. *If revisions to these objectives are necessary, what are your recommendations?*
- 2.3. *Are there any objectives missing?*

### 3. PRINCIPLES: The draft document includes general operating and network design principles that will help guide development of BC's MPA network.

- 3.1 *Do you generally agree with the principles?*
- 3.2 *Is there anything missing?*
- 3.3 *If revisions to these principles are necessary, what are your recommendations?*

**4. IMPLEMENTATION:** The draft Strategy proposes a phased approach for implementing a network of MPAs:



4.1. *Do you agree with the proposed phases of implementation?*

4.2. *Are there any major steps missing?*

4.3. *What are your recommendations for clarifying or improving the proposed phased implementation approach?*