

2018 Coastal Stewardship Network Annual Gathering

Hakai Institute

April 30 – May 4, 2018

Gathering Objectives:

- Share stories about the work your stewardship office is undertaking;
- Honour and recognize the knowledge and perspectives of Elders on stewardship;
- Learn about approaches to whale disentanglement from international experts;
- Receive training in safety and search and rescue procedures from the Canadian Coast Guard;
- Receive training in seaweed monitoring and discuss how this training can be applied back home;
- Field-test the Regional Monitoring System’s new CoastTracker app;
- Learn about Hakai’s Integrated Coastal Observatory program;
- Spend time outside of your office collaborating with stewardship staff from different Nations, as well as connecting with your Nation’s stewardship team.

Sessions:

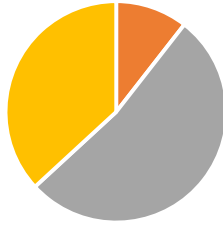
- Community Presentations
- Elders’ Welcome and Perspectives
- Whale Disentanglement Level 1 Training (Blue World Research Institute and The Nature Conservancy)
- Search and Rescue Training Session with the Coast Guard (in classroom session in the morning, on the water training simulation in the afternoon)
- Hakai Infrastructure tour
- Barter Night
- Seaweed Monitoring with Hakai
- RMS and Testing the New Coast Tracker App
- Integrated Coastal Observatory: Future training opportunities with Hakai Institute
- Group Reflection: Looking ahead to the upcoming field season

Feedback on Sessions:

Conference participants were asked to rank each session to determine its relevance to their work:

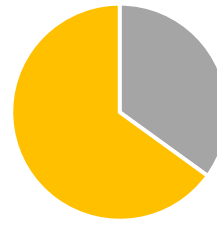
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Whale disentanglement	0	2	10	7
SAR in Classroom	0	0	7	13
SAR in Field	0	0	3	16
Seaweed monitoring	0	3	7	9
RMS	1	1	8	10
ICO w Hakai	0	2.5	8.5	9

Whale disentanglement



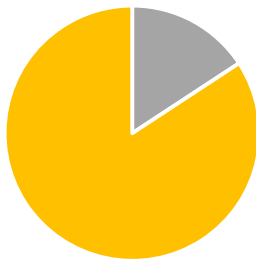
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SAR in Classroom



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SAR in Field



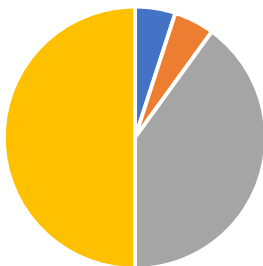
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The following reflections come from a debriefing session from the CSN team.

Successes:

- People loved the SAR training
 - There were great lessons learned about communication
- It was very helpful for the CSN team to have just one stream of programming
- The RMS training was tangible and very relevant to Guardians and Field Technicians
- CGW and Field Technicians were able to share from their perspective
 - It was really helpful to hear from them in the Community Presentations session
- It was wonderful to have Gary Wilson represent CFN and to help ground the sessions. His perspective and energy were really appreciated.

Opportunities for Improvement:

- The Stewardship Directors were missed – they provide broader context and act as the decision-makers that can move conversations forward
- A greater focus on trauma-informed practice would have improved the SAR training
 - In everything we do we should focus on increasing community-capacity
- There were fewer people there and many people left early – this resulted in a feeling of loss of concentration
- There were people in attendance who do not work for their stewardship offices
- There were too many consultants and trainers in attendance – although it is important for members of our team to be there to build relationships, there was a sense that we should make up a smaller percentage of the participants

Thoughts for Future Gatherings:

- It would be helpful to have a lead organizer to delegate tasks, and to reduce cross-communication issues
- Ideally a future gathering would provide an opportunity for staff/stewardship offices to lead programming, and to showcase the successes of their programs
- Other ideas for future gatherings included:
 - Participation of kids
 - Time for offices/SDs to spend time with their own teams
 - Potential involvement from non-CFN Nations (eg. Gwasala Nakwaxda, Nanwakolas)
 - Programming around, fisheries, forestry, cultural heritage
 - Supporting/creating space for more women technicians and leaders

