

South West Kitimat Area Plan - Engagement Comments

	Comments and Ideas	Theme	Event - Name
1	Youth Retreats for at-risk teens, rediscovery	Social	Fall Craft Fair
2	Access to the Ocean/Beach (Clean air and water access)	Social	Fall Craft Fair
3	Marine Park	Nature	Fall Craft Fair
4	Recreation (beach) access for people without boats. Trail access is ok, car access would be better.	Social	Fall Craft Fair
5	Road access to recreation sites	Social	Fall Craft Fair
6	Marine park south of Jesse Falls	Nature	Fall Craft Fair
7	Access to Jesse Lake (2 ways) - 1. From the ocean via falls 2. Backroads roads north end of Jesse Lake,	Social	Fall Craft Fair
8	Paintball!!!	Social	Fall Craft Fair
9	Longer trail along length of coastline	Social	Fall Craft Fair
10	Boardwalk somewhere along the ocean	Social	Fall Craft Fair
11	Protect Emsley Cove	Nature	Fall Craft Fair
12	Some sort of access to ocean that is accessible	Social	Fall Craft Fair
13	Don't clearcut trees	Nature	Fall Craft Fair
14	Hiking trail to Jesse Lake	Social	Fall Craft Fair
15	Go beyond Visual Quality Objectives - Ensure visual qualities of channel from water and land	Nature	Fall Craft Fair
16	A number of areas that are significant ecologically need to be set aside as parks -- Jesse Lake, Emsley Cove, North Cove	Nature	Fall Craft Fair
17	Access to the ocean waterfront, similar to Alcan beach	Social	Fall Craft Fair
18	Pier to access ocean, windsurf and kitesurf spots	Social	Fall Craft Fair
19	Honour current land and water recreational opportunities and increase	Social	Fall Craft Fair
20	Identify and maintain old growth forests	Nature	Fall Craft Fair
21	Ensure recreation access and improve	Social	Fall Craft Fair
22	Industrial opportunities need to be sustainable and need GHG targets	Economy	Fall Craft Fair
23	Extend study area to northern boundary of District	Process	Fall Craft Fair
24	Trailbuilding - Contact or info suggestions	Social	Fall Craft Fair
25	Affordable group rates for locals and tourists	Social	Fall Craft Fair
26	Access to Jesse Lake, Mountain bike trails	Social	Comment Form
27	That land and water south of Emsley Cove remains in its natural state	Social	Comment Form
28	That the forest road to Emsley Cove be maintained for public access for recreational use	Social	Comment Form

29	That a trail from forest road to Emsley beaches is developed	Social	Comment Form
30	No industrial or private developments other than light selective logging takes place south of Emsley Cove	Nature	Comment Form
31	No roads, ports, or other infrastructure be built south of Emsley Cove	Nature	Comment Form
32	Too much focus on industry, not enough on nature "Marvel of Nature and Industry	Nature	Advisory Planning Commission
33	Access for novice recreation users (Jesse Lake) Education on safe access - Water and Land	Social	
34	Access seems paused due to industry - need to bridge timelines (LNGC+KLNG= long term limits) and barriers to other uses	Economy	
35	Common concern - access for residents	Social	
36	How do nature and industry co-exist	Social	
37	Rushing approvals for projects without knowing full impacts (access to Bish Cove for recreation, etc.)	Economy	
38	Need for 'park' development - Natural or wilderness park vs built play areas Designate protected areas	Nature	
39	Ecotourism potential - Gitga'at already involved with tourism operators Partner with first nations? Need for marketing and promotion	Economy	
40	Motorized Recreation - Snowmobile club works to maintain trail, positive for all users Some trails may be too developed for motorized ATVs etc, seen off-trail	Social	
41	Motorized vehicles tend to improve access, make trails accessible for more users.	Social	
42	Maintenance of existing trails is already a challenge, who to manage if more are developed?	Social	
43	Can we negotiate recreation offsets from industry?	Social	
44	Need to balance new infrastructure and facilities with existing and what is developed at MBW. *Doesn't include simple access trails	Social	
45	Focus on existing permanent recreational assets - rundown campsites in town, revitalization areas closer to town first.	Social	
46	Top Priority: Designate park/protected land with useable land/water, not just areas not suitable for industry. Security for these lands before more large projects are approved	Nature	
47	North Cove access, trails between North Cove, Mid Cove, and South Cove maintained	Social	Comment Form

48	Emsley Cove access, create park, trail	Social	Comment Form
49	Jesse Lake access, trail, rustic picnic site, park designation	Nature	Comment Form
50	Shoreline trail from Moon Bay to North Cove	Social	Comment Form
51	Kayak access - boat launches for safe short paddling trips	Social	Comment Form
52	Concern: Industrial development next to trails, with no offsets or expectation to replace access to areas used recreationally	Economy	Comment Form
53	Concern: Gated roads or closed roads cut off ability to recreation areas	Social	Comment Form
54	Need public input and participation in planning	Social	Comment Form
55	Special places include North Cove, Emsley Cove, Jesse Lake, Shoreline trail from Moon Bay, Bish watershed, ocean anchorage in Miskatla Inlet. Activities include drive, bike, hike, boat access	Nature	Comment Form
56	Include Miskatla Inlet in Foch-Gilttoyes nature conservation area.	Nature	Comment Form
57	Highlight recommendations in West Douglas Channel Corridor Analysis Final Report (WDCCA) regarding roads and infrastructure related to industry projects. These have formed basis for proposed major industry projects with regards to roads, pipelines and access to project development areas.	Economy	Focus Group 1
58	Need to maintain current land use designation, zoning, and regulations that form the basis for project designs to date.	Economy	
59	Industry supports Kitimat planning initiatives with regards to protecting nature and recreational values, while facilitating industrial economy.	Economy	
60	Community need and desire to have greater connection to the ocean and to open areas to recreation are understood, industry will work with municipality that major projects do not inhibit access to recreation areas south of industrial zones.	Social	
61	Need to balance industry needs, operations and safety requirements with public access/safety.	Economy	
62	Industry will have safety considerations and controls at key sites to ensure security of the project and public safety. Mitigation to allow access with appropriate warning/hazard signs as necessary, to be determined on a case-by-case basis.	Economy	
63	Consider the Community Forest (or similar) model for managing forested areas where recreation or higher values are present.	Nature	
64	Celebrate Jesse Falls - Develop trail and marine access for hikers/kayaks	Social	
65	Promote access with identified stopping points along routes.	Social	

66	Develop water access along Bish FSR where road to Kitimat LNG has eliminated pullouts with places to put in boats/kayaks	Social	Leisure Services Advisory Commission
67	Need multiple access points for paddling access to Jesse Falls to not be an all day excursion, open to less experienced users.	Social	
68	Douglas Channel Trail to be re-established along accessible shoreline.	Social	
69	Establish marked roads and trails with loops available for multiple users.	Social	
70	Wayfinding signs and education to identify roads/trails/marine routes, means to mitigate off-trail use.	Social	
71	Identify logical routes for motorized recreation, accounting for topography and environmentally-sensitive area.	Social	
72	Establish appropriate infrastructure; boardwalk, fire pits, campsites, etc.; to invite users to stay within boundaries. Most users will comply with appropriate education, awareness, and signage.	Social	
73	Partner with and support tourism and recreation operators to monitor and maintain trail network and key sites.	Social	
75	North Cove - improved access for hiking	Social	Comment Form
76	Emsley Cove - improved access and trails	Social	Comment Form
77	Improved water access for all marine crafts, kayaks, motorized boats	Social	Comment Form
78	Concern with loss of access to trails/water/etc. due to industrialization	Economy	Comment Form
79	Redo Douglas Channel Trail from Moon Bay to North Cove	Social	Comment Form
80	Concern with overuse and misuse of areas due to improved access and the destruction of natural habitat	Nature	Comment Form
81	Boat access to Gittoeyees/Miskatala	Nature	Comment Form
82	Review northern border of town, value of recreation and wetlands, etc.	Process	Comment Form
83	To keep the area intact as one ecosystem as much as possible. No clear cutting, as that would segment the area in a highly detrimental way. Retention of public access.	Nature	
84	Many DCW members use this area for hiking, biking, wildlife observing , berry picking and/or just plain quick family outings. It is important for the public to have trails down to the coves and beaches. These few places must be protected from industry.	Social	
85	The shoreline trail from Half Moon Bay to North Cove should be re-established. It was once quite popular with the locals.	Social	

86	We would like to see the area Northwest of Kitimat's Service Centre included with this plan as it is home to a very important and unique wetland. As the townsite and Industry took up most of the wetlands in the estuary on the northshore of Douglas Channel, we feel it important to preserve the remaining wetlands surrounding Kitimat, they have unique habitat that cannot be found elsewhere. The Duck and Goose Creek areas must be preserved for those of us who enjoy observing wildlife and for those animals that have been chased out of the area by residential and industrial developments.	Process
87	Concern: Restrictd or loss of access	Social
88	Concern: Further loss of wildlife habitat, ie. Heavy logging, industrial noise, light and air pollution.	Nature
89	Concern: Having more public land being excluded from the area (sold or leased to private interests).	Economy
90	Our Members have been to all areas of this study area, by snowshoe, ski's, hiking, canoeing, ski-doing, boat, etc.	Social
91	At one time on the westside on the banks above Douglas Channel just north of shale slide area there was a well-used Scout Camp, part of the old cabin remains.	Social
92	At the south end of Half Moon Bay, there was a deep pool where you could dive for shrimp, and shirmp and crab traps used to be seen there just near the rock that would get covered by the tide.	Social
93	North Cove was an old forestry campsite that was one time well looked after. It is a bit more difficult to access that it used to be, but many people used to hike in with camping gear and fish off the rocks for halibut and cod.	Social
94	Many people have decided to retire in Kitimat as they have enjoyed many years of leisure activity that involves rustic communing with nature.	Social
95	Sometimes we forget that it is important to just enjoy that aspect of life. This is not a big city, we need to keep that in mind as we move forward and preserve what we can.	Nature
96	Clean air, water and just open spaces.	Nature

Comment Form
Douglas Channel Watch

97	Douglas Channel Trail from Rio Tinto to (former) Moon Bay Marina and waterfalls, and to North Cove - Who maintains trail? Who would maintain if re-established? - Revitalize Moon Bay with public access, footpath to falls	Social	Stakeholder Focus Group 2
98	Protection of Habitat - Fish, Birds, Wildlife - Pay special attention to sensitive species - Nesting island in Jesse Lake Establish protected area around Jesse Lake - Curb logging in high value forests for preservation and sensitive species	Nature	
99	Education and Awareness - Use of wildlife tours for visitors, community groups, to showcase landscape and ecosystems - "Leave No Trace" programs - Appropriate signage promoting protection of sensitive areas and <u>why</u> access is to be avoided. - Use of Social Media, online campaigns to educate new users of backcountry recreation and risks. - Training programs prior to kayak or equipment rentals - Advertise activity groups (hiking club, ATV/Snowmobile club, etc.) to promote safety and local knowledge to new residents and temporary workers in the area Identify high risk areas - e.g. Jesse Falls - People have gone over falls in the past by accident, some may try it on purpose in a kayak etc.	Social	
100	Support kayaking and other water-based recreation - Establish trail and portage route between Jesse Lake and Miskatla Inlet - Route had been flagged previously - Target for destination kayakers similar to Bowren Lakes - Establish storage point for kayaks (DOK owns 17 kayaks?) near Jesse Lake and Emsley Cove for easy water access.	Social	
101	Establish beach access - West side of Jesse Lake has several small beaches (room for 1-2 tents), north end of lake is high traffic for Grizzly Bears - *Top Priority* Emsley Cove needs a small parking area, connection to shoreline - Create a destination	Social	

102	<p>Access to Jesse Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modest upgrade to Forest Service Roads to allow better access for non 4x4 or ATVs. - Need small parking areas and pullouts along route for viewpoints and passing oncoming vehicles. 	Social	
103	<p>Keep industry limited to existing Land Use Designation Area between Service Centre and Bish Cove</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leave the remainder as protected area and available for community use. 	Economy	
104	<p>Evaluate potential for some residential development in future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small scale, likely of septic. How do we service with water, road access, who pays for it? 	Social	
105	<p>Access is available and maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Logging companies are removing road infrastructure (bridges, culverts, etc.) making existing forest service roads (FSRs) inaccessible to all vehicles - Area has many existing roads that could provide access with minimal upgrade and maintenance, but infrastructure must remain - Extends to lands in upper Bish and Jesse watersheds - Other regions have decommissioned FSRs not maintained, but infrastructure not removed --- Are there different rules in different regions? - Limit roadblocks and barriers 	Social	
106	<p>Need a reliable public accessible boat launch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MK Bay Marina is expensive, a barrier to users, needs competition - Hospital Beach area not reliable due to tides, hazards, and inconsistent access 	Social	
107	<p>No more industry past Bish Cove - Maintain industrial area, leave remainder for community</p>	Economy	
108	<p>Hunting, primarily in Bish watershed beyond DOK boundary is high value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area west of RTA not high value - Most transit DOK jurisdiction to hunt in lands beyond 	Social	

109	<p>Emsley Cove, access and trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - West shoreline accessible at low tide - East shoreline is better for beach access -- Challenge will be traversing creek between FSR and potential beach site <p>High elevation viewpoint above east shoreline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessed from FSR at top of watershed - Has terrace for potential viewpoint, possible whale watching spot - View south down channel and opposite shoreline/mountains <p>Question: Is Emsley a potential location for boardwalk or accessible trail?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steep slopes will make access a challenge from existing FSR. - Ideal place is on northeast shoreline, would have to cross stream at head of cove - Maintenance challenges, heavy rains produce flood runoffs 	Social	Stakeholder Group 3
110	<p>Keep access and parking back from Jesse Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesse Lake has minimal opportunity for lakeshore activity due to steep terrain along most edges. - Preferred minimal parking (6-10 vehicle maximum) with trail to lakeshore - Keeps lakeshore clear of disturbance, higher uses than parking 	Social	
111	<p>Concern - Single purpose funding (dedicated for one user group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep trails for multiple users (hiking, ATVs, mountain bikes) and not closed to certain users. 	Social	
112	<p>Education and Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signage that fits the place and message - Wood materials, rustic, simple messages - Kiosks with more detailed information 	Social	
113	<p>Tour operators and group activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not limit access for other users, no "hikers only" - Trails should fit no more than a quad 	Social	
114	<p>Diversify Port Lands beyond single purpose facilities (RTA, LNG Canada)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General bulk terminal, similar scale to Stewart BC - Should be receiving CGL pipe through Kitimat - Able to import/export a variety of goods and material - Align with utility corridor and rail connection 	Economy	
115	<p>Establish ferry link to other coastal communities, similar to service from Prince Rupert to Hartley Bay, Klemtu, etc.</p>	Economy	

116	Establish Community Forest, with required timber harvest - Means to generate revenue to fund other projects in the area - - Bridge and road maintenance - - Boardwalk - Forest management and fuel management, potential use in a fire break.	Nature	Stakeholder Focus Group 4
117	Secure a location or base for search and rescue	Social	
118	Partner with first nations to create cultural centre - Align ecotourism operators, community groups to create a destination - Include mountain bikes, ATVs, kayaks, youth groups, camping near Jesse Lake	Cultural	
119	Make use for everyone's benefits, do not create exclusive uses	Social	
120	Top Priority: Tidal access, small craft landing on west side of channel	Social	
121	Job creation opportunity: Information kiosks, check-in system, potential to partner DOK/Chamber of Commerce - Establish carrying capacity, user limits to mitigate disturbances	Economy	
122	Incentive for private investment - Designate appropriate areas, with criteria to be met for development.	Economy	
123	How were the project boundaries determined? Why was the remainder of Kitimat greenbelt excluded?	Process	
124	How are Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs) applicable to District of Kitimat? - VQOs are an indicator used in forestry to determine the appropriate level of disturbance that is visible from key viewpoints. While this is maintained through Ministry of FLNRORD, the parameters can be used locally as a measure of change in the landscape over time.	Nature	
125	Emsley Cove - referenced in Kalum LRMP and SRMP - Had restrictions for logging activity, with moratorium in place - Was restricted to pilot ecosystem-based cut plan Ignored by forest licensees and logging has occurred in Emsley watershed.	Nature	
126	What are the jurisdiction challenges regarding reserve land and lands adjacent to reserve land?	Process	
127	High Priority: Protection of Old-Growth forests	Nature	
128	How to control use of the area, could it be subject to provincial lease or tenure on Crown land? Could DOK acquire areas of high value for future use or protection.	Process	
129	What are the recreation limits of the area? Is there a carrying capacity? How would that be implemented?	Social	

130	Importance to maintain integrity of the land and water ecosystems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Riparian Areas - Wetlands - Foreshore and intertidal areas -- Eelgrass, habitat restoration - Grizzly habitat 	Nature	Stakeholder Focus Group 5
131	Water Access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need access points for kayaks and other users at strategic locations along channel - Reduce distance between access points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hospital Beach to Moon Bay to Bish Cove to Emsley Cove to Jesse Falls - Opens area to users who cannot paddle long distances to a destination. 	Social	
132	Moon Bay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby for public access to Moon Bay site - Need to address signs to "Keep Out" at Moon Bay and other high value access points. - DOK should consider land purchase at key points to establish public access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moon Bay, if RTA or others put land for sale. 	Social	
133	Use industry offsets to replace and maintain trails blocked by development	Economy	
134	Reference Kalum LRMP for Coastal Management aspects of plan	Nature	
135	Public Engagement: Consider holding single issue meetings to generate higher turnout, target specific user groups (ATVs, Hikers, Mountain Bikes, Snowmobiles)	Process	
136	Impact of new residents - Education and Awareness of risks in this terrain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Backcountry awareness, avalanche, river currents - Game - as an introduction to Kitimat 	Social	

137	<p>Who is coming to Kitimat?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certain people will choose to come, stay, and recreation - for a reason. - Recruitment and Retention to Kitimat seeks those who value landscape and opportunities in Kitimat. - Promote community social and natural values - Recreation options as community amenity - An expectation of water access in the coastal community, surprise when not available. - Typically affluent, well-paid workforce with ability to pay for equipment necessary to recreate in this environment. 	Economy	Stakeholder Focus Group 6
138	Need for new resident orientation, perhaps integrate with Chamber of Commerce program, major employers	Social	