



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA**

April 15, 2025 at 2:00pm
Board Room, RDMW Administrative Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

Page(s) **CALL TO ORDER**

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1-2 1. Adopt April 15, 2025 RDMW Board of Directors Meeting Agenda as presented.
(or amended)

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

This meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwakwaka'wakw.

- 3-16 1. North Island Sport Fishing Advisory Group – Lawrie Garrett

C. MINUTES

- 17-23 1. Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held March 18, 2025 as Presented (or amended)
- Available for Review* 2. District of Port Hardy – Regular Council – March 11, 2025; Town of Port McNeill Regular Council – February 25, March 04, 2025; Village of Alert Bay – Regular Council – February 24, March 10, 2025; Village of Port Alice – Regular Council – February 12, February 26, March 12, 2025
- Available for Review* 3. Cheque Register Report (March 31, 2025)

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Chief Administrative Officer – Verbal Report
- 24 a) Travel Report – April 15, 2025

Recommendation:

THAT the April 15, 2025 travel report be approved as presented.

- 25-27 2. Economic Development Services – (April 15, 2025)
- 28-30 b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report - (April 15, 2025)
- 31-33 c) Tourism Coordinator Report - (April 15, 2025)
- 34-35 3. Operations Department - (April 15, 2025)
- 36 4. Planning Department – (April 15, 2025)

E. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – Chief Financial Officer Verbal Report
- 37 2. Single Source – March 31, 2025

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

(To be brought forth from earlier Committee Meetings)

G. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

H. CORRESPONDENCE - None

I. OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

1. Electoral Area Updates:

Area “A” - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

Area “B” – Coal Harbour / Quatsino / Winter Harbour

Area “C” - Hyde Creek / Rupert

Area “D” - Nimpkish Valley / Woss

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay

Village of Port Alice

District of Port Hardy

Town of Port McNeill

3. Question Period

4. Committee Meetings:

5. Next Meeting: May 20, 2025

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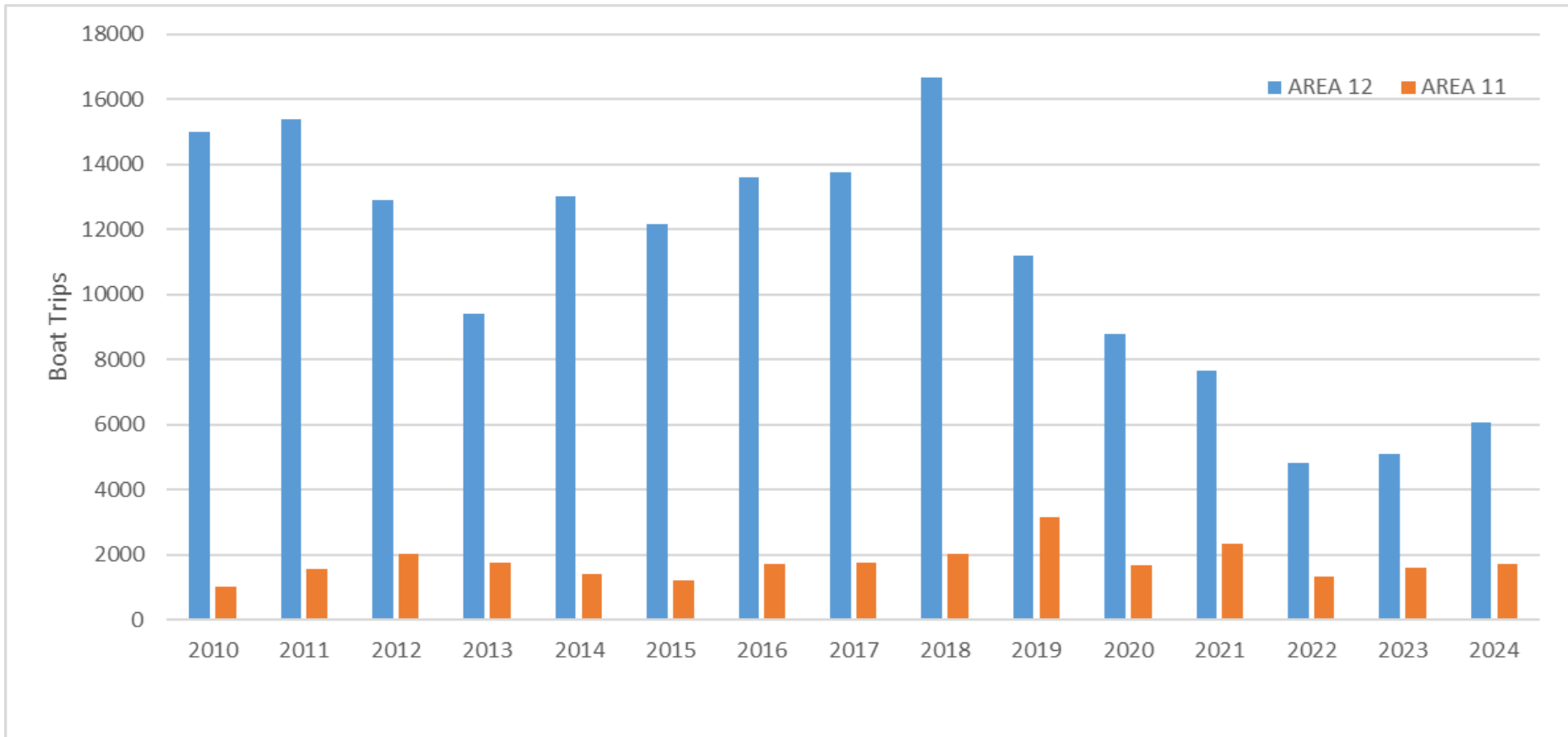
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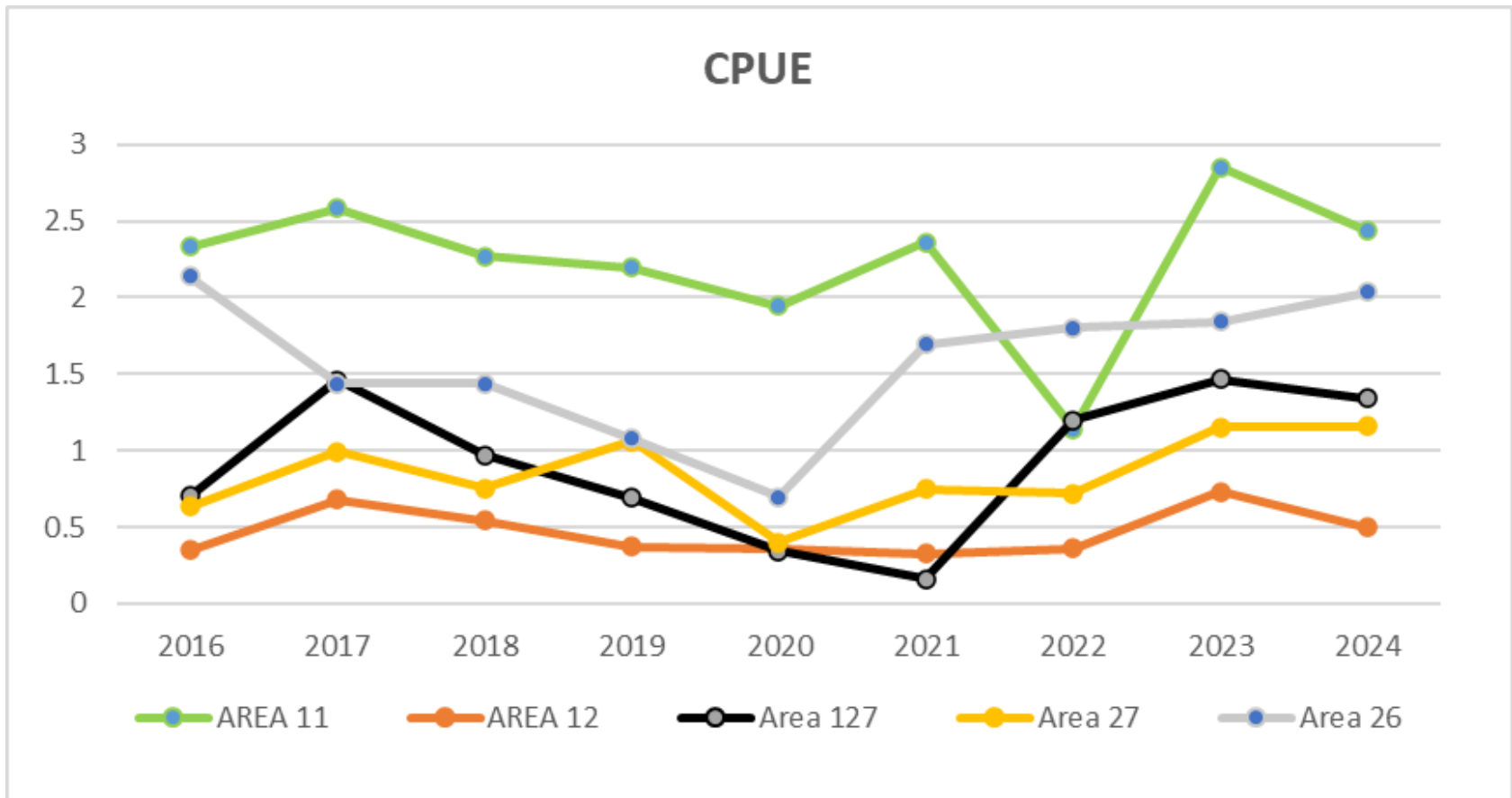


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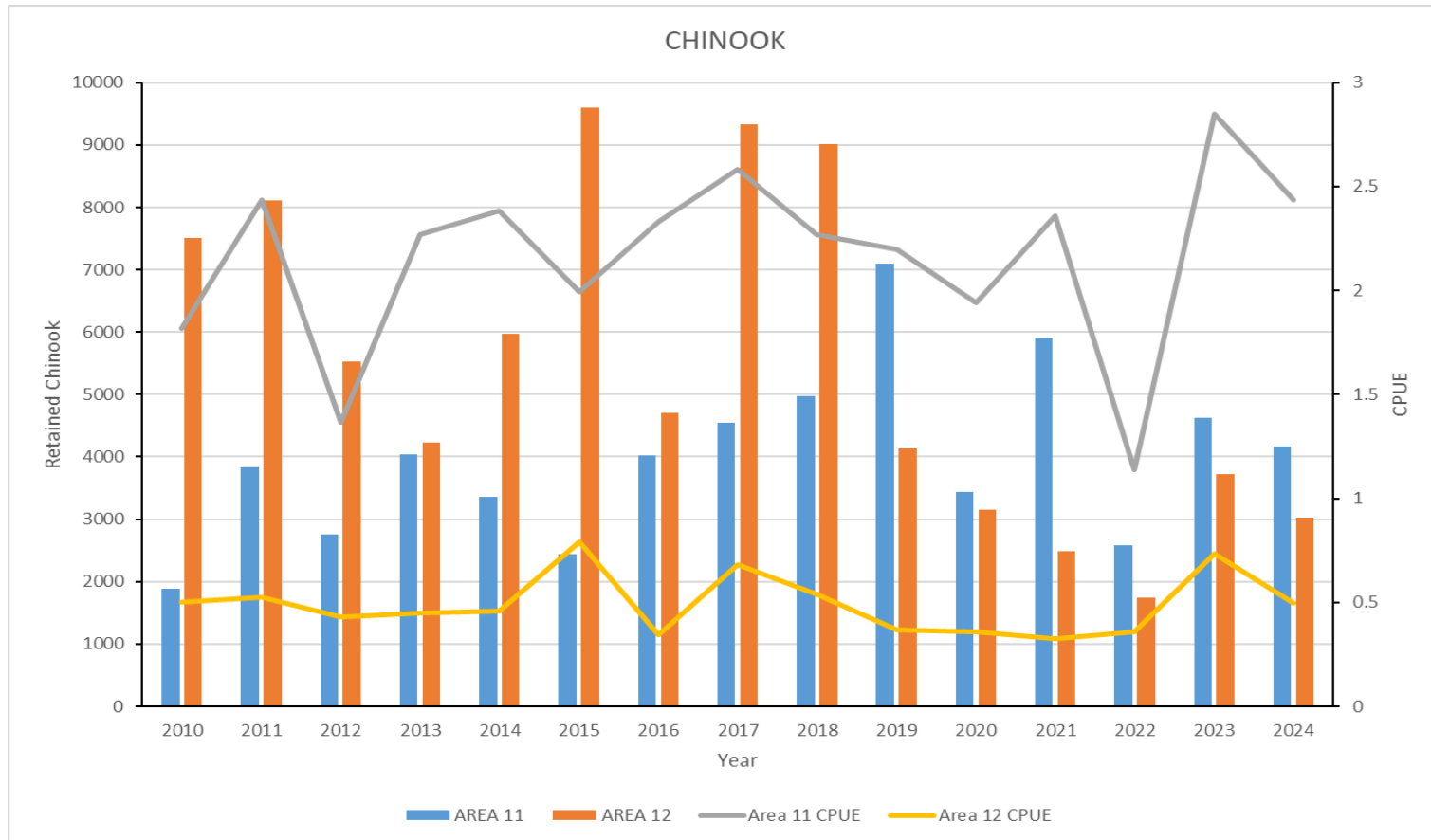


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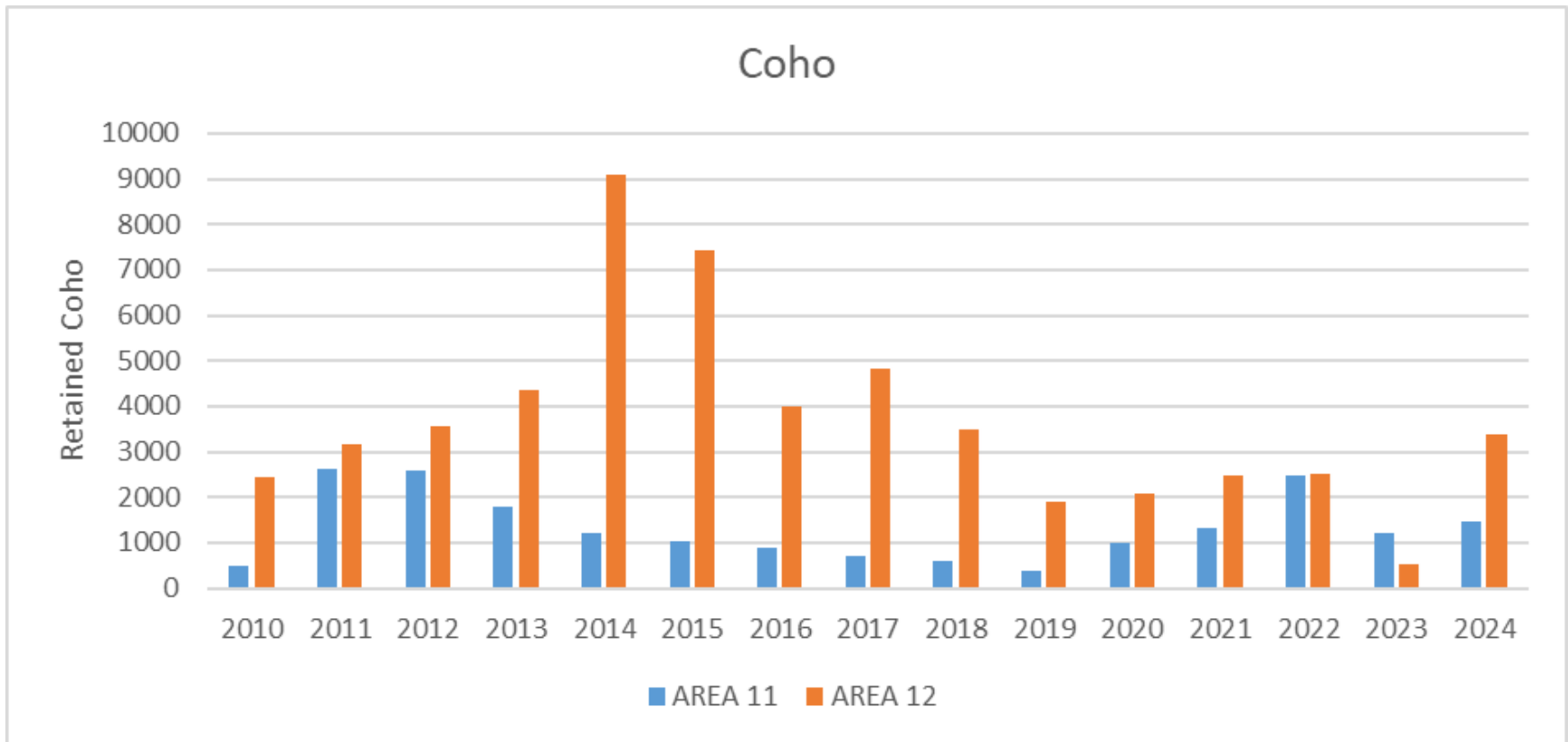


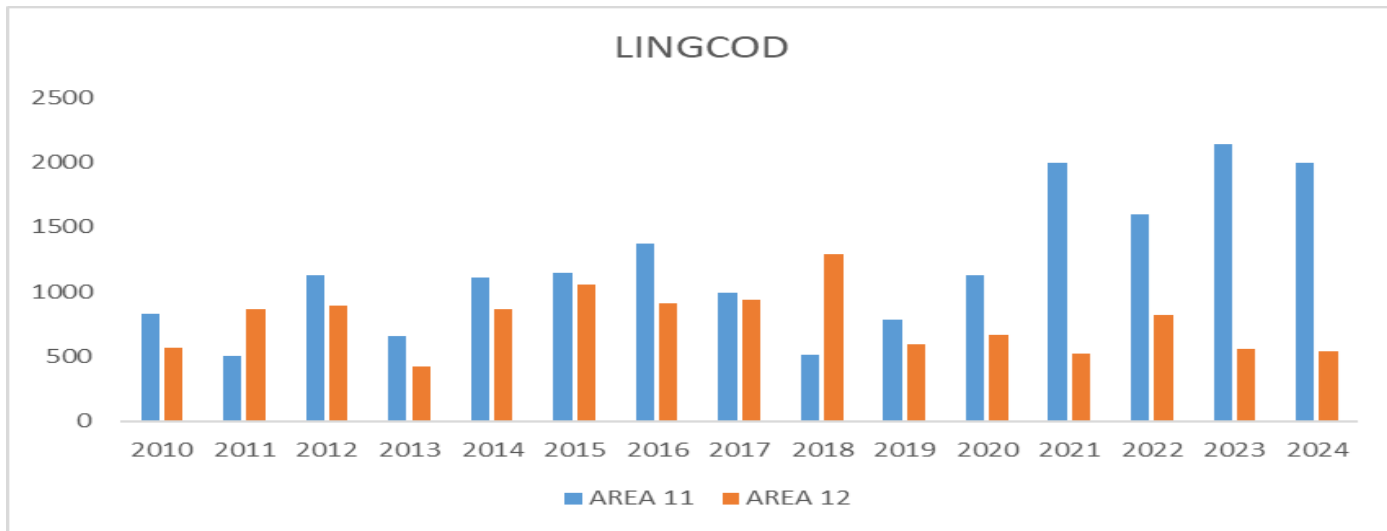
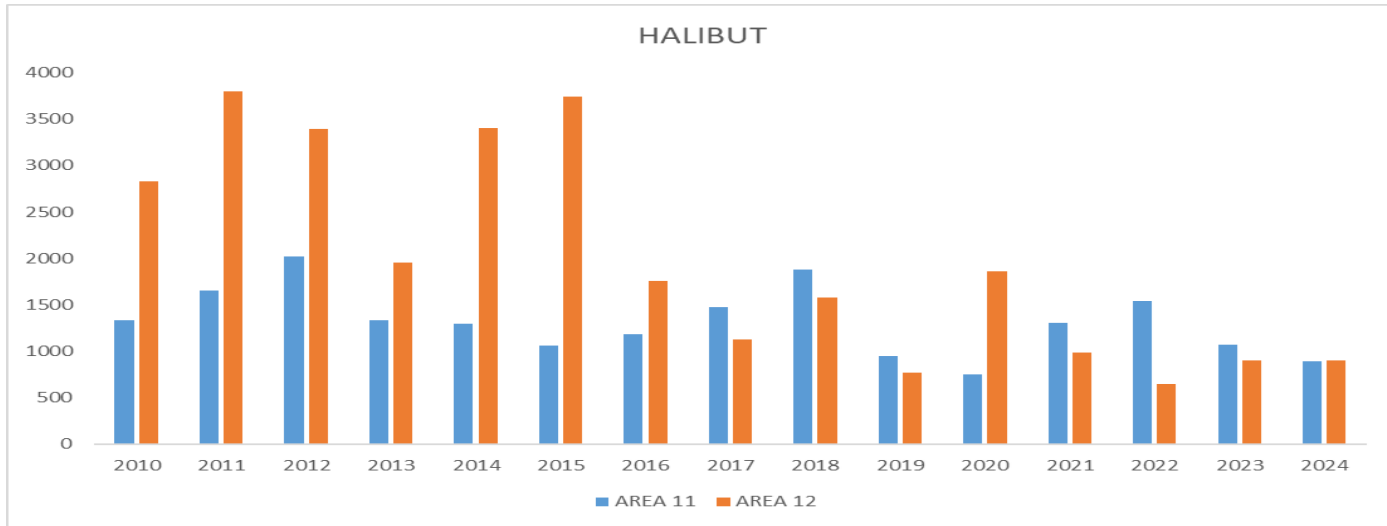
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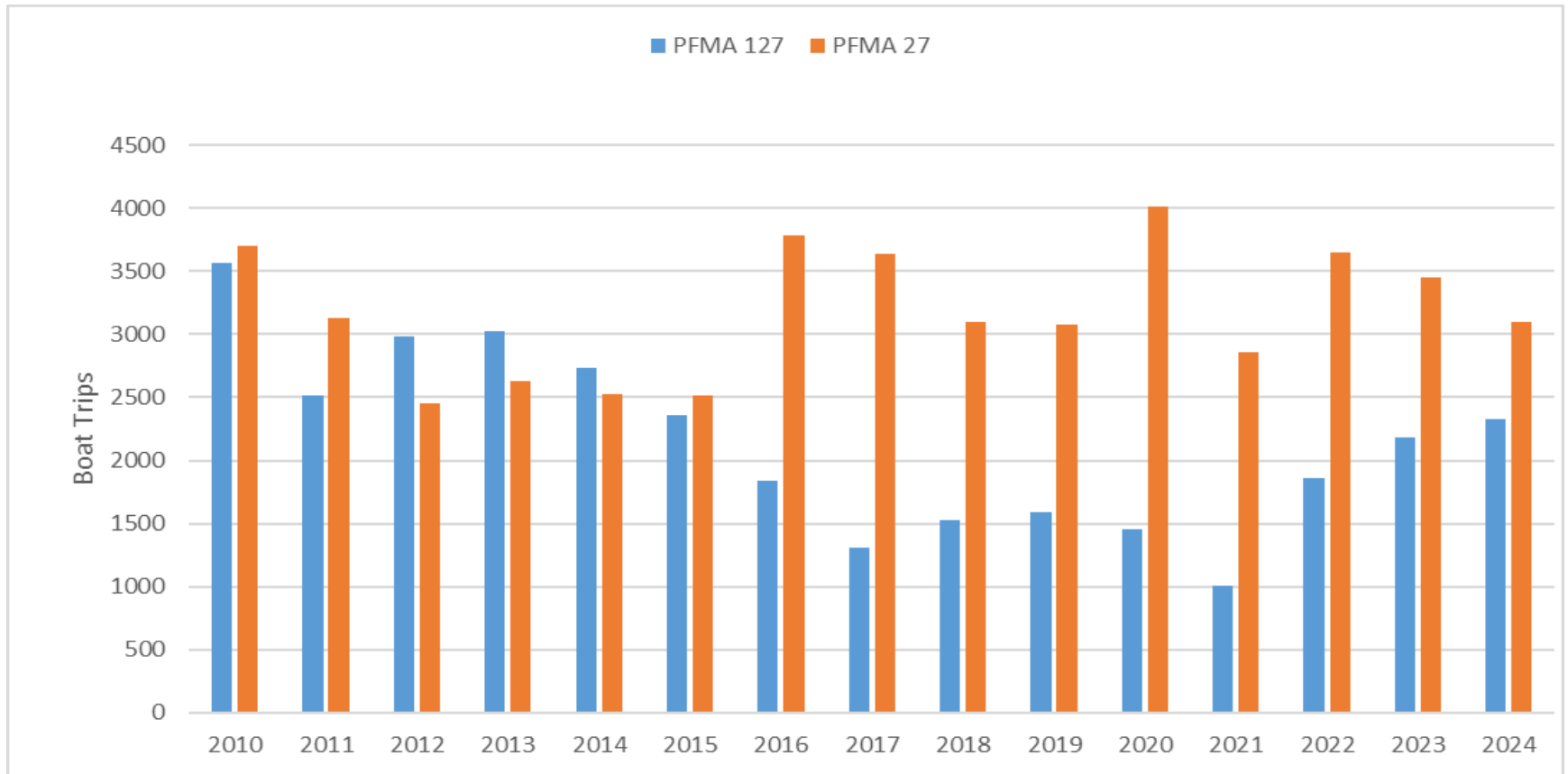
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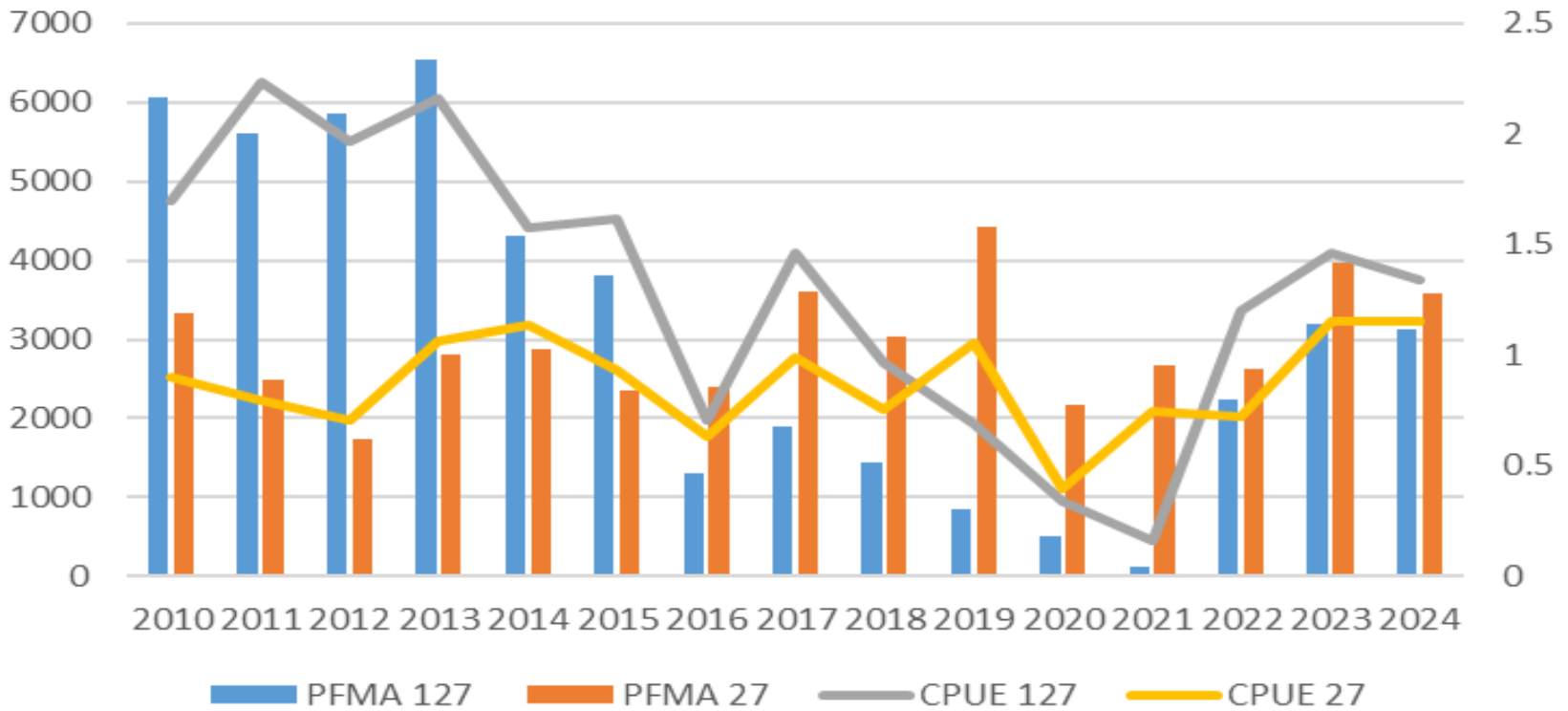
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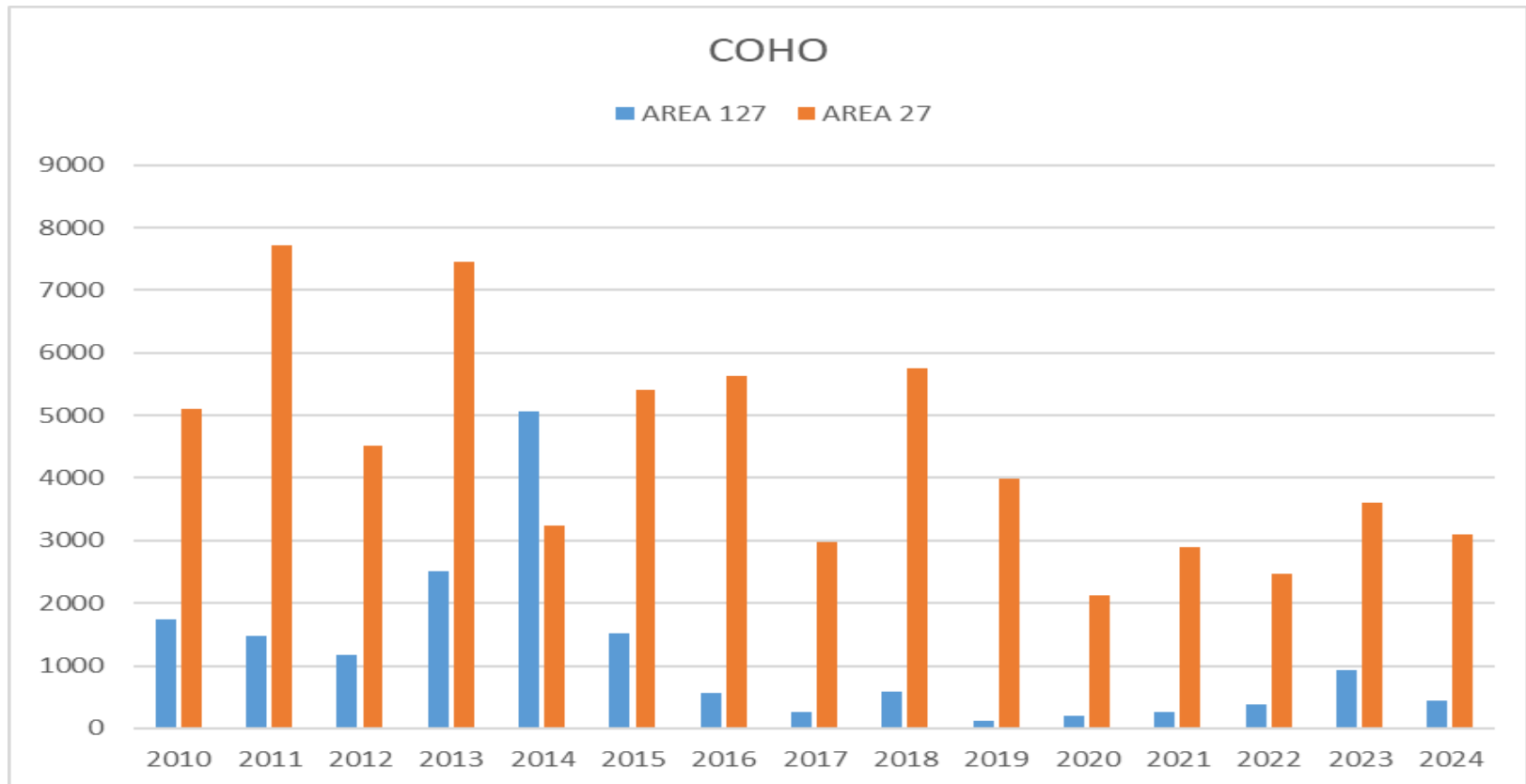
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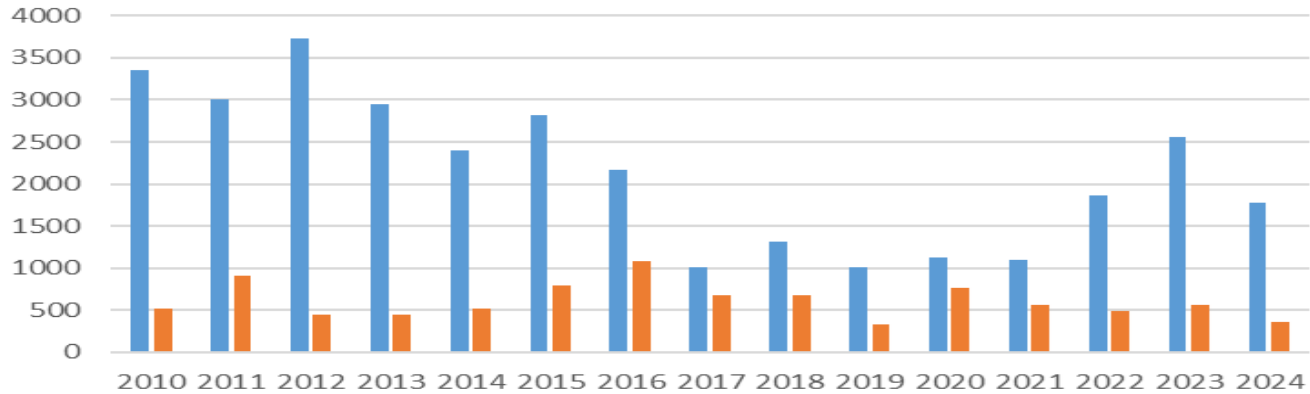
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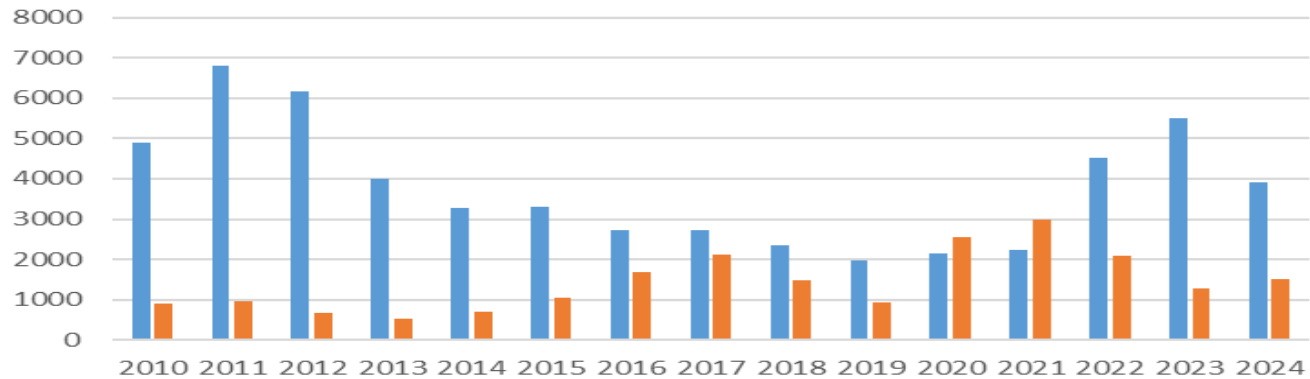
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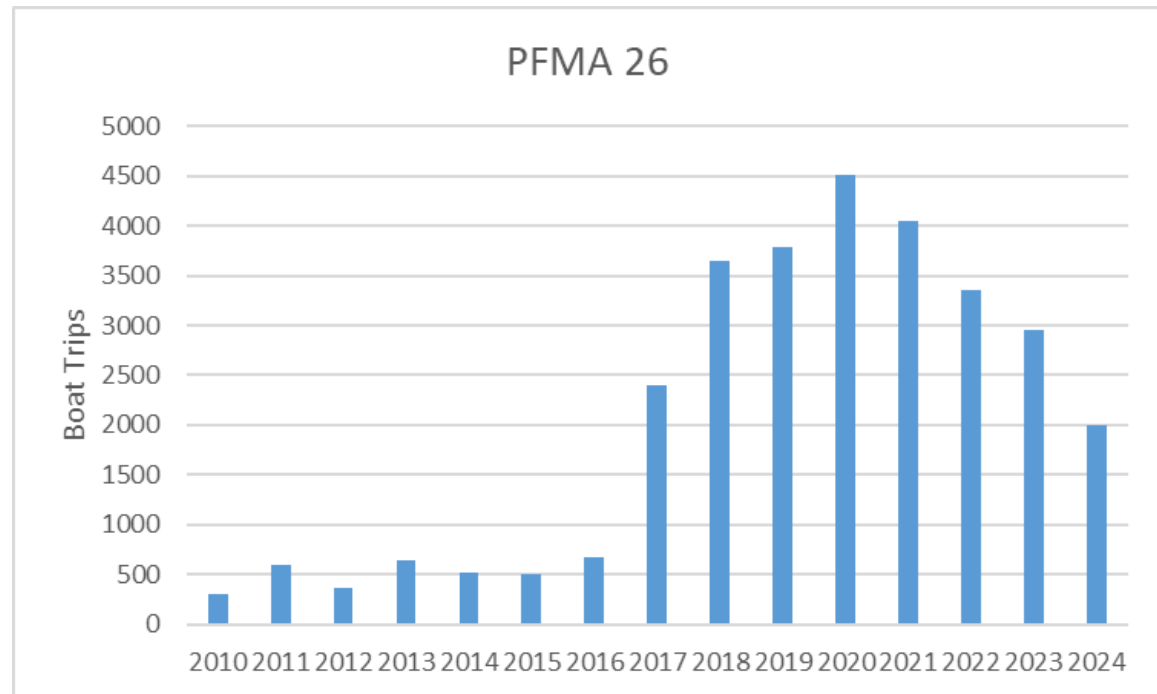
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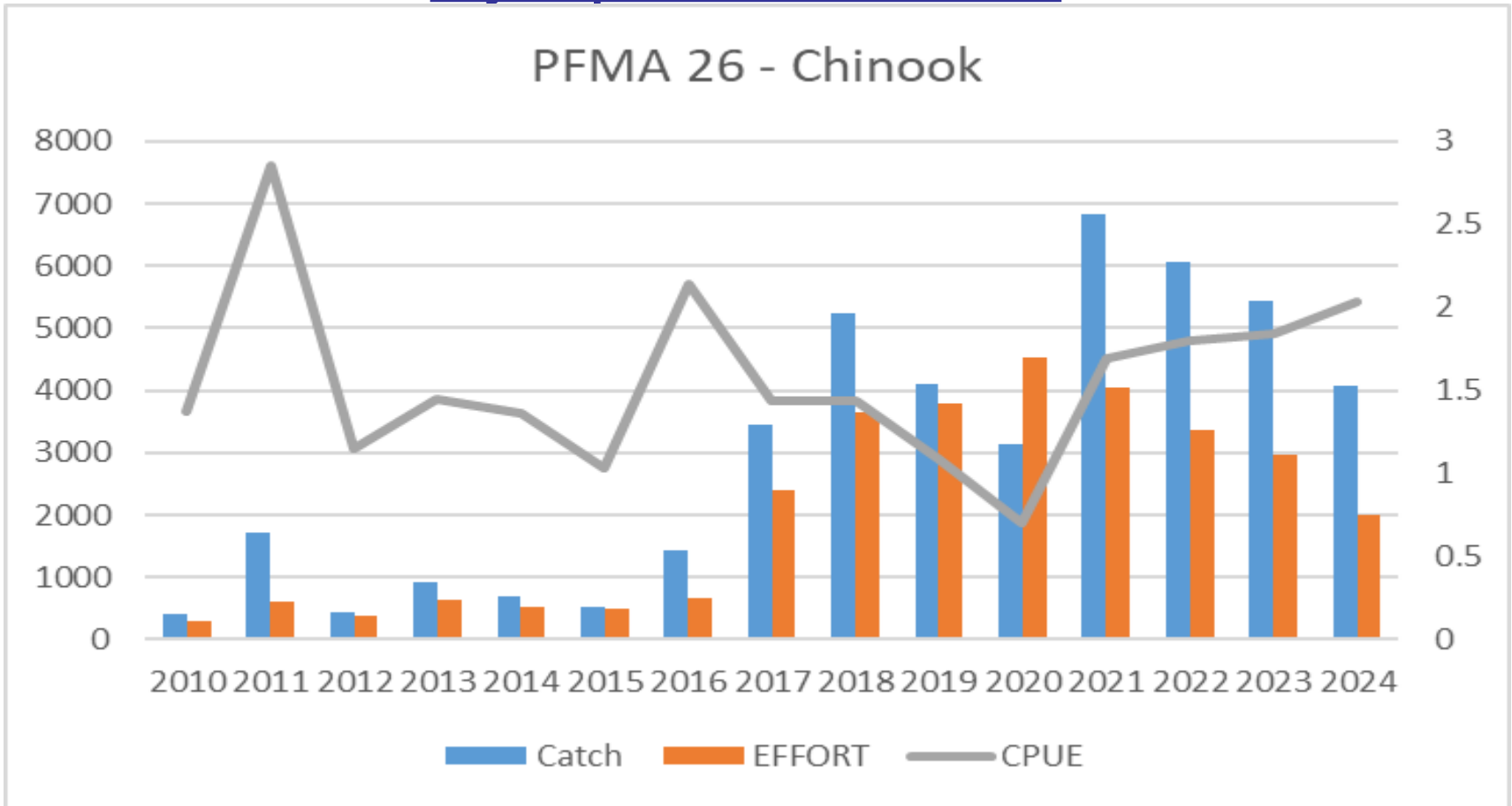
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- Stable fishery
- Limited by access
- Heavily Guided



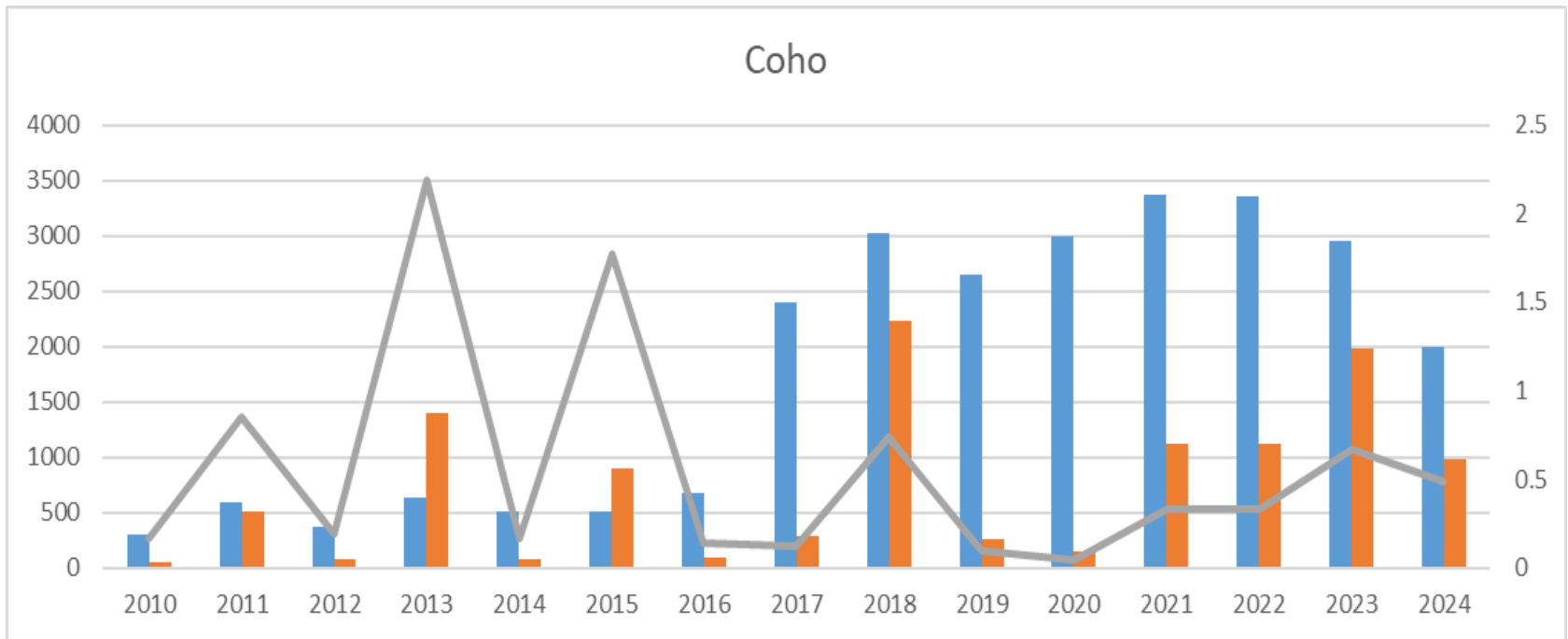


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2024 Overview

- Program was successful despite challenges in effort counts
 - Fog in early August in JST
 - Consistent fog bank near the Brooks
- Lots of sampling
 - Effective observers coupled with lodge sampling programs to fill in gaps
- Fewer negative interactions with the public
 - Excellent observers this year who took initiative to engage with the public



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 18, 2025 at 2:00pm
Board Room, RDMW Administrative Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

Chair: Andrew Hory
Directors: In Person: Dennis Buchanan, Dennis Dugas, Brent Schmidt, Alternate for Kathryn Wykes
Zoom: Kevin Cameron, Pat Corbett-Labatt, James Furney, Michelle Pottage, David Summers

Staff: In person: David Kim, Administrator, Matt Dyck, Operations Supervisor,
Zoom: Natalie Stewart, Tourism Coordinator, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary,
Nicole McDowell, Administration

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Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER** **2:05 PM**

The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'waka peoples.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
043/2025 THAT the RDMW Board of Directors March 18, 2025 Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

MINUTES

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
044/2025 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held February 26, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
045/2025 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
046/2025 THAT the Cheque Registry for February 28, 2025 be received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report: Verbal Report

- Total transit cumulative revenue for February 2025 was just over \$10,000. This was a decline in revenue of 11% from last year. The ridership declined by 13% compared to the same period for 2024. There was a total of 4754 trips. There was a significant ridership drop that may be attributed to a few factors, including weather, driver shortage and the BC Transit policy that drivers cannot demand fare payment.
- Total campground cumulative reservations: Bere Point is \$63,200 and is currently 66% booked. This is up 20% from last year. Quatse Campground has a current revenue of \$18,700.00 with 16% of available sites booked. This is up by 160% from

- the same time last year.
- Hiring Status:
 - o The Emergency Response Coordinator has been hired. Dane Cameron will be starting on March 19. Dane has a Masters Degree in Emergency Management and is very eager to learn about the North Island.
 - o The Manager of Parks, Manager of Operations, Manager of Finance and the Manager of Operations have several candidates and interviews are upcoming.

047/2025 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the verbal March 18, 2025 Administrator's Report be received.

- a) Mount Cain Alpine Parks Society Lease Agreement

048/2025 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**:
 THAT the operating agreement between the Regional District of Mount Waddington and the Mount Cain Alpine Park Society be approved and signed.

- b) PW Transit Annual Operating Agreement

049/2025 Moved/Seconded/**Carried**:
 THAT the operating agreement between the Regional District of Mount Waddington and PW Transit be approved and signed.

- c) Travel Report – March 18, 2025

050/2025 Moved/Seconded/**Carried**:
 THAT the March 18, 2025 travel report be approved as presented.

2. Economic Development – Presented by Pat English, Economic Development Consultant (March 18, 2025)
 - Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw First Nations through their business development company KEDC have also expressed interest in participating in the Seawood Industry Development Plan.

051/2025 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the March 18, 2025, Economic Development report be received and filed.

1. Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report Presented by Pat English, Economic Development Consultant (March 18, 2025)
 - The Economic Forum was well attended.
 - The RRAP contract has been extended to the end of June.

052/2025 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the March 18, 2025 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- b) Tourism Coordinator Report – (March 18, 2025)

053/2025 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the March 18, 2025 Tourism Coordinator report be received and filed.

2. Operations Supervisor – Matt Dyck (March 18, 2025)

054/2025 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 THAT the March 18, 2025 Operations Supervisor report be received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – David Kim, CFO verbal report (February 26, 2025):
 - The VADIM cloud migration will be completed by the end of April. Once this is completed then the budget software Questica will be integrated into VADIM by the end of May.
 - The Utility billings will be sent out by end of March.
 - Property Taxation requisitions will be sent to the Municipalities and the Province by April 10.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

055/2025 THAT the March 18, 2025 Verbal Finance Report be received and filed.

2. Single Source Report – February 28, 2025

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

056/2025 THAT the February 28, 2025 Single Source reports be received and filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

BYLAWS

FINANCE:

1. Bylaw No. 1049, Regional District of Mount Waddington 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan, Bylaw No. 1049 be adopted.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

057/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1049, Regional District of Mount Waddington 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan, Bylaw No. 1049 be adopted.

COAL HARBOUR:

1. Bylaw No. 1050, Coal Harbour Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw No. 1051, Coal Harbour Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw and Bylaw No. 1056 Coal Harbour Garbage Collection Rates and Regulations Bylaw be adopted as presented.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

058/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1050, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Coal Harbour Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1050” be adopted.

AND FUTHER THAT Bylaw No. 1051, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Coal Harbour Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1051” be adopted.

AND FURTHER THAT Bylaw No. 1056, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Coal Harbour Garbage Collection Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1056” be adopted.

WOSS:

2. Bylaw No. 1052, Woss Sewer System Rates and Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw No. 1053, Woss Solid Waste Rates and Regulations Bylaw, and Bylaw No. 1054 Woss Water System Rates and Regulations be adopted.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

059/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1052, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Woss Sewer System Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1052” be adopted.

AND FURTHER THAT Bylaw No. 1053, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Woss Solid Waste Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1053” be adopted.

AND FURTHER THAT Bylaw No. 1054, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Woss Water System Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1054” be adopted.

7 MILE LANDFILL & RECYCLING:

3. Bylaw No. 1055, cited as the “7 Mile Solid Waste Disposal Bylaw No. 1055” be adopted.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

060/2025

THAT Bylaw No. 1055, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington 7 Mile Solid Waste Disposal Bylaw No. 1055” be adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OTHER BUSINESS/ DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area “A” - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *BC Ferries had an engagement session in Sointula on March 7, there were a total of nine attendees. The feedback was that the attendees felt like BC Ferries wasn't really listening, that BC Ferries did not answer questions thoroughly, and that it appeared to the attendees that BC Ferries was just attending to check a box.*
- *The Quadra Queen 2 will be out for retro fit from October 14, 2025 to March 17, 2026.*
- *The first ferry today was over an hour late this morning, but there was no communication update on the BC Ferries website or BC Ferries Facebook site, which is very frustrating for commuters.*
- *The response to the RDMW letter from BC Ferries and the Ministry of Transportation was lovely if what they shared was actually happening currently. It feels like the sessions are very piece meal and siloed.*
- *Attended the EA Forum in February where they discussed the Community Building fund, at which it was advised that there is the potential to use some of the funds towards the purchasing cost of fire trucks.*
- *There is an issue with problem animals in Sointula and there will be a discussion about an animal control bylaw within the community. This is for animals that are killing, biting or harming. The RCMP have been reluctant to assist.*
- *The Sointula Public Health nurse is now a Remote Certified Registered Nurse. This expands her scope of practice which is a benefit to the clinic and patients.*

Area “B” – Coal Harbour / Quatsino / Winter Harbour

- *No Report*

Area “C”- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *The Hyde Creek gazebo is almost complete, just needs some concrete finishing.*
- *The cougar is still present in the area, but no reports of pets going missing at this time.*
- *The Fire Department has recruited 10 new recruits*
- *Hyde Creek Daze is upcoming, with a CCR Tribute band headlining.*

Area “D” – Nimpkish Valley / Woss

- *Would like to use the Director EA Grant to paint lines in the Community Hall.*
- *Receiving complaints around unsightly storage in community (three in particular).*

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay:

- *Attended 2 medal ceremonies for the King Charles medals. One was presented to Chuck Wong in recognition of his years of service to the community including Cub Scouts, most recently, the Junior Rangers. So the Lieutenant Commander along with the Seargent Major for the Junior Rangers presented Chuck with his medal and a 2nd one was presented to K'odi Nelson for his work with the Haida and the Nawalakw, by MP Rachel Blaney.*
- *Met with Tamara Olsen and Morningstar Pinto from BC Ferries for the pop up meeting. The meeting time was switched from 6:15 to 7:00pm, to 12:15 to 2:00pm. Unfortunately this was the same day as a the funeral for the Chief's son. This meant that Mayor Buchanan was the only attendee.*
- *Attended the Economic Forum which was very interesting.*
- *In further discussion re: construction of town square which is scheduled to start in May. Current work is being done on the soccer field to have it ready for June sports.*

Port Alice:

- *Lions park clearing is still ongoing, total of 23 trees removed to date.*
- *Clean up ongoing at Alice Lake site.*
- *There have been reports of 2 cougars in the Port Alice area.*

District of Port Hardy:

- *DPH had an opportunity to meet with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss concerns around the service levels on the North Island. It was a very good meeting with a wide array of topics. There was a promise to install additional weather cameras on the highway closer to Port Hardy.*
- *Attended the King Charles medal award with Rachel Blaney recognizing Rosaline Glynn, a very active volunteer for over the last 30 years.*
- *I attended the Job Fair at the Civic Centre in Port Hardy. There were 28 businesses and over 196 attendees.*
- *Attended the Economic Development Forum, it was well attended and appreciated the efforts that go into this kind of event. Hopeful that the fall forum will see participation from our local Indigenous Nations.*
- *Congratulations to all the recipients of the King Charles Coronation medals.*
- *BC Ferries tri-city ferry and northern route ferry both have ongoing issues with mobility access for all, including the elevator not working.*
- *Attended the ICET meeting and discussed the applications for ongoing sustainable funding.*
- *The Electoral Area Director LGLA Forum was very well attended. This was a great education for mayors and electoral area directors.*
- *Attended a virtual meeting with Premier Eby, Minister Kalhon and Minister Anderson. There were approximately 117 attendees to discuss issues around threats to water, and resources. There is a need to be cognizant of where items are being purchased from.*

Town of Port McNeill:

- *The waterfront bathroom with showers will be set up in the central area by the Harbour in the next few weeks. These will include accessibility ramps.*
- *Audit is underway at the town office.*
- *The BC Provincial Under 18 Women's Hockey tournament will begin on Wednesday. There are nine teams in total.*

Questions/Comments:

1. *I would like to confirm that the Broughton Sports Club Grant-In-Aid application was received and has been accepted.*

Chair Hory: Yes, the Grant-In-Aid has been accepted.

- 2. The Planning Committee has not met since 2022. Is there a reason why?*

Chair Hory: At this time, there hasn't been a specific meeting required to date. This is normally for large projects, like a community OCP.

- 3. What is the multiplex project?*

Chair Hory: This not a current building, this is an exploratory idea to create a new RDMW building with full accessibility and other services. The feasibility will be funded through a grant. Currently at the exploratory stage.

- 4. 7 Mile Landfill has a new contractor – how does this work.*

Chair Hory: The RDMW staff run the scale house and recycling component. The Operator handles the heavy equipment work.

- 5. What is an MOU*

Pat English, Economic Development Consultant: It's a Memorandum of Understanding. It's not legal binding but sets out the components of what will be expected and put into a legal document.

- 6. Why is the feasibility study \$200,000.00*

Pat English, Economic Development Consultant: This money will be funded via 80% grant monies. This level of due diligence is required for future funding of this project.

- 7. The meeting with Transport Canada, with the increase of tourism to the North Island. Was there any discussion around road repairs to accommodate this? From Telegraph Cove turnoff to Port Hardy/*

Director Dugas: Our Mayor Pat Corbett-Labatt and Director Tidbury asked that repairs start from the North and head south. The attendees from the Ministry did comment on the condition of the road north of Woss.

Mayor Corbett-Labatt: It took over 2 years to get a meeting with the Ministry of Transport and their contractors. When the District of Port Hardy meets with them, the District advocates for all of the North Island, including the logging road which are used by a large number of tourists and tour operators. It was stated to the Ministry representatives that the lack of service is concerning.

Pat English, Economic Development Consultant: Years ago, the Ministry of Transportation representative for the North Island used to make an annual visit. This has not happened in quite a while. The Regional District did advise the Ministry that allowing logging trucks on the public roadway would move the costs of repairs from the logging companies to the public purse.

Chair Hory: The Regional District used to have an annual meeting with the Ministry of Transportation representative, this has not happened for the last couple of years. The Regional District has been advised that North Island is not on the top of the list for repairs. The Regional District is aware that there are other areas that are in worse condition, but again, waiting for everything to completely fail is not ideal either. Feedback from the various Ministries around transportation and health is very general without any specific timelines or confirmation of funding for needed services.

8. Have you considered public meetings at a different time of the day to allow for a better attendance from the public, perhaps later in the day.

Chair Hory: We have heard this, and this is a conversation that would need to happen and will require feedback. This is a very valid point to facilitate interactions from the public.

9. How can we make sure that we know when the meetings are?

Chair Hory: The recurring monthly meetings are noted on the website, but if there is a special meeting, it gets published in the newspaper as well.

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: April 15, 2025

061/2025

ADOURNMENT

TIME 4:00 PM

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

Travel Report

TO: BOARD
FROM: David Kim, Administrator
SUBJECT: Travel Report
DATE: April 15, 2025

Authorization required for the following travel outside the RDMW:

Name	Purpose	Location	Date	Est. \$
Andrew Hory	NI 911 Meeting	Courtenay	March 28, 2025	\$ 556.78
David Kim	UBCM: CAO/Chair Conference	Victoria	April 21-24	\$2,148.88
Andrew Hory	UBCM: CAO/Chair Conference & MFA AGM	Victoria	April 21-25	\$2,638.03

Motion Required. _____ (April 15, 2025)



Economic Development Department Monthly Report

DATE: 15/04/2025

TO: Regional District of Mount Waddington Board of Directors

FROM: Cameron Neil, Economic Development Officer / HR

KEY ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, PROJECTS, & INITIATIVES

FOCUS AREAS	ACTIVITY
SEAWEED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SIDP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A planning group for the Seaweed Industry taskforce has been convened. However, this part of the initiative may need further work to define the role and purpose of the task force in relation to the overall SIDP. • Negotiations have been opened with Quatsino and KEDC (representing GNN) for a partnership agreement to develop a business plan for a pilot seaweed cultivation business. • First Nations have indicated that the proposed agreement will be reviewed by their respective teams, but this may be delayed due to governance changes. • If both FNs endorse the partnership agreement, I may need to secure additional funding. I have identified several programs that may be available to fill this funding gap.
EV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our planned timeline for the EV Charger installation to complete has been updated to 31/12/2026. I have been assisting the operations team to establish contact with the municipalities and FNs we need to still do technical assessments for. • Participation agreements for municipalities involved are at the final stages of review.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was introduced to the North Island community by David Kim (CAO) at the economic forum (12/03) which led to several follow up conversations and relationships being established. • Specifically engaging ICET, KEDC, CFMW, MJEDI and NIC I have been able to have a better understanding of key challenges the region faces while I work with David to focus on the short and long-term priorities of the RDMW.
OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSIGNMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new RDMW website is near completion, with a development review currently available although it is not live yet. • I have been working with Pat English and continuing the handover period, who has been providing introductions as necessary alongside support with the fundamentals of the EDO position.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have contacted VIU and WFP to notify them we are no longer providing the residential element of the Fundamentals of Forestry Program - Fall 2025 Program is uncertain due to current macroeconomic climate. • I have been working to complete several reports and documentation to funding agencies for grants (REDI, CWRG, CST, UBCM, IG, ICIP) • I received the PSI report from the consultants concerning Echo Bay. The report recommends that we develop and implement a remediation plan to address soil contaminants and debris at the site
MULTIPLEX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have been working to develop a budget for the feasibility study based on a submission from #10 Architectural Group. The preliminary draft budget of approximately \$150,000 is somewhat below our initial estimates but the workplan has not yet been reviewed by FCM. • I am also working to complete the full FCM application, with a target submission date of April 18. FCM advises that their funding portal will close for redevelopment on May 23, and they will not accept any new application until the new portal is fully operational (sometime in the summer). • Proposed Board Resolution - The Regional District of Mount Waddington supports the submission of an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for funding to support the preparation of a feasibility study to investigate the development of a new multiplex building to include office and meeting spaces and temporary housing units and will contribute financial and administrative support as required to complete the study.

OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT LEAD REPORTS

- VINTAC Report Submitted by: Natalie Stewart - attached
- RRAP Report Submitted by: Megan Hanacek – attached


SUGGESTED MOTIONS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

NA

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Neil

Economic Development Officer / HR

Author:	Cameron Neil, Economic Development Officer
Manager / Supervisor:	David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Administrative Officer SIGNATURE	

Update Regional District of Mount Waddington Resident Attraction and Retention

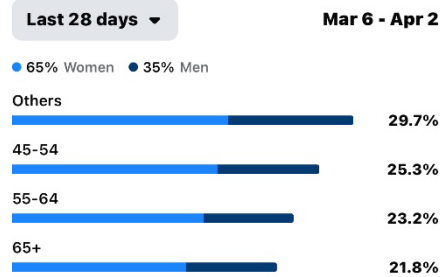
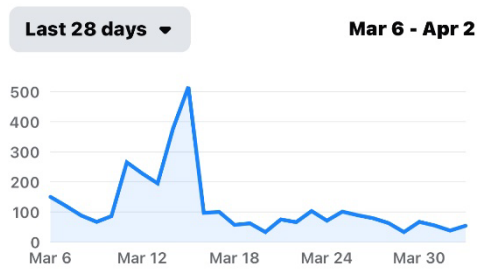
My Vancouver Island North Media

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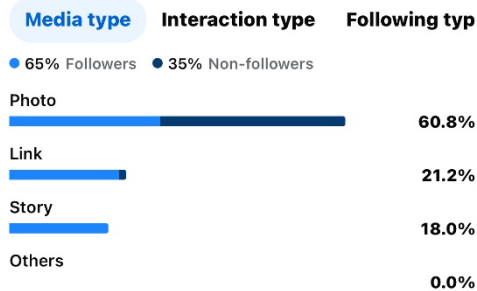
Social Media details:

- Facebook currently has 6947 followers (6918 last RDMW meeting), with 117, 489 views in last 28 days. Instagram currently sits at 1559 followers (1521 last RDMW meeting). This is a successful steady growth without added cost of META advertising (like other communities do). Key interactions peak with our social media on Tues-Thursday weekdays.

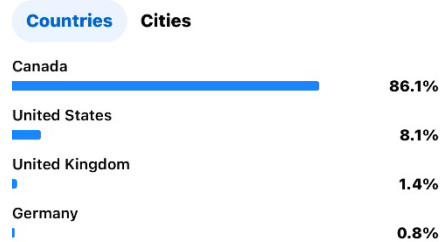
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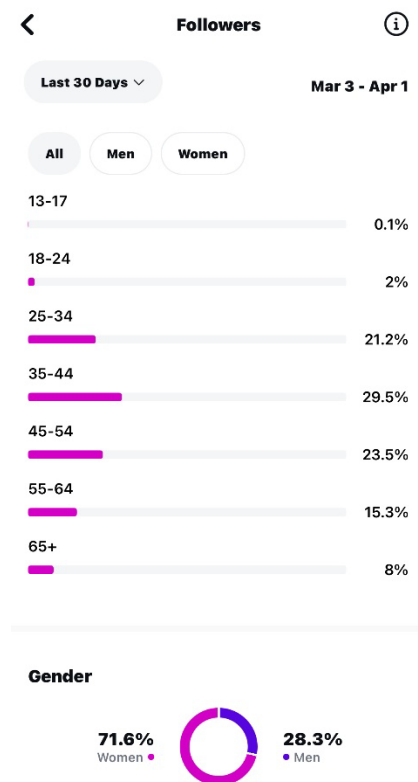
How people engage



Top locations ⓘ



Instagram



RDMW Website Redesign

We continue with staff/contract hours dedicated to the RDMW website redesign with Array (regular meetings/communications on new website hierarchy, content materials, SEO, forms and other capabilities). The website schematic and text content (e.g. more succinct text revisions) continue to be the focus in the coming weeks. We are currently working on sourcing of local images and permissions to use on the new sight.

My VIN Website and supplementals

Several plugins continue to be updated on the site. The Events calendar is updated daily by both Megan, Lisa and public submissions. We are working on a new Events layout (less busy display) to be completely in April.

We are currently focussing on Infoflip brochures placement to our service providers throughout Vancouver Island (hotels, restaurants, gas stations, stores). We encourage local representatives to reach out to us for potential Infoflip placements before 2025 Spring Break.

6th Bi-Annual Economic Forum

The Economic Forum was completed on **March 12, 2025** at 7 Hills Golf Course. Due to new BC government staff travel restrictions (speakers on original schedule), the final agenda was revised slightly leading up to the session with new speakers. We had a full day, very robust discussion on the Seaweed Industry Development Report, Labour Market Report, Internet connectivity, COAST, ICET co-governance

restructure and updates from Island Health. Many speakers and participants travelled from Vancouver, Victoria and mid Vancouver Island; we are appreciative of their participation to make the gathering a great success. We are in the works to plan an Oct 2025 Economic Forum and will have the placeholder invite out prior to the summer months.


Provincial Nominee Program

As mentioned previously, the BC PNP program has had a recent reduction (the program capacity has been reduced by 50% to 4000 nominations). But we have received assurance from the BC provincial staff that they will continue to support nominees as they progress towards permanent residency (final decision will reside with federal staff). We have noticed a reduction in applications with these new parameters but plan to hold a VINTAS subcommittee review of recent applications that have met our requirements around business plan, language competency and financial investment. We continue to work with PNP staff (virtually several times this last month) to market our region strategically with materials we have built to date: website, social media, videos, hard copy brochures and upcoming Ambassador materials (all highlight: safety, lifestyle, recreation, fishing, wilderness, temperate climate, schools, etc). Regular monthly meeting attendance and reporting with PNP government staff is still occurring to discuss candidate vetting and learning from other jurisdictions. Over the next month, Cameron, Pat and I will discuss resourcing capacity to potentially join other PNP subprograms including the Navigator program.

Vancouver Island North Training and Attraction Society

Ongoing VINTAS work continues with recent focusses on these topics:

- 2025 VINTAS workplan and other upcoming marketing deliverables
- Onboarding with Cameron Neil
- Fall 2025 Annual Economic Forum session (Oct 2025)
- Incoming 2025 PNP applications
- MyVIN website updates & social media
- Ambassador program upcoming meetings and supplemental materials

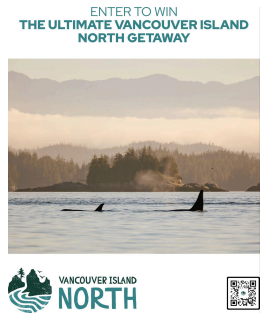
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April 02, 2025

Cameron Neil
Economic Development Officer
Regional District of Mount Waddington
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Vancouver Island North Tourism Report; March to April 2025

Upcoming and in-progress activities:



- **Telegraph Cove Roundtable:** we had a decent turn out at the Telegraph Cove Roundtable on March 25th, held in the Image room at the Chilton Arena. Updates from Telegraph Cove Resorts, The Whale Interpretive Centre, Prince of Whales and Telegraph Cove Art Gallery were shared. Salvage crews are currently in the Cove working and Gordie Graham mentioned that insurance and permitting has been going well which has helped move things along as needed. The plan is for the boardwalk to be fully re-built for the May 1st opening. There will be a temporary workspace for Prince of Whales and North Island Kayak, and the Whale Interpretive Centre plans to have a presence on the end of the boardwalk as well; they are just not sure what that looks like yet. There will be food service available in the general store which will be re-purposed for restaurant seeing for this season. Plans are to start rebuilding the restaurant and museum and office space as close to the original designs as possible in the Fall.
- **Outdoor Shows:** Attended the Calgary Outdoor Show March 29-30. 4 stakeholders representing 6 North Island companies attended as well. Having a good North Island presence created a lot of interest in the area and operators were receiving bookings during the show, with many additional enquiries. There is a survey out to stakeholders for their full feedback.
- **Toronto Sign Ups: 120 Scans: 196 | Vancouver Sign Ups: 262 Scans: 360 | Calgary Sign Ups: 200 Scans: 235**

Current Marketing Activities:

- Paid Search - Always On
- Paid Social - Brand awareness and Winter offerings
- 2025-2026 Vancouver Island Recreation Map, at the printers and will be distributed this month.
- New Pledge Video
- Articles approved for the Victoria Times Colonist and Vancouver is Awesome
- Influencer/content creation trip planned for first week in April will highlight themes including, Spring Visitation, quiet getaways, escaping the city, remote beaches, empty trails, and the Wild Pledge. Deliverables will include 2 dynamic highlight reels, 5-10 instagram stories per day, 30 high quality images, 20 B-roll clips and collaborative social engagement.
- Purchased 8 new underwater images for our content library.
- New Blog content for April - <https://vancouverislandnorth.ca/travel-tip/plan-a-spring-camping-trip-to-vancouver-island-north/>

Social Media

- World Wildlife Day Pledge Promotion: For #WorldWildlifeDay (on March 3rd), shared a carousel of diverse wildlife in the region and encouraged our followers to take action by signing the Wild Pledge, committing to being more sustainable travellers and observing wildlife responsibly.
- Telegraph Cove Update:
- Shared news about cleanup efforts underway (March 7), letting followers know the community is preparing to welcome visitors in May. The resort, campground, marina, and General Store will reopen, with a food facility available while the main restaurant is rebuilt. I'll continue to share updates about the reopening.
- Re-shared Tide Rip Grizzly Adventure's news of their tours starting for the season on May 10th.
- Herring Spawn: This year's herring spawn was an incredible display, captured by Geoff in front of Cluxewe Resort. Re-shared his post, but did not come across other UGC on the event. It's something to keep in mind for next year as it could help drive traffic for visitation.
- North Coast Trail Shuttle & Cape Scott Water Taxi: Our Facebook post highlighting the accessibility and adventure opportunities provided by North Coast Trail Shuttle & Cape Scott Water Taxi saw strong engagement, with 115 link clicks to their website as of today (which is a lot for our FB page). Many commenters shared their experiences using the service or their plans to book this summer. A great reminder of the interest in transportation services beyond wildlife tours and the value of highlighting these options in the region.

- Port McNeill Logger Sports Day: Shared the news of Port McNeill's 14th annual Logger Sports Day returning on May 31st.
- MERS Society's How Wild Photo & Video Contest: Re-shared MERS Society's *How Wild* photo and video contest, which closed on March 31.
- Indigenous Languages Day (March 31):
- Reposted U'mista Cultural Society's Facebook post and shared a carousel about the centre—an opportunity to reflect on the importance of language in preserving culture, knowledge, and identity. Highlighted the *In Our Hands: The Keepers of the Box of Treasures* exhibit, which captures the voices and perspectives of Kwakwaka'wakw elders and knowledge keepers through photography and storytelling, emphasizing resilience and wisdom in Indigenous traditions.
- Shared the Indigenous Languages Day reel collaboration from ITBC and DBC through Instagram stories.
- Local Businesses on Facebook & Instagram: With more followers planning their trips to the region, seasonal businesses reopening, and annual events gearing up for their return, now is a great time for local businesses active on Facebook to expand their presence on Instagram. While we have a strong local following on Facebook, Instagram offers even more opportunities to connect. For those local businesses already on Instagram, reminding them to keep their feeds and stories updated—and tagging us—makes it easier for us to re-share and help amplify their reach!

Hashtag Usage

#GoNorthIsland = 20 | #ExploreBC = 18

Instagram Collaborations

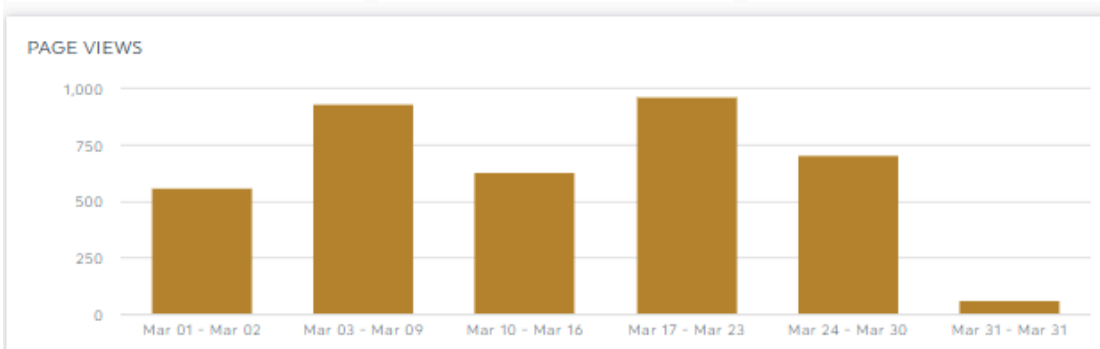
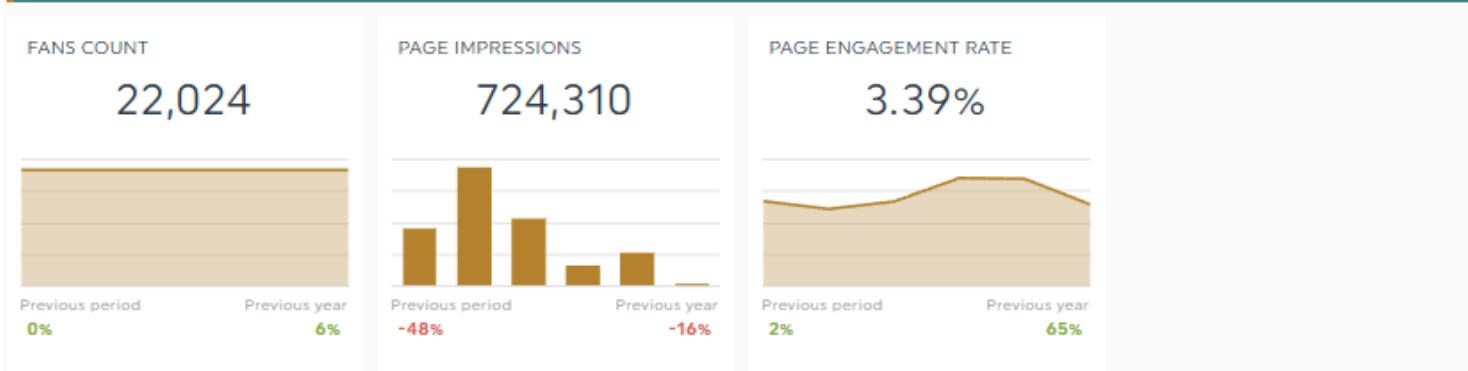
Collaborations Sent Out

1. A carousel featuring the experience of a tour with Sea Wolf Adventures. A collaboration with Sea Wolf Adventures and ITBC Results: 9,479 accounts reached, 643 likes, 6 comments, 15 shares, 18 saves, 17 profile visits, and 8 new follows.
2. A carousel with @tourismvancouverisland featuring spring hikes and the new hiking blog. Results: 9,882 accounts reached, 1.1K likes, 9 comments, 24 shares, 50 saves, 39 profile visits, and 21 follows.
3. A whale watching reel collab with @indigenoussc and @seawolfadventures. Results: 4,259 accounts reached, 5.9K plays, 336 likes, 5 shares, 5 saves, and 3 new follows.

Collaborations Received

1. A photo from @kwaililashoteporthardy and @hamerrestaurant, announcing Ha'me' reopening. Results: 4,539 views, 31 likes, 6 comments, and 6 shares.
2. A carousel of North Island shots, collab sent in from @thejournaloflosttime, and @simplerwaysco was also part of the collab. Results: 6,313 views, 178 likes, 5 comments, 2 shares, and 3 saves.

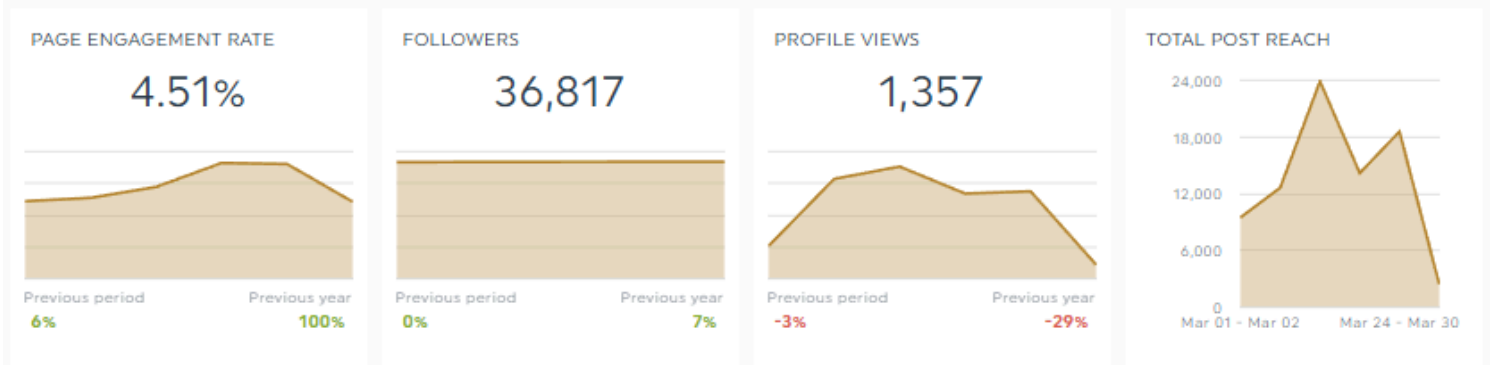
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TOP POSTS BY ENGAGEMENT RATE (WITH IMAGE)

Post With Image	Engagement Rate	Total Reactions	Post Comments	Post Shares				
<p>Think you can recognize these communities from above? 📷 Drop your best guesses in the comments! 📍 For those who want to know, click through each photo to reveal the location! 🏠's Geoff Heith 🏠 The Regional District of</p>	13.55%	+13.55%	35	+35	2	+2	4	+4
<p>From the coastal rainforests to the open ocean, this area is home to an incredible diversity of wildlife. 🐾🐻🐻 On #WorldWildlifeDay, we celebrate the species that call this region home and the importance of protecting their habi</p>	8.80%	+8.80%	73	+73	1	+1	6	+6

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The next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd from 2:00-3:30 at the CFMW board room and via Google Meet.

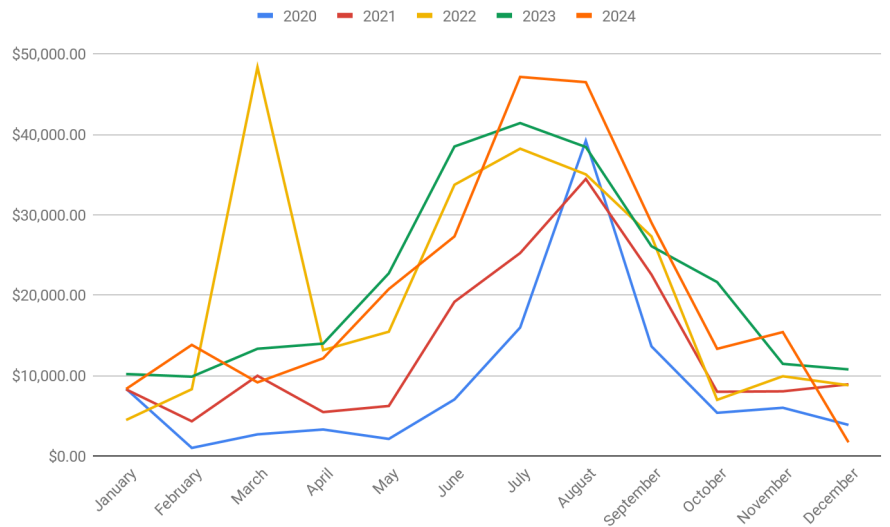
The agenda for this meeting includes:

- Outdoor & Adventure Show & Conference recap.
- Marketing update
- Season Launch planning
- 4VI Group Update
- Finance update
- Community/Partner Organization Updates

MRDT Revenue by Month:

The Vancouver Island North Tourism project receives 80% of the first 2% (or 53.33%) of MRDT revenue collected from designated recipients in the Vancouver Island North Region (Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Alert Bay, RDMW & Port Alice). All MRDT collecting communities on the North Island are collecting MRDT at a rate of 3%

	2022	2023	2024
Jan	\$4,802.82	\$10,173.87	\$8,316.49
Feb	\$7,801.24	\$9,847.10	\$13,800.45
Mar	\$48,383.40	\$13,316.97	\$9,136.59
Apr	\$13,435.76	\$13,958.15	\$12,129.70
May	\$15,438.90	\$22,706.13	\$20,745.38
June	\$33,721.69	\$38,482.61	\$27,292.64
July	\$38,211.38	\$41,396.38	\$47,139.04
Aug	\$35,016.19	\$38,418.38	\$46,485.79
Sept	\$27,294.07	\$26,075.62	\$28,998.48
Oct	\$6,957.05	\$21,610.69	\$13,309.58
Nov	\$9,897.00	\$11,438.45	*\$15,390.89
Dec	\$8,774.50	\$10,748.75	**\$1,681.79
TOTAL	\$249,561.26	\$258,173.10	\$244,426.82



*MRDT for Port Hardy not yet reported

**MRDT - only Port McNeill reported at this time

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Stewart

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Tourism Development Specialist, Vancouver Island North

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

TO: Board of Directors **FILE:** 315.04 **DATE:** April 15, 2025
FROM: Matthew Dyck, Operations Engineer
SUBJECT: April Operations Report

This report highlights various initiatives that the Operations department has been working on.

7 Mile Biocover Emissions Reduction Quantification

Operations reviewed the 2024 summary report for quantifying the 7 Mile Landfill's greenhouse gas emissions reduction from the voluntary biocover systems implemented in 2011. Consultants retained for the Landfill's annual report also performed methane emission field measurements on site last month. The estimated methane oxidation efficiency of the biocover systems was found to be 43% in Phases 1-2, and 81% in Phase 3, with an overall estimated greenhouse gas emissions reduction being 1,378 tonnes CO₂e in 2024.

Sointula Wastewater Treatment Plant Report


Operations submitted the Annual Report for the Sointula Wastewater Treatment plant last month. This reporting is required by the systems authorization and provides the province with the plants operating data for the past year.

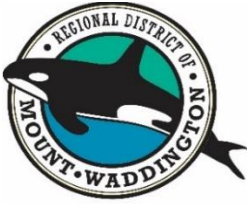
Volunteer Fire Departments Grant

The Union of BC Municipalities' Community Emergency Preparedness Funds' Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training grant that Operations help coordinate an application for late last year has been partially approved. The program provides funding of approximately \$40,000 to each of the Coal Harbour, Hyde Creek, Sointula, and Woss Volunteer Fire Departments for training and equipment projects that were submitted as part of the application. Operations would like to thank all departments for their work in putting the application together and will continue to coordinate with the departments to complete the projects this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Dyck, P.Eng.

Author	Matthew Dyck, Operations Engineer
Manager/Supervisor	David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Administrative Officer Signature	



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**

DATE: April 15, 2025

FILE: 315.05

AUTHOR: Emmanuel Okorji, Development Technician

SUBJECT: Monthly Planning Report - April Board Meeting

1. Zoning bylaw Amendment:

RDMW Zoning Bylaw No.21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1047, 2024 (Direct Control Bylaw): The public hearing for the establishment of this new bylaw has been set for 29th April 2025, details have been published on the local gazette.

2. Site Permit:

2025-SP-01-WS (47 Kinman Avenue) Site Permit issued for accessory dwelling unit.

2025-SP-02-MI (115 Kaleva Road) Site Permit issued for construction of metal building shop.

2025-SP-03-MI (360 1st Street) Site Permit issued for renovation of building.

3. Miscellaneous

- a) Selection of Consultant for the 2025 Interim Housing Needs Report ongoing.
- b) Building and Demolition Permits Survey for March has been submitted to Statistics Canada.
- c) Planning Newsletter for April has been published at various local media outlets.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emmanuel Okorji, Development Technician
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Development Technician

Approved by

David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer

David Kim
Chief Administrative Officer

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Manager/Supervisor	David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Administrative Officer Signature	



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
Single Source - March 2025

TO: REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Shelley MacEachern, Finance Clerk

DATE: April 3, 2024

Policy 2.2.2 Purchasing & Authorization Policy requires that instances where there has been a single source procurement above \$1000 or the lowest quote has not been accepted, the reasons shall be reported to the Board for information. Local preference policies or most value criteria may override accepting the lowest bid.

Single Source Procurements - March 2025

DATE	PO #	EFT #	PAYABLE TO	AMOUNT	Department	Requested By	Reason
07-Mar-25	25-037	5852	Foreman Equipment	\$18,250.00	7-Mile Solid Waste and Malcolm Island Transfer Station	Matt Dyck	One week equipment rental for grinding of wood waste at 7-Mile Landfill - Komtech Terminator 3400 Shredder.
13-Mar-25	25-026	5863	Western Scale Co. Ltd.	\$1,551.25	7-Mile Solid Waste	Matt Dyck	Smart Micro-Controller for Weigh Tickets, Programming and Shipping
19-Mar-25	25-029	5899	Boal Tree and Forestry Services	\$1,040.00	Malcolm Island Transfer Station	Nishesh Poudyal	Removal of Danager Trees
26-Mar-25	25-027	5929	Sperling Hansen Associates	\$2,701.25	7-Mile Solid Waste	Matt Dyck	2024 Annual Report for 7-Mile with performance review of Contractor + LFG Assesment
26-Mar-25	25-037-1	5933	Foreman Equipment	\$9,450.00	7-Mile Solid Waste and Malcolm Island Transfer Station	Matt Dyck	PO CHANGE ORDER - Extension of rental agreement. More time needed to complete wood grinding.