

**Clayoquot Biosphere Trust**  
**2007 Call for Projects Application for Funding**

1. Lead Organization

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2. Project Details

*Project Title: Scope of Change: New Forest Managers, New Management Ideas in Clayoquot Sound*

*Requested Amount:* \$8000

*Total Project Budget:* \$15,000

*Start Date:* October 2007

*End date:* October 2008

*Is this an existing or new project?* New

*When are the funds required:* Dec. 2007

*Introduction to your organization:*

Friends of Clayoquot Sound (FOCS) is an environmental advocacy organization based in Clayoquot Sound since 1979. FOCS is dedicated to preserving biological diversity in Clayoquot Sound and globally, and to transforming unsustainable practices (economic and cultural) such that all species not only survive but also have the opportunity to thrive.

In 2003 FOCS initiated, with the help of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, “The Green Economic Opportunities” study. The report that was produced detailed best conservation-screened economic opportunities for First Nations communities in Clayoquot Sound.

*Description, goals and objectives of the project as well as a timeline for completion:*

For communities that form part of the commitment of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, knowledge of the major activities that either advance or threaten conservation are critical to informed decision making and engagement.

In the last year the management of the majority of the terrestrial ecosystems of Clayoquot Sound changed. The Central Region First Nations, who had become sole owners of Iisaak Forest Resources and Tree Farm License 57, formalized a management agreement for the TFL with Ecotrust and Triumph Timber. Also late in 2006 a new forest company, Island Timberlands, began operating in Clayoquot Sound, after purchasing private land parcels that used to be embedded in Weyerhaeuser’s TFL. In March 2007, Interfor’s TFL 54 was purchased by Central Region First Nations’ Ma-Mook Development Corporation, in a joint venture agreement with Coulson Forest Products.

These changes have major implications for the forests of Clayoquot Sound. Layered onto the plans of the logging companies are the Land Use planning process of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and the provincial government's negotiations of Forest and Range Agreements with First Nations governments.

This project proposes to research the management plans and direction of Iisaak, Ma-Mook/Coulson and Island Timberlands logging companies, BC Timber Sales, Forest and Range Agreements, First Nations Land Use Planning and other relevant planning for Clayoquot Sound's forests.

*Goal:*

Provide key information on new developments in terrestrial management direction for UNESCO Biosphere Reserve communities and decision makers.

*Objective:*

Document for the CBT and Clayoquot UNESCO Biosphere Reserve communities the new terrestrial management plans being developed between October 2007 and October 2008 for the forests of Clayoquot Sound, with a focus on how these plans intersect with High Conservation Value Forests. (An assessment and map of Clayoquot's high conservation value forests were completed in May 2007 by Veridian Ecological Consulting, as part of Iisaak's Forest Stewardship Council certification requirements.)

This will include a report on direction and scope of activities of:

- Ma-Mook/Coulson
- Iisaak Forest Resources
- Island Timberlands
- BC Timber Sales (a branch of Ministry of Forests)
- Forest and Range Agreement negotiations/agreements
- First Nations land use planning
- Forest certification processes
- Other relevant decisions/processes that affect High Conservation Value Forests

The research will draw from publicly available management plans as a starting point. Most information is not readily available to the public, and will need to be gained from interviews with company managers, government representatives and land use negotiators and planners to create a detailed account of proposed alteration or conservation activities for forests in Clayoquot Sound.

*This project helps fulfil the following goals of the Biosphere Trust (in particular Model goal 4, and Research goals 1, 2 and 6):*

**Model**

Enable the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region Community to be a model of ecosystem-based management and sustainable development.

1. Secure the support and involvement of the people of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region Community in the pursuit of ecosystem-based management and sustainable development.

4. To work with organisations in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region Community to enhance opportunities for co-ordination and efficiency.

**Research**

Support research that gathers information, organises knowledge and achieves wisdom necessary for conservation and sustainable development, for the demonstrable benefit of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region Community.

1. Enhance knowledge of the interactions between humans and the biosphere.
2. Enhance understanding of the social interactions and governance issues of people and communities within the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region Community.
6. Serve as a clearinghouse of information and knowledge within the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region Community.

**Educate**

Support educational initiatives that benefit the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region Community in its pursuit of conservation, sustainable development and community health.

2. Promote the development of educational resources within the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region Community.

*What is the community impact:*

Effective engagement of the Biosphere Reserve communities in decision making for conservation and sustainable development requires a base understanding of the implications of new terrestrial management regimes and plans on the Reserve. This project proposes to gather, and make available to the communities, a summarized knowledge base of current activities and planning and management direction in the forests that is not otherwise available.

*Describe the community involvement and collaboration with other agencies:*

Friends of Clayoquot Sound will be approaching forest companies, First Nations managers, land use planners and provincial government land use planning agencies to contribute information for the project.

*How do you plan to communicate the results of your project:*

FOCS will produce a document for public circulation twice during the year. Recipients would include governing bodies and local organizations engaged in conservation and sustainable development.

*Budget:*

Item and description	Total Cost	Committed Contributions financial	Estimated Contributions financial	Support requested from the CBT
Salaries and Benefits	\$14,000	\$2000	\$4000	\$8000
Materials & Supplies	\$1000	\$1,000		