

Baynes Sound initiative status update

October 5, 2015

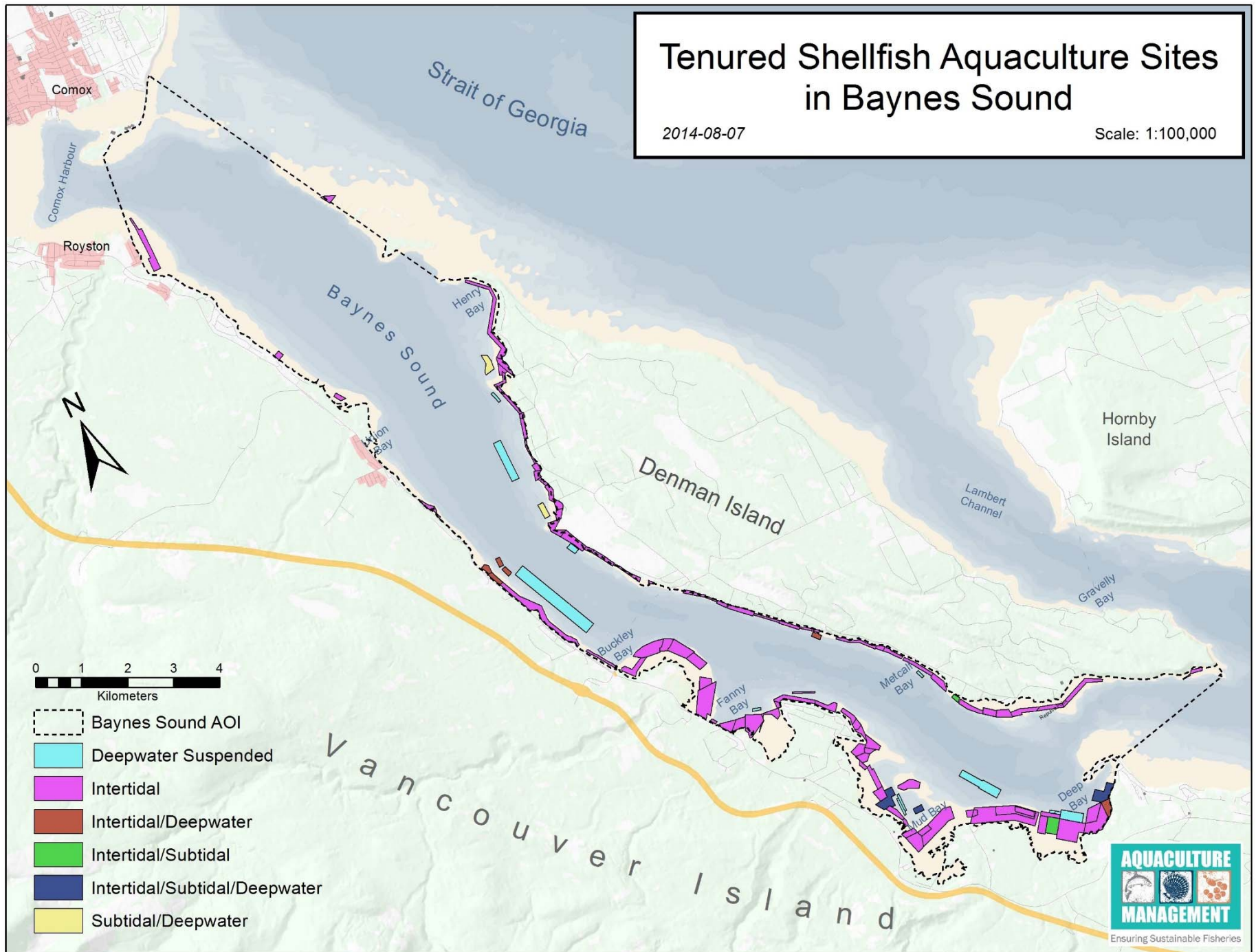
Aquaculture in Baynes Sound

- Shellfish industry in Baynes Sound is highly fragmented
 - 259 companies
- 51% of shellfish produced in BC comes from Baynes Sound
- 8,500 t, valued at 22 million (2013)
- Significant industry and economic driver in the Comox Valley with 600 employees
- Recent ban cost industry \$50,000 a day or \$1.5 million due to halted sales and lay-offs

Tenured Shellfish Aquaculture Sites in Baynes Sound

2014-08-07

Scale: 1:100,000



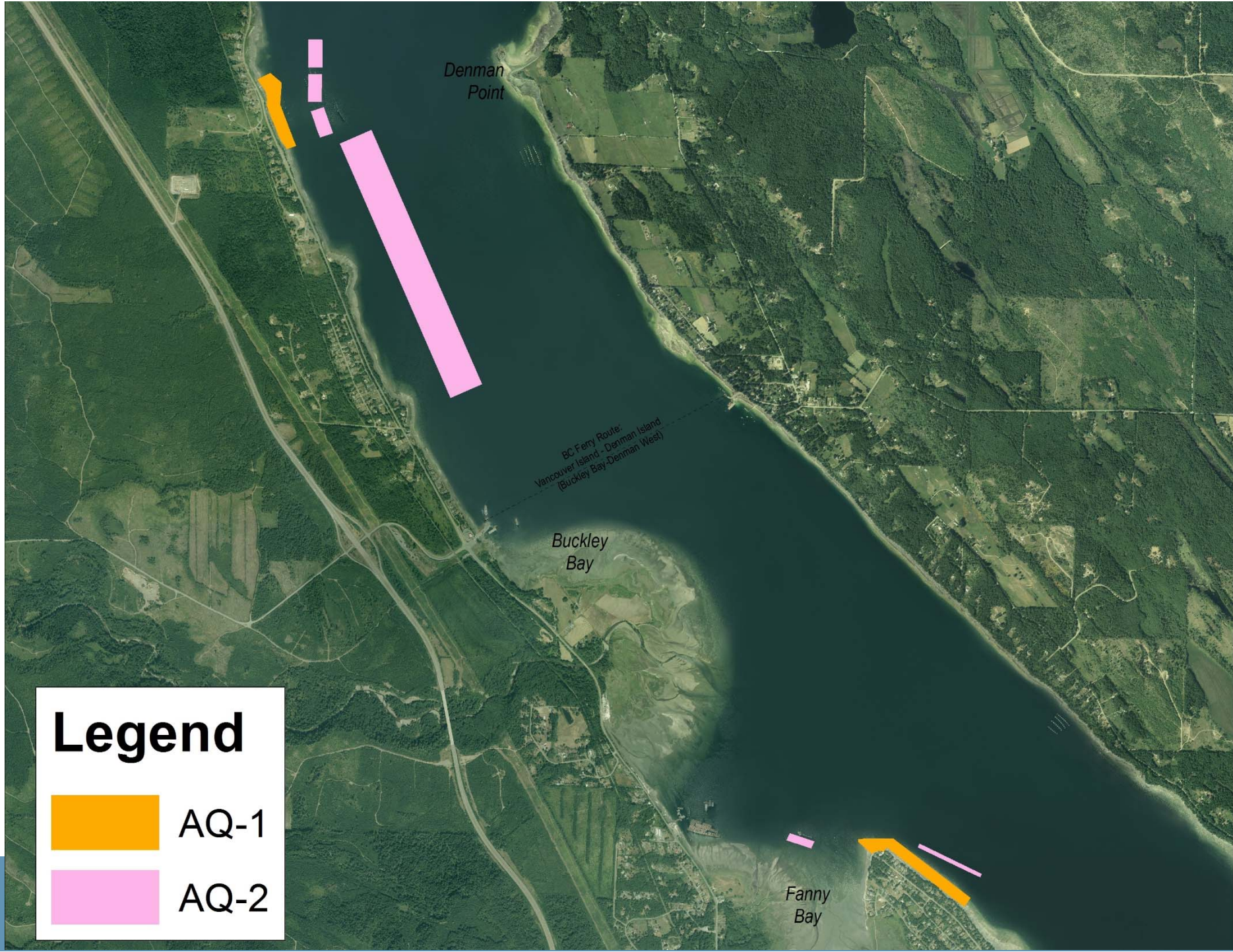
Ensuring Sustainable Fisheries

Jurisdictional changes


- Hinkson decision (February 2009) ruled that the federal government (DFO) would be responsible for management and protection of fisheries and aquaculture and put an end to provincial regulation by the Ministry of Agriculture
- Aquaculture applications now made through harmonized application process at Front Counter BC

Baynes Sound Initiative

- Initiated in October 2014
- Formed working group including:
 - *DFO, FLNRO, Min. of Agriculture, Transport Canada, and Islands Trust*
- Finalized scope of work
- Identified a number of options
- Future work includes developing a consultations strategy



Legend

	AQ-1
	AQ-2

Findings

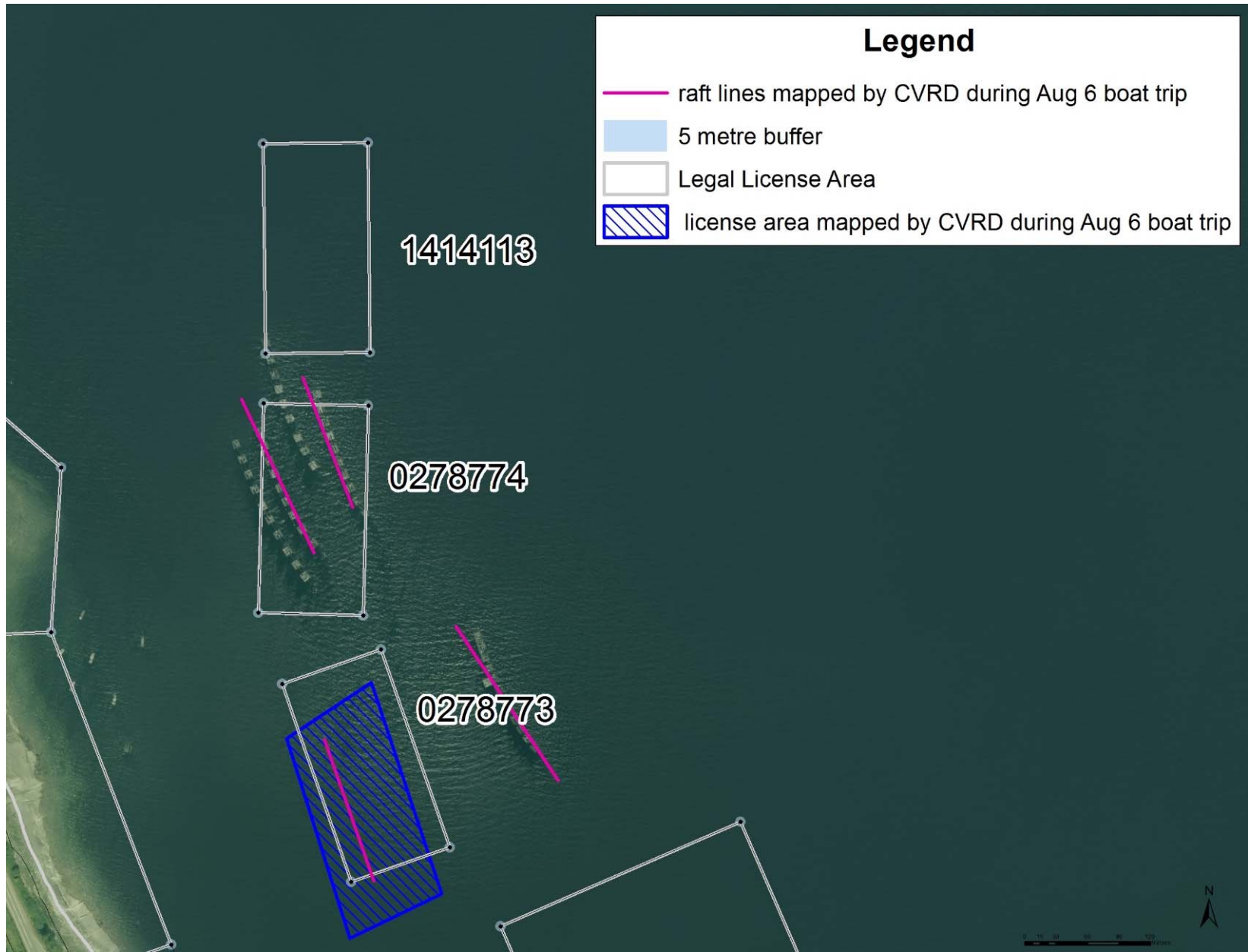
- Most operators in compliance
- Some operations outside their tenure plan creating tenure slippage
- Some operators contravene AQ2 zoning
 - work floats and FLUPSYs





















Next steps to pursue...

1. Consider development permit area (DPA)
2. Embed best management practices
3. Review AQ2 zoning and identify locations
4. Clarify referral process
5. Clarify compliance and enforcement process