

Climate Change Adaptation Workshop Overview

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), First Nation Adapt are delivering the second Climate Change Adaptation Workshop to support communities participating in the Coastal Vulnerability Study. The workshop is geared towards assisting coastal First Nation communities in carrying out ocean-based risk assessments as well as climate change adaptation planning.

The focus will be on **what** a climate adaptation project looks like and **how** participants are developing these projects. We are hoping to hear from you, as a participant in the Workshop, about what your project means to you, the sea level impacts you are seeing, and your experiences with the Coastal Vulnerability Study in your area. This will also be an opportunity to learn about other community perspectives on this serious issue.

Currently 26 coastal communities in the BC Region have projects underway, and another 10-12 communities are expected to begin new projects this year. There has been a positive response with First Nation leadership in tracking and monitoring their local environment so that they can adapt to changes.

Thank you for your interest regarding ocean-based risks to coastal communities. We feel this topic is very important and hope this workshop results in greater awareness of Coastal Vulnerability Study investigations and next steps needed in improving community resilience.

Date: May 14 – 16, 2019, with an optional site visit on May 17th (to see local adaptation initiatives)

Location: Richmond, BC

Workshop Objectives

The objectives of this workshop are to:

- Demystify climate adaptation planning;
- Empower communities with knowledge on the subject;
- Use Coastal Vulnerability Study results for informed decision making.

Attendees

Coastal communities involved in the Coastal Vulnerability Study through ISC's Structural Mitigation and First Nation Adapt Program are invited to this workshop. Two representatives from each invited community are encouraged to attend the workshop. People in the following roles are suggested:

- A political representative;
- A technical representative; or,
- An individual who is involved in a local vulnerability study or adaption project.

Cost

The workshop is free, and ISC and First Nation Adapt will pay travel costs for representatives from communities which are not currently receiving community support funding through their Coastal Vulnerability Study. Reimbursements for travel costs will be made available (through Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council) to those who have not already received funding from an existing Climate Adaptation agreement.