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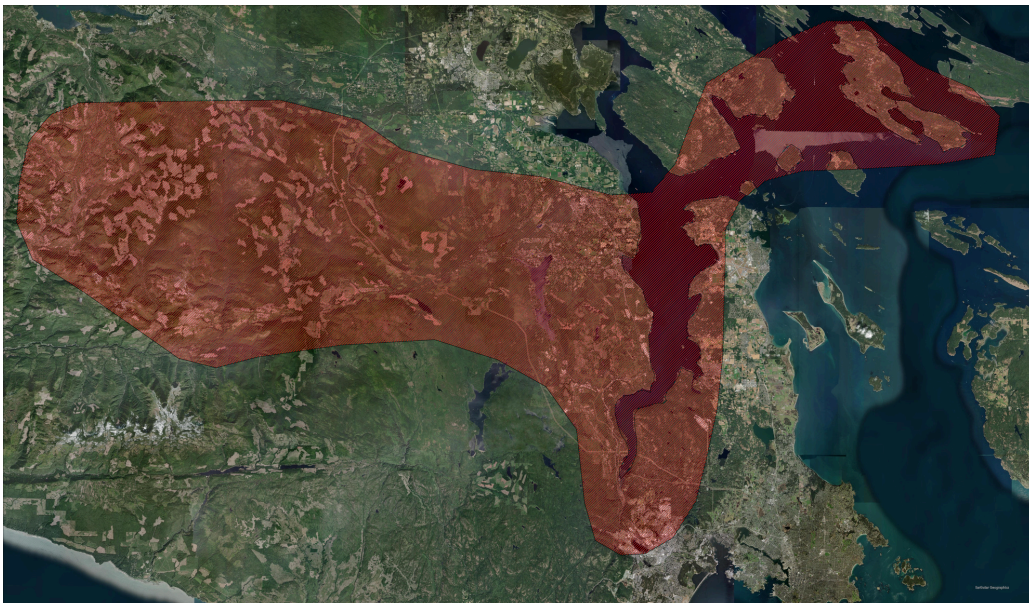
MÁLEXEŁ Nation

Malahat Nation is part of the ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ people, one of five Nations with deep roots along the lands and waters of southern Vancouver Island. Malahat's traditional territory stretches from what is now called Victoria up past Mill Bay, reaching westward beyond Shawnigan Lake, and north along the ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ Peninsula into the Gulf Islands. Harvesting and kinship ties connect Malahat further to the Fraser River and down into Washington. Malahat reserves rest along the inlet, beneath YOS (the mountain also known as the Malahat), one of our most sacred places. Malahat Nation stands proud on the hwulmuhw mustimuhw tumuhw (ancestral land of Malahat people), guided by the wisdom of s'ul'eluhws (elders) and inspired by the energy of stl'ul'iqulh (children).

Malahat's mission is rooted in building up the Nation through good governance and community engagement, creating opportunities, stable economy, employment, health, education, and building culture for future generations.

Malahat Nation has inherent Aboriginal Rights (including Title) throughout the Nation's traditional territory, which arise from the Nation's long use and occupancy of the territory prior to colonization.

Malahat Nation's **ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ Initiative** provides one avenue through which monetary contributions may be made to Malahat Nation to **acknowledge and reciprocate** the ways in which individuals, businesses, and other organizations benefit from the **use and enjoyment of Malahat Nation's Traditional Territory**.



Malahat Nation Territory

Malahat traditional territory statement of intent area



Partnering for Stewardship and Sustainability

The Malahat ȚEXNÁLEN Initiative is an innovative program that invites local businesses, individuals, and the wider community to engage in meaningful reconciliation and stewardship within Malahat's traditional territory. Inspired by models such as the Reciprocity Trusts and the Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks, this tool creates a framework for businesses, organizations, and individuals to give back to the traditional lands and waters of the Malahat Nation. By participating, user groups can make a tangible contribution towards the governance of Malahat lands and the strengthening of Malahat culture, health, and resilience for future generations.

The ȚEXNÁLEN Initiative has been developed by Malahat Nation to provide a pathway for individuals, businesses, and other organizations to provide monetary support—as an act of reconciliation—for Malahat Nation's governance and stewardship of its territory.

Ways to Participate

The following steps can be taken by those interested in becoming a ȚEXNÁLEN Initiative ally:

1

Review the introductory materials prepared by Malahat Nation regarding the Program.

3

Complete an application to become a Business or Community Ally and submit it to the Department of Lands and Environment.

2

Meet with Malahat Nation to discuss the Program and what becoming an Ally will entail.

4

Start contributing to the program either with a one-time donation or an on-going agreement.

Two types of Allies are recognized under the ȚEXNÁLEN Initiative:
Business Ally and Community Ally.

Community Allies are individuals, businesses, and other organizations who make one-time monetary contributions to Malahat Nation in support of the ȚEXNÁLEN Initiative.

Business Allies contribute a portion of their annual profits or gross sales, or charge a fee on some or all transactions that is then passed onto Malahat Nation's ȚEXNÁLEN Initiative.



Initiatives

Funds received under the ȚEXNÁLEN Initiative will be used to support the governance and stewardship of Malahat Nation's territory. All funds will be used to advance Malahat Nation members' self-determination and self-governance, and be in line with Malahat Nation's Comprehensive Community Plan, Environmental Management Plan, and Land Use Plan.



Lands and marine guardian support.



Ecosystem and habitat restoration, protection and stewardship of lands and waters.



Rights assertion, governance, food sovereignty and cultural vitality support.



Individuals, businesses, and other organizations should contact Malahat Nation at lands@malahatnation.com to initiate the process of becoming an Ally under the ȚEXNÁLEN Initiative. If you would like to contribute via etransfer, you are welcome to send funds to: etransfers@malahatnation.com with the description "Reciprocity Initiative."

Please make sure to fill out the associated form (Community Ally or Business Ally - see descriptions above) found on our website and in our blog along with your contribution. huy tseep q'u!

Malahat Teachings

le'lumut tthun' suli' (protect the sacredness of life).

le'lumut tthu tumuhw 'u tthun' 'umimuth (protect the land for future generations).

le'lumut tthu mustimuhw 'ukw' 'uw' yath (care for future generations).

yath 'uw' hakwush tthu stsi'elh shqwaluwun kws 'imush (walk with respect for all beings).

s'et tthu ts'its'uw'a'tul' shqwaluwun (lift one another up).

