

October 16-19, 2023
Nanaimo, British Columbia



NAFF IV
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS FISHERIES
& AQUACULTURE FORUM

Shaping the Future of Indigenous Fisheries

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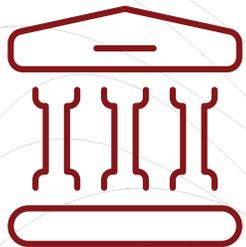
The National Indigenous Fisheries Institute, in partnership with the Government of Canada, will host the Fourth National Indigenous Fisheries & Aquaculture Forum (NAFF IV) in Nanaimo, BC.

This unique conference will bring together Indigenous leaders, government officials, researchers, academics, NGOs, and industry representatives from across Canada, as well as international delegations.

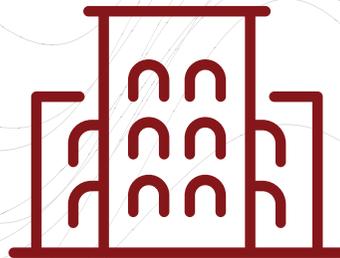
Up to 450 delegates will be able to take advantage of three days of presentations, workshops, and panel discussions on issues of great importance to Indigenous peoples, including participation in the Blue Economy, marine conservation and resource management, aquaculture and mariculture, training and capacity development, food security, and supporting Arctic communities.

NAFF IV will also feature a three-day tradeshow where government agencies, industry representatives, non-profit organizations, and other leaders in fisheries, aquaculture, and peripheral fields can directly engage with delegates and support the collective efforts toward Reconciliation.

Share with, learn from, and network with leaders in key sectors:



Government



Industry



Non-Profit



Investment

When is NAFF IV?



October 2023

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

16

6:00-9:00pm
Welcome reception

17

8:00am-4:30pm
Conference proceedings
& tradeshow

18

8:00am-4:30pm
Conference proceedings
& tradeshow
6:30-8:30pm
Cultural performance &
showcase dinner

19

8:00am-4:30pm
Conference proceedings
& tradeshow



Where is NAFF IV?

Nanaimo, British Columbia

Nanaimo is a classic West Coast community, offering natural beauty at every turn, and vast recreation potential. Nanaimo has one of the longest shorelines in Canada, and a forested mountain backdrop just outside downtown.

Nanaimo is located on the east coast of Vancouver Island, north of Victoria and across the Strait of Georgia from Vancouver. The city projects out into the strait like a headland, affording waterfront on three sides and spectacular ocean views at every turn. The local landscape is defined by Mount Benson, which rises 1,006 metres (3,300 feet) just west of Nanaimo, and the Nanaimo River estuary, the largest estuary on Vancouver Island.



Program

as of 21 June 2023

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:00-9:00pm

WELCOME RECEPTION/MEET-AND-GREET

Join fellow delegates for an evening reception at the Nanaimo Museum.

Light eats will be provided alongside a cash bar as delegates catch up, network, and enjoy the Nanaimo Museum's feature exhibit ***stem 'al'u 'u' ni xe'xe: What is Sacred?****

Capacity is limited to 200 people for the welcome reception.

****stem 'al'u 'u' ni xe'xe What is Sacred?*** explores the past, present and future of Coast Salish art, highlighting a selection of artists from Snuneymuxw and other nations of the mid-island region. The historical and contemporary art in the exhibit – wool and cedar weavings, stone sculpture, wood carvings – reflect cultural teachings that have been passed down for thousands of years.



NANAIMO MUSEUM

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00am-4:30pm	INDUSTRY TRADESHOW
9:00-10:00am	OPENING CEREMONY
	WELCOME REMARKS
10:00-10:30am	UNESCO ANNOUNCEMENT
10:30-11:00am	<i>BREAK</i>
11:00am-12:30pm	PRESENTATION: BUILDING A 4.0 EDUCATIONAL MODEL TO SUPPORT TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE / WORLD EDUCATION HERITAGE BY UNESCO & UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY
12:30-1:30pm	<i>LUNCH</i>
1:30-2:00pm	ADDRESS BY KEVIN BROUSSEAU; ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER, FISHERIES AND OCEANS
2:00-3:30pm	PANEL DISCUSSION: THE BLUE ECONOMY: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
3:30-4:00pm	<i>BREAK</i>
4:00-5:15pm	PANEL DISCUSSION: THE BLUE ECONOMY: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE (ARCTIC FOCUS)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00am-4:30pm	INDUSTRY TRADESHOW	
9:00-9:15am	WELCOME AND DAILY NOTES	
9:15-10:30am	PANEL DISCUSSION: SEAWEED AQUACULTURE AND PROCESSING	
10:30-11:00am	BREAK	
11:00am-12:00pm	BREAKOUT PANEL DISCUSSION: ANALYZING PAST CHALLENGES AND STAGNANT MARKETS	BREAKOUT WORKSHOP: SEAWEED AQUACULTURE WORKSHOP
12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00-2:15pm	BREAKOUT PANEL DISCUSSION: SUCCEEDING AND MAINTAINING RESILIENCE IN VOLATILE MARKETS	BREAKOUT PANEL DISCUSSION: AQUACULTURE OPPORTUNITIES & TECHNOLOGY: FINFISH AND SHELLFISH
2:15-2:45pm	BREAK	
2:45-4:00pm	PANEL DISCUSSION: NUTRACEUTICALS & COSMETICS: AQUACULTURE, MERICULTURE, AND RETHINKING OLD TECHNOLOGY	
6:00-8:30	SHOWCASE DINNER	
	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	
	CULTURAL PERFORMANCE	

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:00-8:30pm

SHOWCASE DINNER

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: **CHIEF DR. ROBERT JOSEPH, O.C., O.B.C.**

Chief Robert Joseph, O.C., O.B.C., is a peace-builder who has devoted his life to promoting reconciliation among Canada's Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

A hereditary chief of the Gwawaenuk First Nation, he is a survivor of the residential school system and helped found Reconciliation Canada, for which he is now an ambassador.

He sits on the National Assembly of First Nations Elders Council and chairs the Native American Leadership Alliance for Peace and Reconciliation. He is also peace and reconciliation ambassador with the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IFWP), where he engages with international leaders to learn from and share his understanding of faith, hope, healing and reconciliation.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:00-8:30pm

SHOWCASE DINNER

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE: **YISYA'WINUXW DANCERS**

The Yisya'winuxw Dancers are a professional, adult and youth dance group led by Dorothy "Pewi" Alfred whose members represent many of the 16 tribes of the Kwakwaka'wakw people. Although, Yisya'winuxw is the most recent formed dance group of the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation, many members have performed professionally for over 20 years.

Each of the Yisya'winuxw dancers are initiated in Potlatch ceremonies.

The dances and songs used in our performances are owned by the members, and families within the group.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00am-4:30pm	INDUSTRY TRADESHOW	
9:00-9:15am	WELCOME AND DAILY NOTES	
9:15-10:30am	PANEL DISCUSSION: INDIGENOUS TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT	
10:30-11:00am	BREAK	
11:00am-12:30pm	BREAKOUT PANEL DISCUSSION: UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION	BREAKOUT PANEL DISCUSSION: SUCCESSION PLANNING / YOUTH RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
12:30-1:30pm	LUNCH	
1:30-2:15pm	NETWORKING ACTIVITY: MAKING NETWORK CONNECTIONS	
2:15-2:45pm	BREAK	
2:45-3:30pm	NETWORKING ACTIVITY: MAKING NETWORK CONNECTIONS (CONT'D)	
3:30-4:00pm	WRAP-UP DISCUSSION: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF INDIGENOUS FISHERIES	
4:00-4:30pm	CLOSING REMARKS AND CEREMONY	

Agenda is as of August 30, 2023 | Agenda is subject to change

Tradeshow and Sponsorship Opportunities

NAFF IV will feature a three-day tradeshow spanning the entirety of the main conference dates.

Companies, organizations, government agencies, and others are invited to support NAFF IV through sponsorship and participating in the tradeshow. Sponsors will be able to share their brand, service, or product and engage directly with an international audience of leaders and influential members across industry, government, academia, and more.

Multiple levels of sponsorship are available to suit various needs, each with specific benefits. These benefits range from inclusion in the conference program and online promotion to full use of the Shaw Auditorium which features a large presentation screen and seating for up to 200 where Leader sponsors can host presentations and discussions throughout the day.

Additional spaces equipped with screens and virtual meeting capabilities will also be set aside so tradeshow participants and delegates can schedule times to meet privately.

Additional information can be found in the following table while a full sponsorship package can be accessed on the conference site at:

<https://naff.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/NAFF-IV-Sponsorship-Package-1.pdf>



Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

	LEADER \$20,000 (limit 3)	PATRON \$10,000	SUPPORTER \$5,000	FRIEND \$2,500
Sponsor logo displayed in promotional materials and conference program.	Full page in program	1/2 page in program	1/4 page in program	1/8 page in program
Option to have complimentary tradeshow table (8x10').				
Sponsor acknowledgement on event social media leading up to the conference.				
Opportunity to distribute your own branded materials (brochures, swag, etc.).				
Sponsor logo displayed on physical and digital media during the event.				
Sponsor verbally acknowledged during the conference.				
One complimentary conference pass for a representative and two complimentary banquet dinner tickets.				
Showcase presentation in tradeshow auditorium and dedicated meeting spaces (1x full-day use).				

