

## Coast Ts'msyen Food Security Working Group

The Metlakatla First Nation is seeking applications from Metlakatla members to join the Coast Ts'msyen Food Security Working Group. For more information or to submit your application, please email Braden Etzerza at [betzerza@metlakatla.ca](mailto:betzerza@metlakatla.ca). More information on the working group can be found below.

### Ts'msyen Food Security Project (TFSP) Summary

The Ts'msyen Food Security Project (TFSP) promotes a holistic view of health and wellness. The Coast Ts'msyen have a unique opportunity to advance food security initiatives in the region through research, education, capacity building, innovation, Indigenous Knowledge, and by convening partners and collaborators who will help identify and eliminate barriers to the broader adoption of this initiative. The goals of TFSP are to enhance and restore ecosystems, engage youth and elders, connect Ts'msyen and non-Ts'msyen people to the land through Indigenous teachings, and apply modern technology for large scale food and protein production.

### Collaboration

The Metlakatla Stewardship Society is requesting participation from Coast Ts'msyen communities to steer the development of TFSP. Community collaboration is necessary to enhance the health and wellness of Ts'msyen and non-Ts'msyen people living within our traditional territories. Through collaboration on TFSP, we will identify barriers and develop strategies to overcome them, identify opportunities and develop strategies to access them, assign responsibility for the next steps to support program implementation, and develop a food security plan for seven generations.

### Project Management

TFSP will be managed by Metlakatla First Nation and will involve participation from representatives from a range of partners including Ts'msyen communities, local government, First Nations Health Authority, North Coast Regional District, the provincial government, the federal government, industry, non-profit organizations, academia and other relevant agencies.

### Ts'msyen Food Security Working Group (TFSWG)

The Ts'msyen Food Security Working Group (TFSWG) was created to provide critical input and guide the development of TFSP. The TFSWG will bring together individuals with knowledge, expertise and a desire to develop a regional food security plan. Membership will not exceed 10 participants at one time. Additional professionals who bring value to the process will be engaged through qualitative interviews or will be asked to make presentations at TFSWG meetings. Applicants are being sought who have some familiarity with one or more of the following areas:

- food production, food safety
- food-related policies
- Indigenous food systems
- food distribution
- Ts'msyen or local Indigenous knowledge
- regenerative food systems
- greenhouse technology
- modern food production technology
- Indigenous food preservation methods
- ecosystem restoration
- biodiversity conservation, management
- mariculture

## **Time Commitment**

During the project development phase, TFSWG will meet weekly via Zoom for one hour at a convenient time for the majority of participants. Membership in TFSWG will span two years, commencing 2020. In 2022, membership will be reviewed whereby some members may wish to end their participation, and new members may be invited to join.

## **Participant Responsibilities**

Participants in TFSWG will be expected to follow collaborative procedures to inform the working group process. Participants will:

- represent the interests of their community or organization,
- make the commitment of time required to participate in all meetings,
- participate fully and respectfully in discussions,
- obtain input from their community or organization when required,
- share relevant and related research where appropriate,
- represent the interests of their community or organization to the best of their ability, and
- review any meeting materials prior to each meeting.

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