

# TIXEN – Cordova Spit Working Group and Tsawout Lands Advisory

Table 5.1 – Assessment of Values Threats and Goals

Value	Primary Threats	Desired Future	Goals
<b>Resident and migratory birds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migration</li> <li>• Spirituality</li> <li>• Hunting</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs (off leash)</li> <li>• Habitat disturbance from vehicles</li> <li>• Invasive species</li> <li>• Mosquito control?</li> <li>• Feral cats</li> <li>• Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functional migratory stopover point</li> <li>• Preserve avian diversity of site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate dog walkers</li> <li>• Signs</li> <li>• Bylaws (<i>Note potential to explore reciprocal/cooperative bylaw enforcement between Tsawout and CRD</i>)</li> <li>• Access control and management</li> <li>• Invasive species action plan</li> </ul>
<b>Sand dune, sand beach, &amp; salt marsh ecosystems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional uses (food, medicine)</li> <li>• Rarity</li> <li>• Unique ecosystem</li> <li>• Rare &amp; endangered plants and animals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle use</li> <li>• Invasive species</li> <li>• Pedestrians</li> <li>• Loss of traditional values</li> <li>• Alteration of natural processes (berm, shore stabilization)</li> <li>• Habitat destruction ie. trailer park</li> <li>• Overpopulation of Canada geese</li> <li>• Dogs, horses</li> <li>• Campfires</li> <li>• People removing wood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self sustaining populations of rare vegetation</li> <li>• Ability to harvest traditional plants and medicines</li> <li>• Natural processes restored to greatest extent possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access control and management</li> <li>• Restoration of rare and culturally significant plant communities</li> <li>• Restoration of cultural practices</li> <li>• Protect sensitive areas against future damage</li> <li>• Invasive species action plan</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Celebration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honoring Ancestors</li> <li>• Family gathering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trespassing, loss of ownership</li> <li>• Inappropriate use (drinking, fires, sunbathing)</li> <li>• Dumping waste</li> <li>• Loss of traditional values</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A place for community gatherings and events (e.g. seafood festival, canoe races)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop negative uses</li> <li>• Access control and management</li> <li>• Restoration of cultural practices</li> <li>• Community education and sharing of traditional knowledge</li> </ul>
<b>Healthy Recreational Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inappropriate use (drinking, fires, sunbathing)</li> <li>• Dumping waste</li> <li>• Trespassing</li> <li>• Off-leash Dogs and large groups of dogs (ie commercial dog-walkers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecologically and culturally responsible recreation (passive recreation– with designated walkways through dunes (maybe a boardwalk), as well as hunting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work towards visible and positive conservation priorities to showcase and gain support for larger restoration goals.</li> <li>• Enforcement of bylaws</li> <li>• Stop negative uses</li> <li>• Access control and management</li> </ul>

		<p>and fishing – <i>but note differences in recreational uses and objectives between reserve and park lands</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IVB – educated park users</li> <li>• Tsawout – a safe place that is for use by the community (not a public space)</li> </ul>	
<b>Partnerships, Education &amp; Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of traditional knowledge</li> <li>• Inappropriate planning and design</li> <li>• Lack of political support for protecting the land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revitalizing SENCOTEN</li> <li>• Project partners working together for conservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate the public and the community (including youth, occupants of trailer park, and broader communities) about the site and traditional uses. (<i>Note potential for joint interpretation between Tsawout and CRD – also to involve other community partners such as the Victoria Natural History Society</i>)</li> <li>• Community involvement in project.</li> <li>• Send message to all users of the area about what is acceptable.</li> <li>• Let community know what is being done and why</li> </ul>

Additional issues: Cross-jurisdictional landscape issues, throughout traditional territory ie varied issues that affect health of Saanichton Bay (impacts on eelgrass, crab and clam fisheries, general water quality), such as stream water quality and quantity, overflows from sewage treatment plant, zinc in crab pots affecting health of waterfowl, and overfishing; also, disruption of food chains i.e. damage to waterfowl feeding grounds (such as herring concentrations) that might be some distance from TIXEN and IVB

This document was initially prepared by Glenn Bartley, UVIC Masters Student from Tsawout Community Interviews but further developed with the CRD, Central Saanich Municipality, Tsawout First Nation Lands Advisory, and Environment Canada representation. The document is still a work in progress.