TTA NATION-SPECIFIC TREATIES

These treaties will recognize the pre-existing rights and title of the TTA member Nations, return lands to the Nations to self-manage, establish self-governance, create the power of taxation of the Nations on their treaty lands, and more.

Treaty lands will be located within the territories of the TTA member Nations. Nations will have the authority to control and manage all of their treaty lands. All treaty lands will be considered private lands except those specifically identified as parks or public lands.





View detailed maps of the Treaty Lands, sign-up for treaty updates, and find out more: engage.gov.bc.ca/temexw-treaty-negotiations

Te'mexw Treaty Association Negotiations Overview











T'Sou-ke Nation

WE ARE THE TE'MEXW TREATY ASSOCIATION









Te'mexw Treaty Association (TTA) is a non-profit society formed of five Coast Salish Nations - Beecher Bay (SC'IA/NEW), Malahat, Snaw-Naw-As, Songhees and T'Sou-ke. The five Te'mexw member Nations joined to support one another and to work under one organization to negotiate five Nation-specific modern treaties with the federal and provincial governments in the B.C. treaty process.

TTA, Canada, and B.C. have been in negotiations since 1995. Today, treaties are part of Canada and B.C.'s work to advance reconciliation guided by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 94 Calls to Action, and the Recognition and Reconciliation of Rights Policy for treaty negotiations in B.C. Although TTA's member Nations are negotiating together, the negotiations will result in five separate treaties.



RECONCILIATION

BC and Canada are committed to fostering relationships with First Nations grounded in respect and the understanding that long-term reconciliation will only be achieved through a shared vision of the future. This work is grounded in the recognition of the presence and rights of Indigenous peoples, addressing ongoing harms and healing, supporting strong and healthy communities (including overall health and mental wellness), and advancing self-determination. Ultimately, it's about partnering with each of TTA's five member Nations to build a better B.C.

TREATIES

Modern treaties under the B.C. treaty process are agreements protected under the Canadian Constitution. They promote positive and stable conditions to support each Nation's self-government and economic growth.

Modern treaties are comprehensive, living agreements. They outline the Nation's responsibilities and jurisdiction over treaty lands such as ownership, access, governance, taxation, and environmental management. Treaties empower Nations to step out of the Indian Act's framework.

As living agreements, these treaties do not freeze rights in time Rather, they are foundations from which the Nations can build partnerships, expand economic development, and support their community's social well-being.

TREATY TIMELINE

The five Te'mexw member Nations' treaties have been under negotiations for almost 30 years. In 2015, an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) was signed, which forms the basis for the treaties and identifies interests in lands and resources.

1995

Begin

Negotiations

2015

Agreement-

in-Principle

Negotiations Continue

Close of Negotiations

Membership of Each Nation Votes on Constitution and Treaty B.C. and Canada pass Te'mexw Treaty Legislation Treaty Effective Date

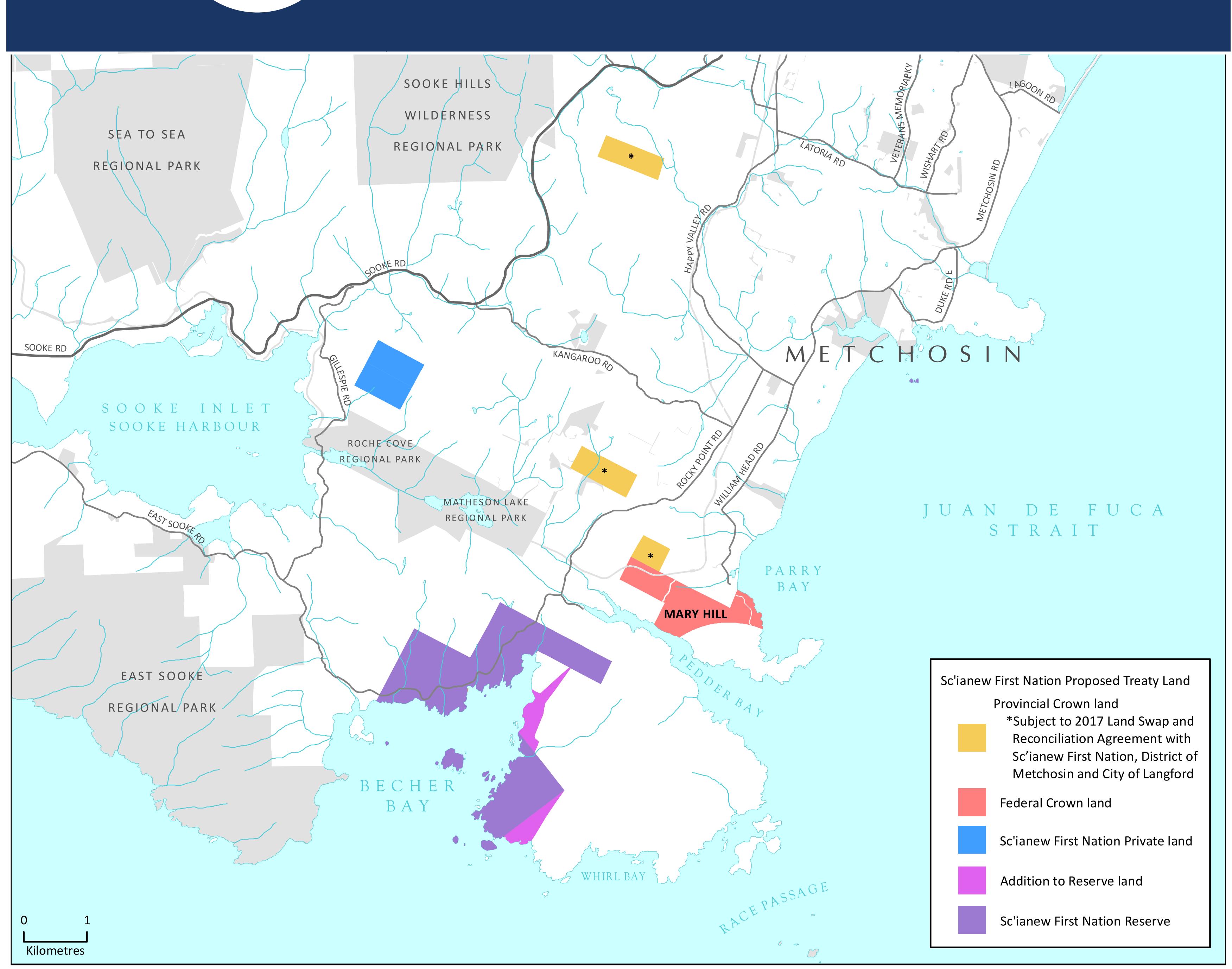
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Beecher Bay (SCIA/NEW) PROPOSED TREATY LANDS

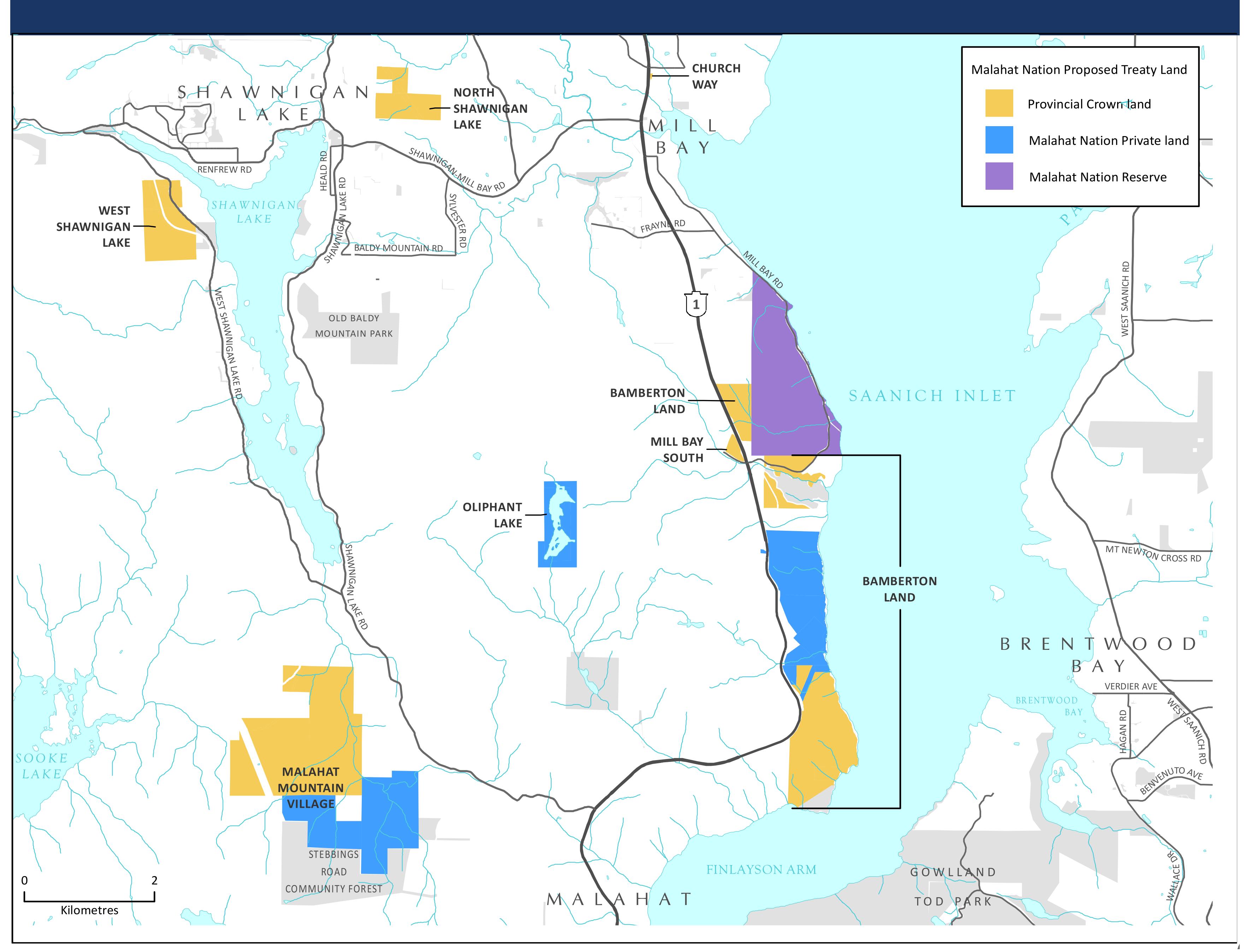
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Malahat Nation PROPOSED TREATY LANDS

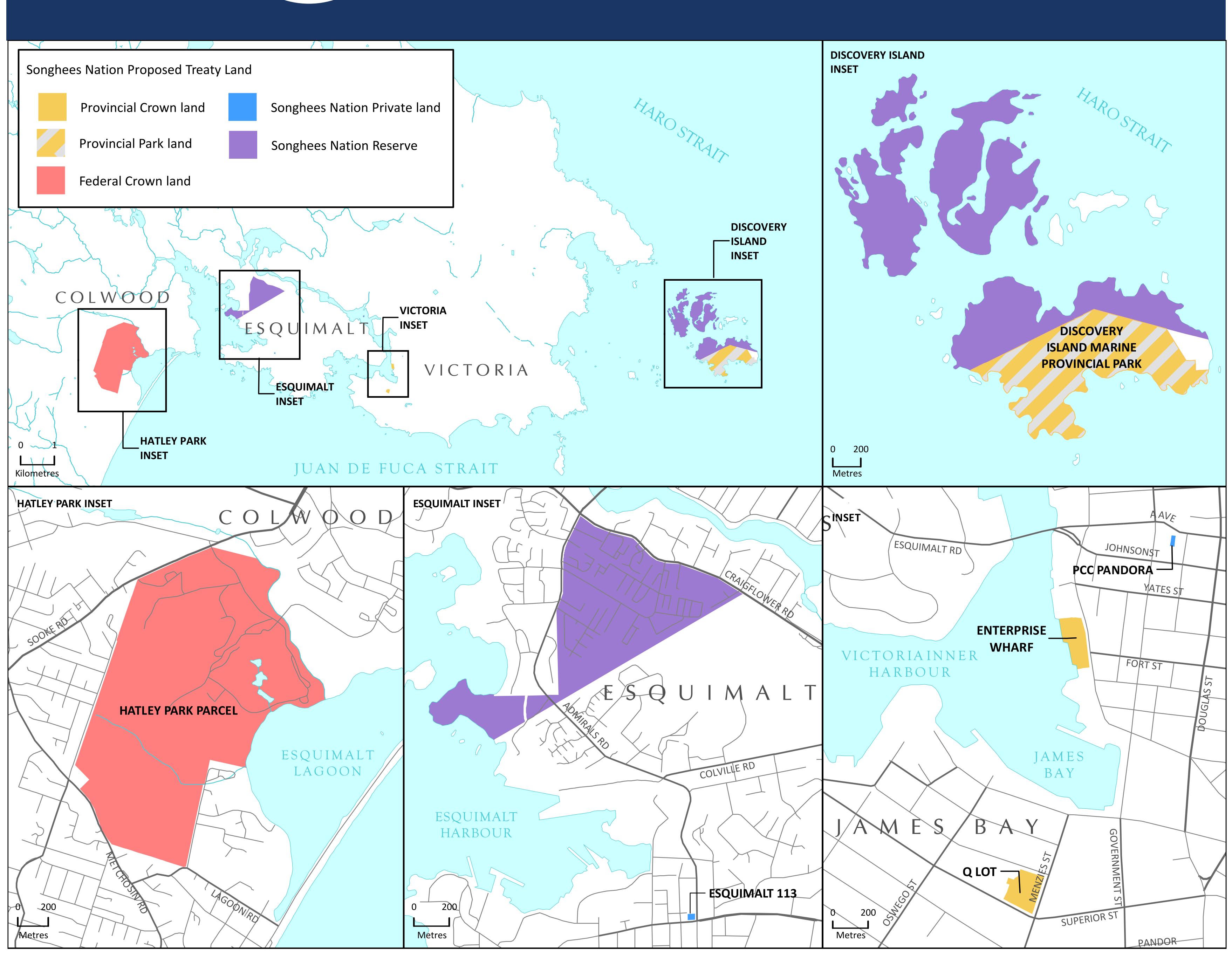
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Songhees Nation PROPOSED TREATY LANDS

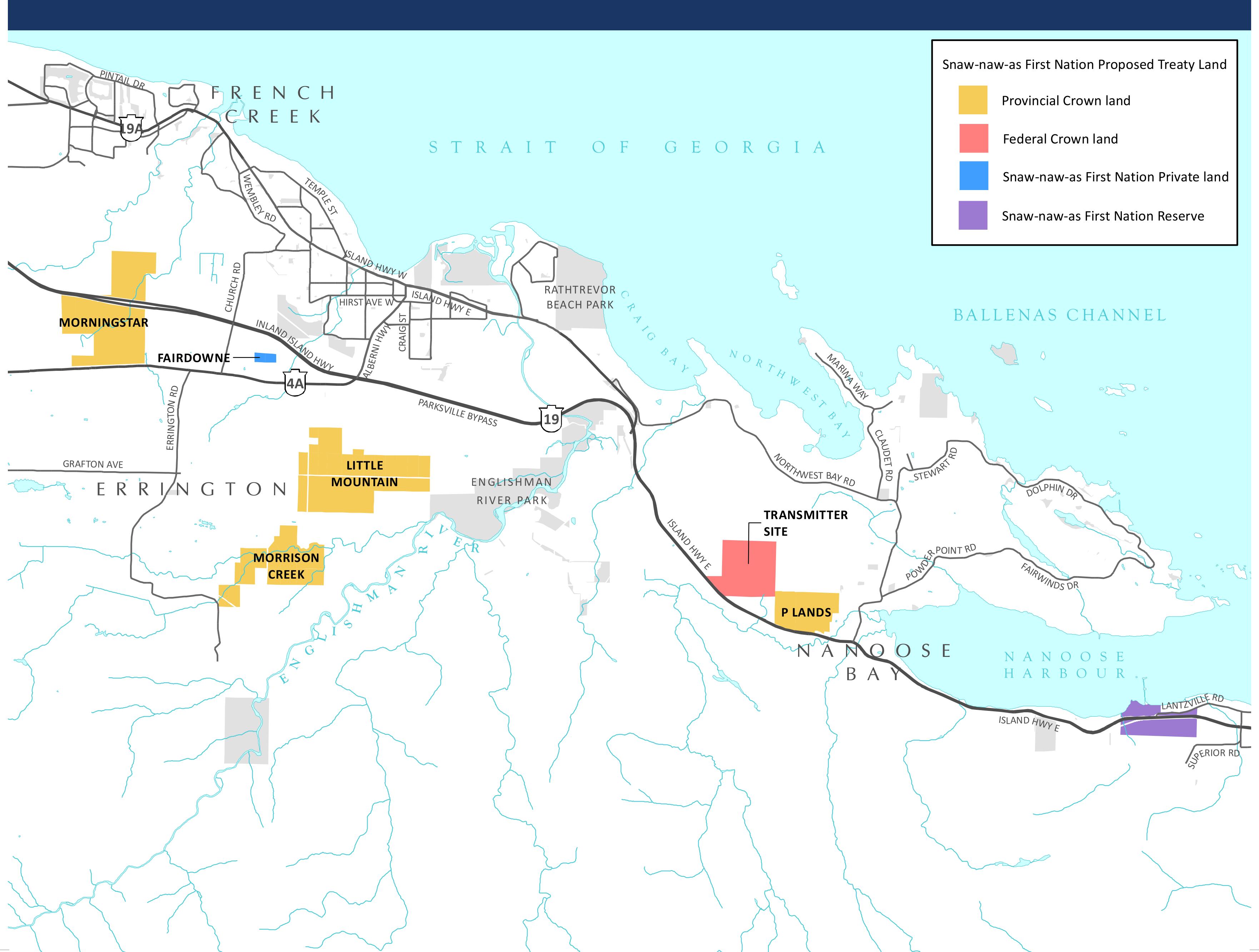
Lands proposed to become Treaty Lands subject to the conclusion and ratification of the Songhees Nation Treaty.





Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose First Nation) PROPOSED TREATY LANDS

Lands proposed to become Treaty Lands subject to the conclusion and ratification of the Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose First Nation) Treaty.





T'Sou-ke Nation PROPOSED TREATY LANDS

Lands proposed to become Treaty Lands subject to the conclusion and ratification of the T'Sou-ke Nation Treaty.

