

BECI Science Plan Development Workshop Information for Participants

DATES: March 13-17, 2023

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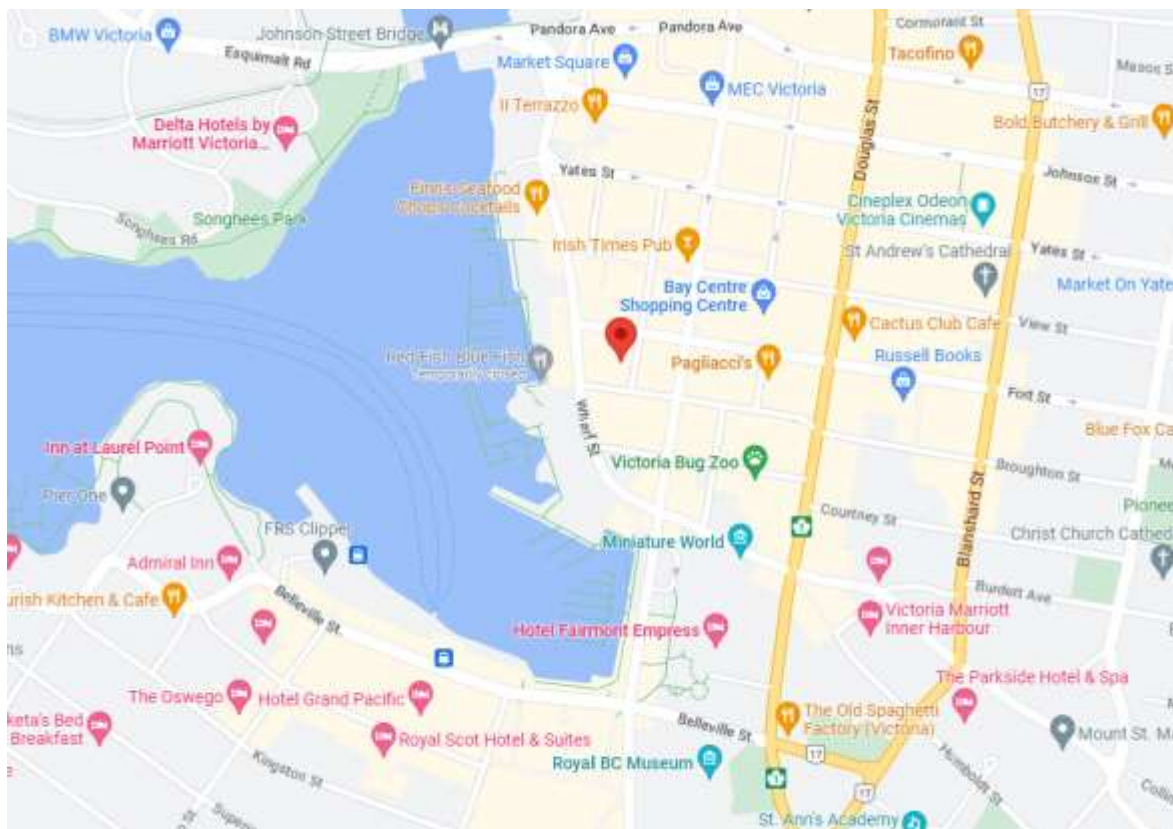
LOCATION: 1010 Langley Street, Victoria, B.C., Canada

Welcome

Thank you for agreeing to participate (in person or virtually) in a Workshop to develop a Science Plan for the Basin Scale Effects to Coastal Impacts project (<https://beci.info>). This Workshop is being hosted by:

- the Tula Foundation's Quadra Centre for Coastal for Coastal Dialogue and Ocean Decade Collaborative Center for the Northeast Pacific (DCC-NEP)
- The North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC)
- The North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES)
- The North Pacific Research Board (NPRB)

We will be meeting at the facilities of the Hakai Magazine at 1010 Langley Street – a heritage building in downtown Victoria.



While we originally planned this as an “in-person” workshop, following on from our successful virtual workshops in May 2022, circumstances conspired to change to a hybrid format with a combination of in-person and virtual sessions. We have about 32 participants in total and about 18 people at the in-person sessions. A list of the participants is presented in the Workshop Participants.XLSX file in the SharePoint site (more on this a bit later).

Logistics

Hotels

For hotels there are the usual suspects (Doubletree, Marriott, Quality Inn) but there are also several hotels within walking distances with some charm and character - and pubs. Some recommended non-chain hotels include:

[Swans](#)
[Strathcona](#)
[Bedford Regency](#)

We are assuming that participants will make their own hotel arrangements, unless you are already in contact with us to do so. If you need us to make hotel arrangements, let us know.

Conventional air travel to Victoria

Major airlines typically fly into Vancouver Airport (YVR) and connect with regional flights from Vancouver (to Victoria International Airport (YYJ) (<https://www.victoriaairport.com/>) . Unfortunately, the number of direct flights between Victoria and US destinations (Seattle and San Francisco) declined during COVID and have not yet recovered.

Less conventional options from Vancouver Airport

1. Harbour Air flies small float planes from Vancouver Airport (Richmond - YVR South Terminal) directly to the Victoria Inner Harbour, easy walking distance to hotels and the meeting venue. Floatplanes are daylight-only service. <https://harbourair.com/>

Less conventional options from Seattle (downtown)

1. Kenmore Air flies small float planes from downtown Seattle (Lake Union) directly to the Victoria Inner Harbour, easy walking distance to hotels and the meeting venue. Floatplanes are daylight-only service. <https://kenmoreair.com/>
2. The Victoria Clipper offers high speed ferry trips from downtown Seattle to the Victoria Inner Harbour. <https://www.clippervacations.com/seattle-victoria-ferry/>

Our Tula/ Hakai hosts have created a webpage for the Workshop at <https://quadracentre.org/meetings/detail/beci-science-plan-development>. We will be populating this webpage with more information, including a link to a SharePoint space for documents and collaborative writing. Keep a lookout for a separate email on this subject.

A couple of “asks”:

- 1) Please complete the dietary form <https://forms.gle/m8CdAunwqFmTukpU8> This will allow our hosts to provide appropriate food onsite during the Workshop.

- 2) Please forward and documents and/or links to any resources that you think would be good “input material” for the group as we develop the BECI Science Plan. This could include (but is not limited to):
 - a. Other sample or relevant science plans
 - b. Key websites for North Pacific marine data
 - c. Important scientific publications

Weather in Victoria

Yes, there will be weather in Victoria. Other than that, it is hard to predict. March is a transition month and the weather is quite variable. Long term monthly averages are available at <https://www.timeanddate.com/weather/canada/victoria/climate> and you can follow the current weather and forecasts at https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-75_metric_e.html .

Thanks for reading this far! We look forward to seeing you in-person or on-line in March!

The BECI Project Development team.