

# Advancement of a Nuts a maht | One Health Framework in unceded BC

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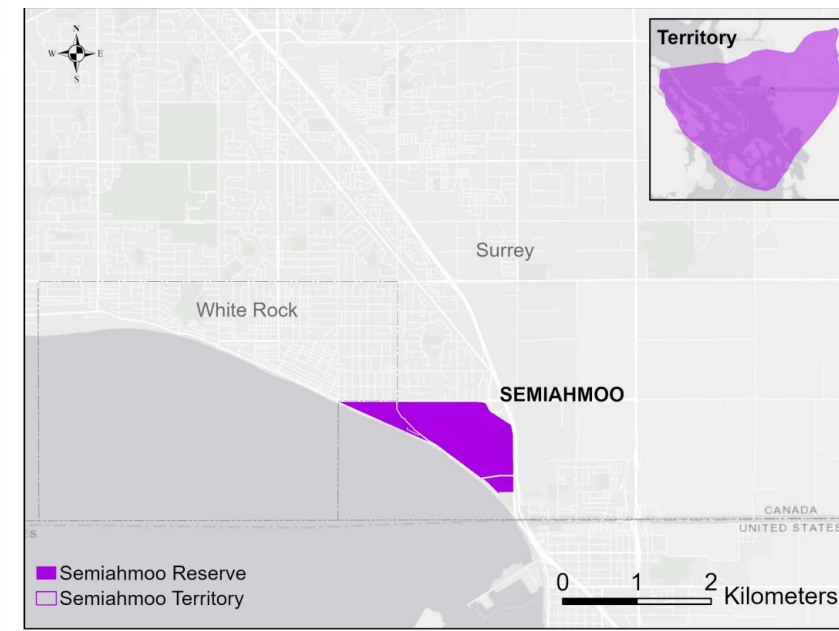
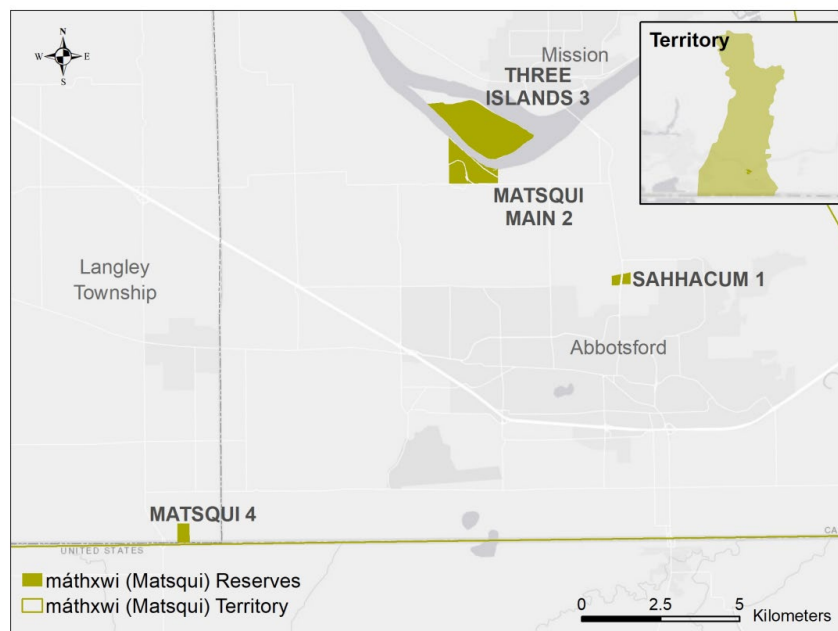
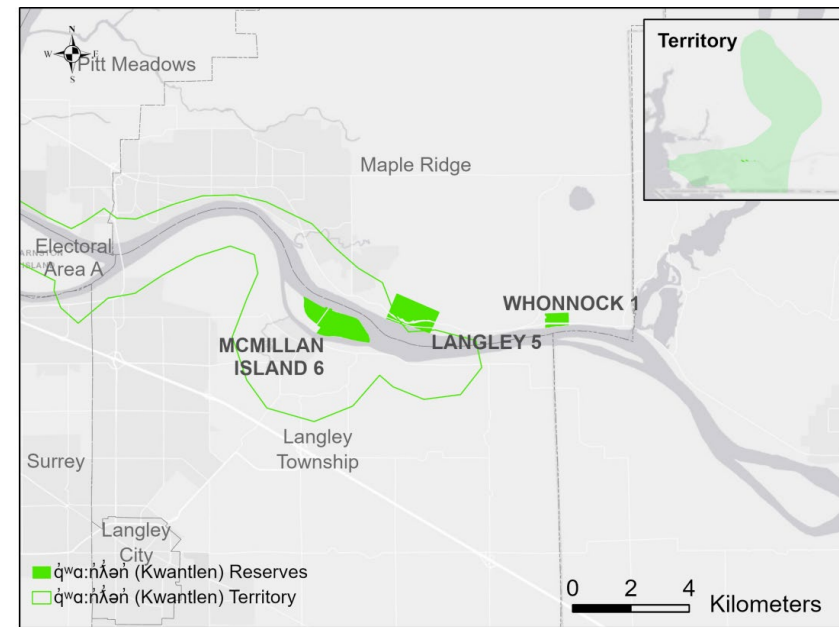
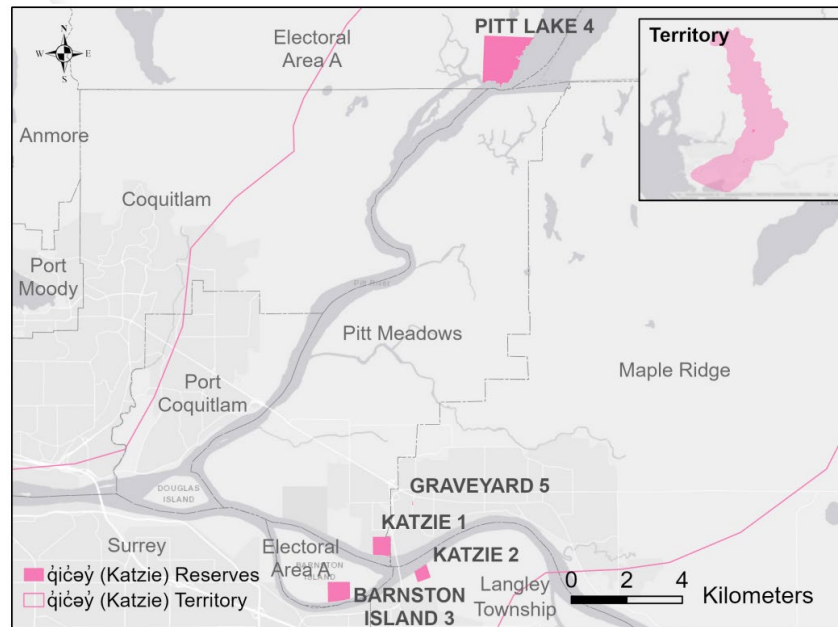
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**q'ícəy'<sup>1</sup>** (Katzie)  
**q'wɑ:nʰən'<sup>1</sup>** (Kwantlen)  
**Máthxwi'<sup>1</sup>** (Matsqui)  
**se'mya'me<sup>2</sup>**  
 (Semiahmoo)

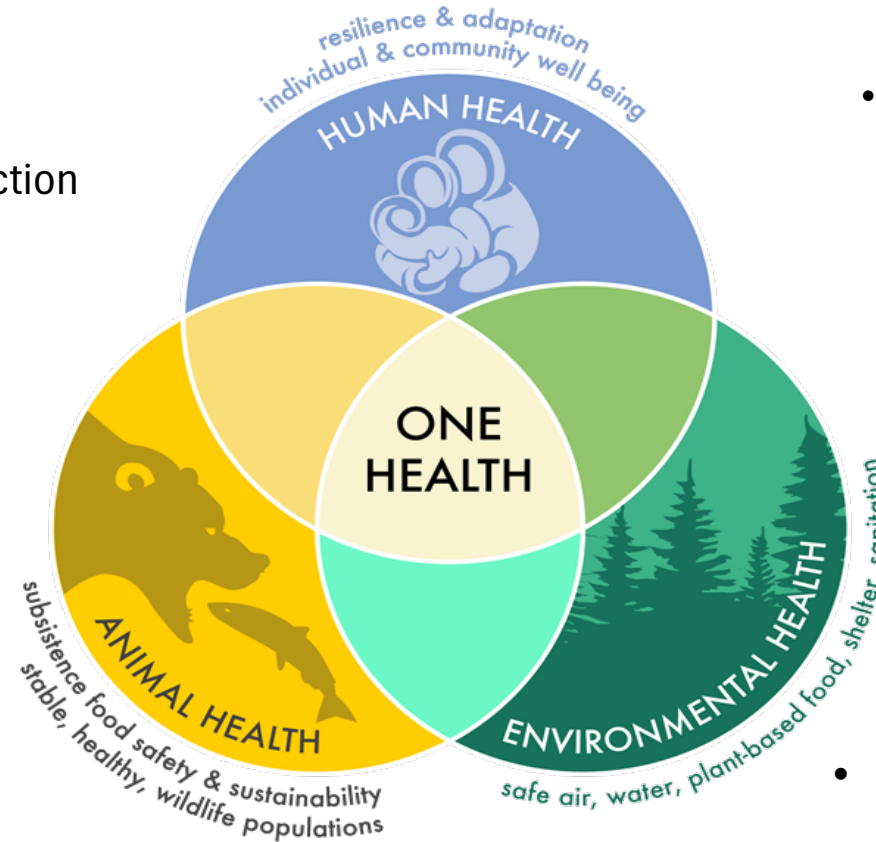


**Salishan Language Family**

1. Hul'q'umi'num' / Halq'eméylem / hən'qəmin'əm
2. SENĆŦEN / Malchosen / Lekwungen / Semiahmoo / T'Sou-ke

# The Need – Intersection at the ‘Health of All’

- An integrated, Inter-Ministry & BCCDC approach (relationships, strategic direction & support) to better enable collective planning, response & innovation.

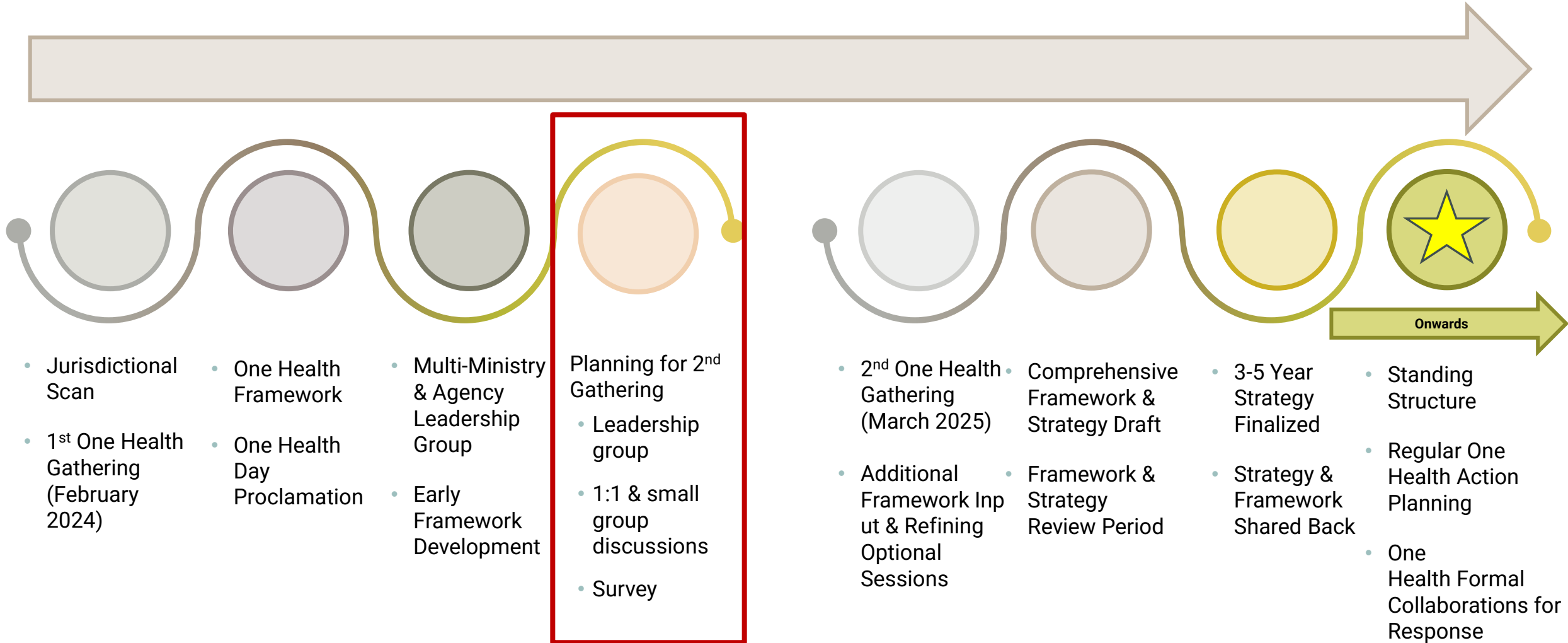


- Infrastructure (strategy, structure & tools) to foster understanding & action in prevention, response, recovery & restoration efforts – a One Health view.

- Contribute to upholding & working in alignment with local First Nation knowledge(s), laws, inherent & constitutional rights designated under B.C. DRIPA legislation.

- Wrap ‘work’ in a committed community of collaborators with shared understandings, goals & enhanced knowledge across disciplines, worldviews & perspectives.

# One Health Framework & Strategy Development



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Figure 3: Landscape Areas Representing Intensive Traditional Use



Hul'qumi'num Home Territory



# 6 Coast Salish Teachings

gifted by Siem Te Ta-in

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**Thee eat** – Truth

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**Eyhh slaxin** – Good Medicine

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**Nuts a maht** – We are one

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**Whax hooks in shqwalowin** – Open your hearts & your minds

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**Kwum kwum stun shqwalowin** – Make up your mind to be strong

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**Tee ma thit** – Do your best



Michif Artist Christi Belcourt

## Nuts a maht "We are one"

Everyone and everything are of value and has purpose. All living things are connected and are inherently entitled to dignity and respect. We all need to be thankful for and take care of all things including the water, the plants and the land that we occupy. When we know ourselves to be one we are grateful for mother earth, ecosystems, the water and all human beings.

"...when people are lucky enough to achieve a higher state of consciousness... they are experiencing...the oneness of Necemat... the interrelatedness of all beings - the spiritual realm from which everything that has a spirit comes."

-Reuben George

## Nuts'amat (unit or complete set)

# NUTS A MAHT | ONE HEALTH

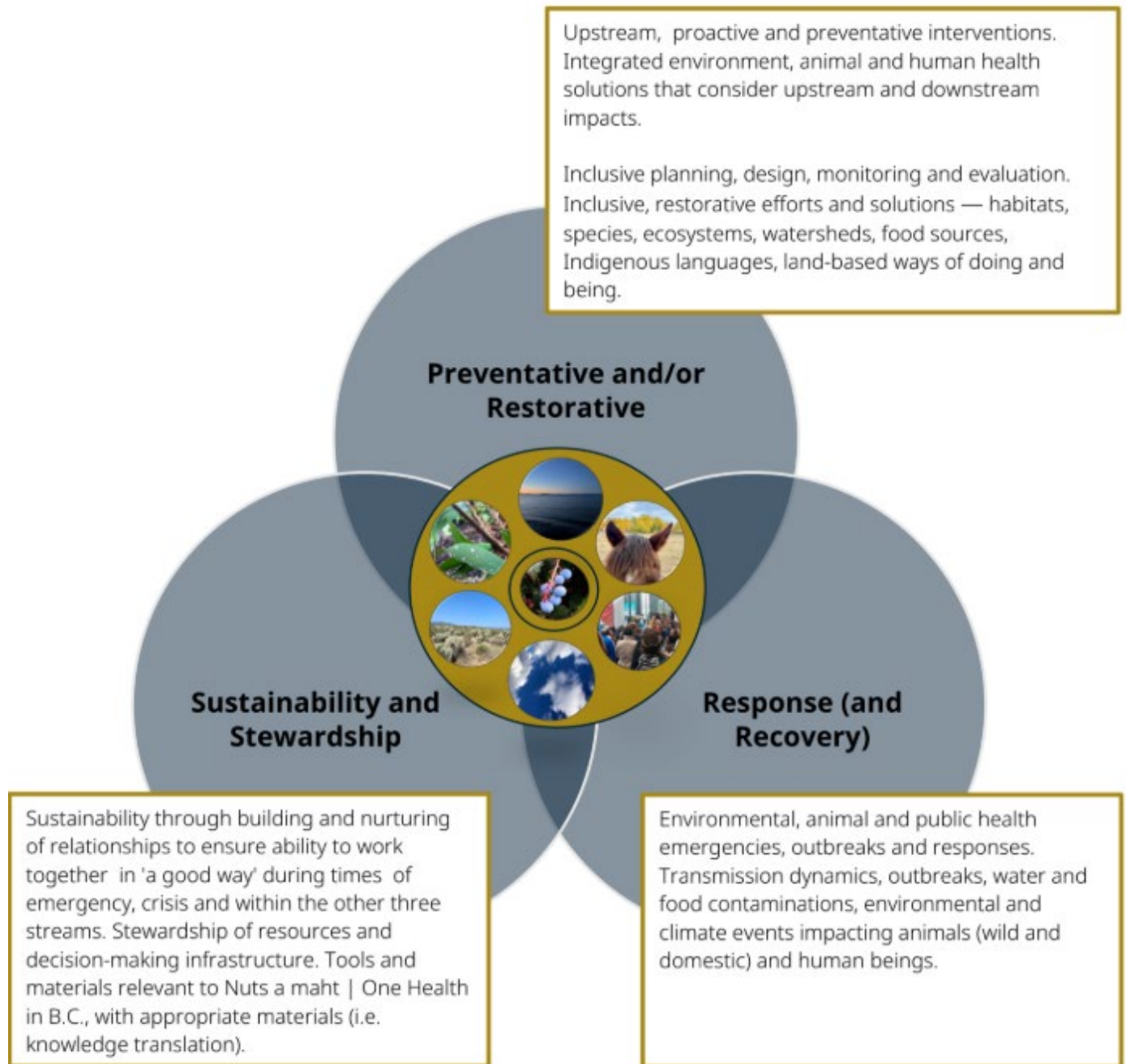
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FRAMEWORK



## Vision Statement

- The health & well-being of land & soil, air, waters, plants, animals, & human beings is optimized through integrated, coordinated & rights-affirming actions.
- Indigenous place-based knowledge & best available western science are woven together to transcend sectoral silos, & relational boundaries.
- Preventative, restorative & responsive solutions heal historical & ongoing harms, & address emergent challenges at the intersection of environmental, animal, & human health.

# Nuts a maht | One Health Types of Collaborations & Partnerships



# Nuts a maht | One Health

## Goals & Outcomes

1. Cultivate Shared Understanding of Nuts a maht | One Health
  2. Create & Sustain Enabling Conditions for Integrated Nuts a maht | One Health Collaboration
  3. Advance Nuts a maht | One Health through Inclusive Partnership & Coordinated Action
1. Land, Water, Plant, Animal & Human Health are Advanced Together
  2. Proactive, Restorative Interventions & Coordinated Responses are Enabled
  3. Indigenous Rights, Self-Determination & Governance are Upheld
  4. Indigenous Knowledge & Place-Based Wisdom are Privileged
  5. Best-Available Western Science Approaches are Integrated

# Where are we in this Nuts a maht | One Health journey?

- Sharing the [Framework to guide collaboration & action planning](#)
- Mobilizing structures to support partnership, planning & action:
  - a) Convening collaborators at regular intervals for reciprocal knowledge exchange, to identify opportunities/barriers & to nurture relationships necessary for cohesion
    - q2 monthly meetings, BCCDC One Health oversight committee
  - b) Being a hub for initiating prevention & restoration projects, research & innovation
  - c) Enhancing existing mobilization for immediate responses