



Lessons in Collaboration from the Hoonah Native Forest Partnership

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Today :

- ▶ A short history of HNFP
- ▶ What are the goals?
 - ▶ Hoonah Native Forest Partnership (HNFP) background and vision
- ▶ What is the collaborative/partnership model?
- ▶ How were relationships maintained/fostered?
- ▶ What are the successes and outcomes?
- ▶ What's next for that collaborative/partnership?
- ▶ What lessons can we take away and/or how might this model be applied elsewhere?

Goals : Common values



- ▶ Vibrant forests
- ▶ Abundant fish, berries, deer
- ▶ Working communities

Goals : Shared vision

- ▶ Communities and agencies collaborate to achieve a measurable and resilient blend of timber, salmon and deer production, local economic diversification and improved watershed condition.



HNFP Investment in the Triple Bottom line

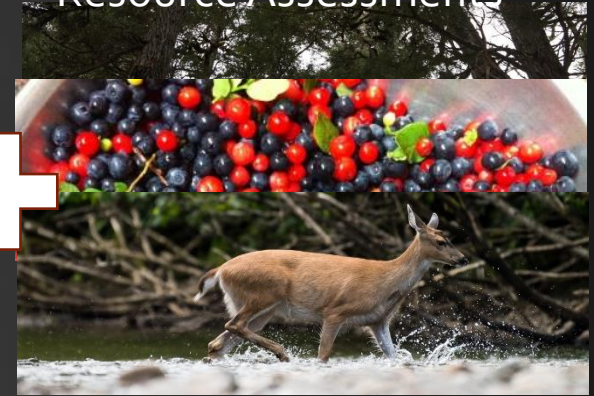
Workforce Development



Technical Team



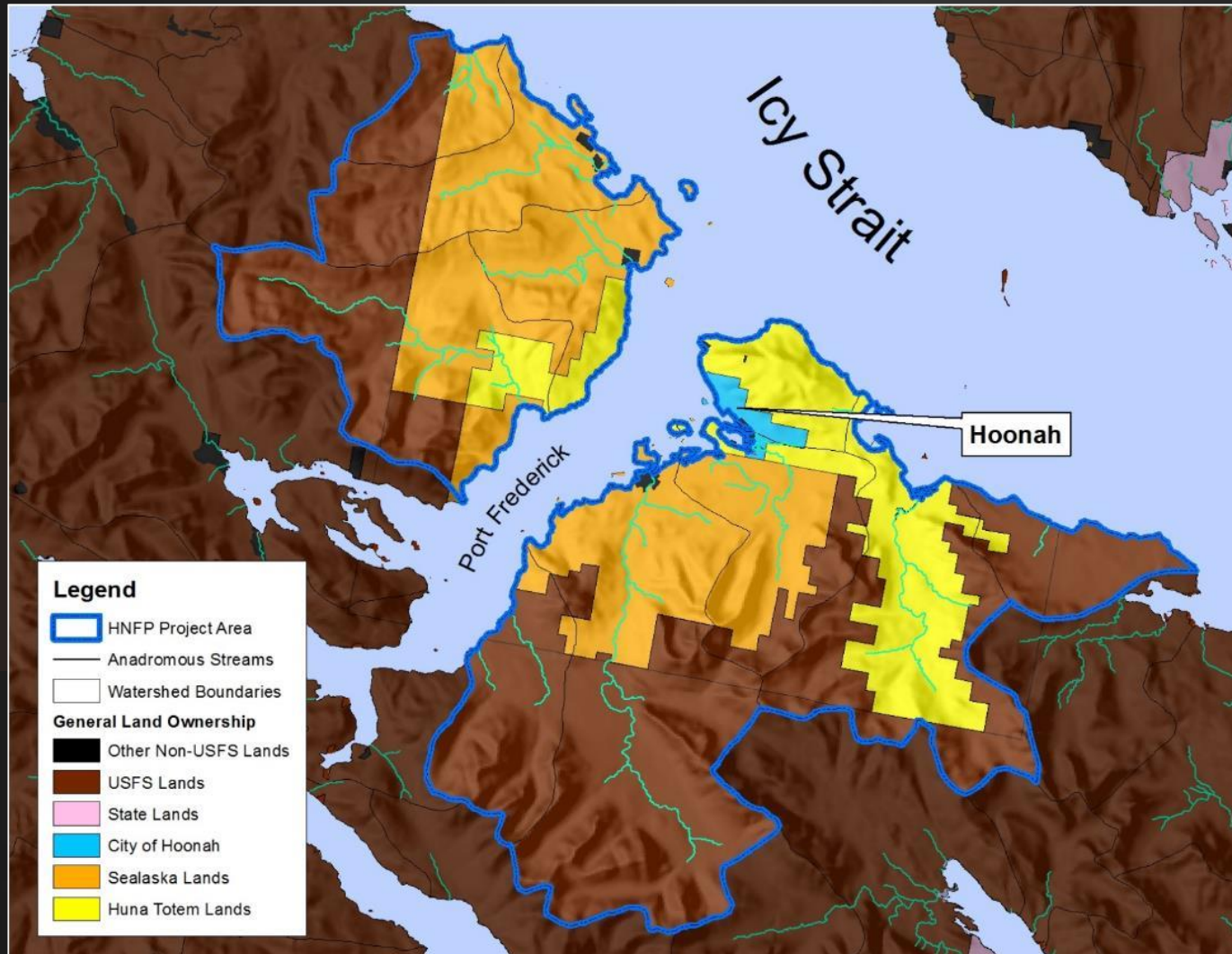
Resource Assessments



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**Projects Increasing :
Social,
Natural Resource,
and Economic Capital**

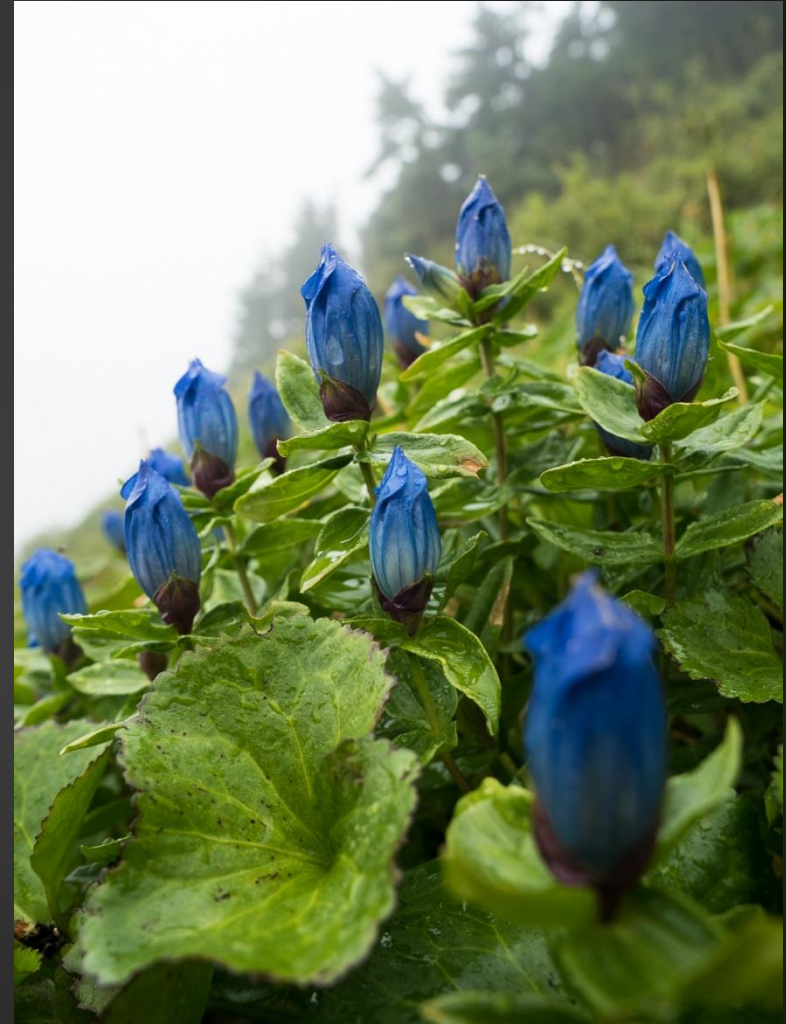
Project Area



- ▶ 205,000 acres
- ▶ 7 watersheds
- ▶ 40 Miles West of Juneau
- ▶ North End Chichagof Island
- ▶ 3 Landowners

Project History

- ▶ **Summer 2015** – Established Partnership, LIDAR/aerial photography flights, redd surveys, road condition assessment began
- ▶ **Winter 2015/16** – Partners established a 2016 work plan
- ▶ **Summer 2016** – Field crew training: road condition surveys, stream habitat assessments, forestry and slash measurements, and LiDAR calibration
- ▶ **Winter 2016/17** – Community outreach and data analysis to prescribe projects for Summer 2017
- ▶ **Summer 2017** – Train local workforce on implementing projects
- ▶ **Winter 2017** – Finalize watershed-scale management plan



Goals : Community-driven

Management Needs

Community Needs

Deer Habitat
Vegetation
Road Condition
Hydrology
Fish
Forest Stands

Deer Harvest
Berry Picking
Road Access
Fishing
Medicinal Plants
Timber

Partnership Model

- ▶ Developed an MOU between 8 partners, including the tribe, landowners, nonprofits, and local, state, and federal government
- ▶ Defined roles that feed back and forth to each other
- ▶ Communicate Regularly
- ▶ Three tiers - Steering Committee, Technical Team, Community Leader



Partnership Roles

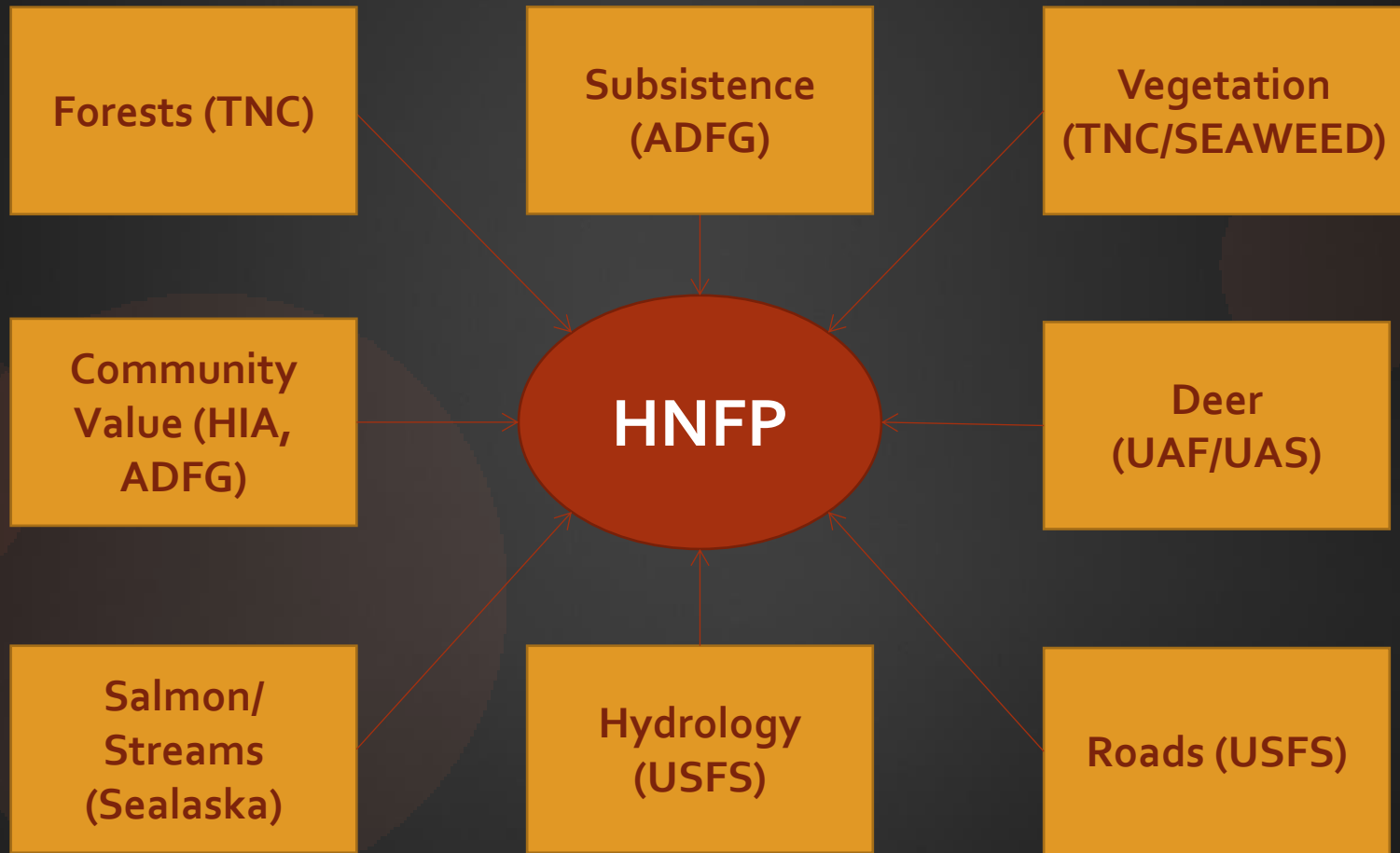
- ▶ Steering Committee :
 - ▶ Represents landowner interests,
 - ▶ provides feedback to Technical Team
- ▶ Technical Team :
 - ▶ Assesses resources,
 - ▶ provides information to Steering Committee and the community
- ▶ Community Coordinator :
 - ▶ Trains and coordinates local workforce,
 - ▶ liaison between Steering Committee, Technical Team, and community
 - ▶ Supports Technical Team



Partners and Steering Committee



Technical Team



Community Level Coordinator



Fostering the Partnership

- ▶ Communication is critical
 - ▶ *Monthly teleconferences*
 - ▶ *In-person technical team meetings 2-3 times/year*
 - ▶ *Regular blogs, videos, and social media posts*



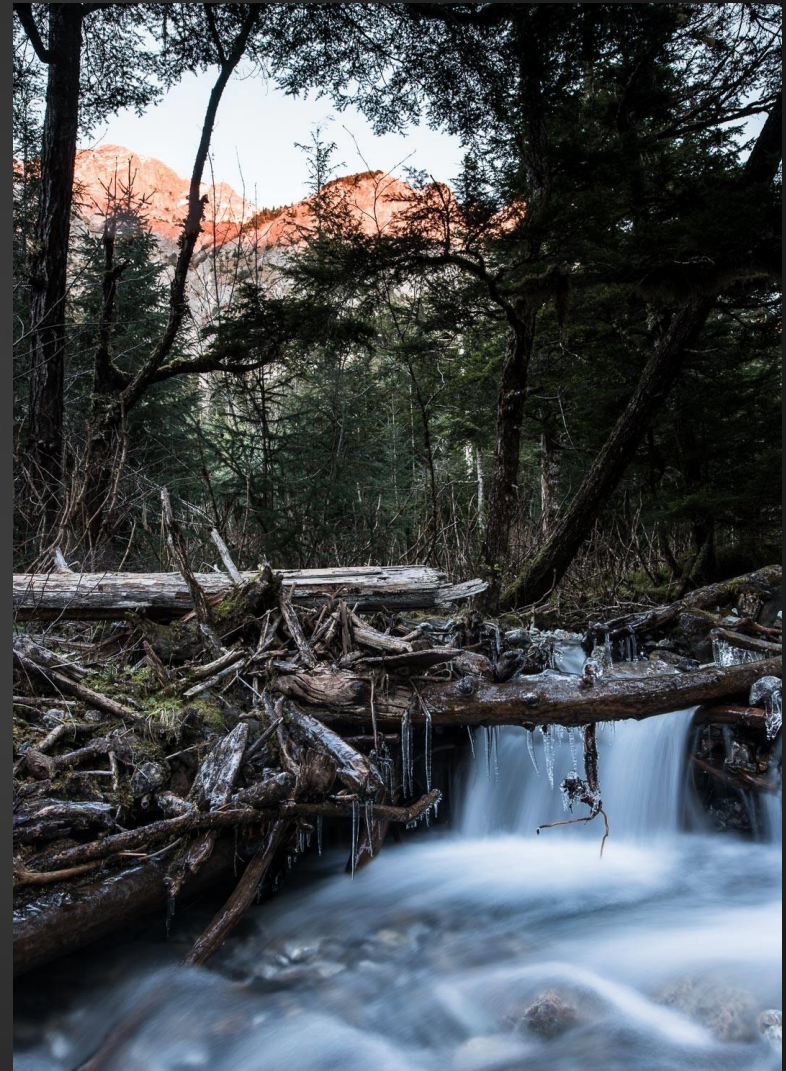
What are the successes and outcomes



- ▶ Data products integrated into landowner datasets and meet landowner targets
- ▶ Projects create tangible benefits to the community
- ▶ Watershed scale management plan outlining projects
- ▶ Community voice guides the HNFP
- ▶ Workforce development creates competitive crew

What's Next For the Partnership?

- ▶ Finalize watershed management plan
- ▶ Review and revise MOU
- ▶ Complete projects in 2018 to enhance forests and fish habitat
- ▶ Seek funding to complete projects in 2019 and beyond



Lessons For The Future

- ▶ Kake Community Forest Projects
- ▶ Regular attendance of monthly calls is key!
- ▶ Identify outcomes that benefit the partner
- ▶ Maintain regular communication between all 3 tiers



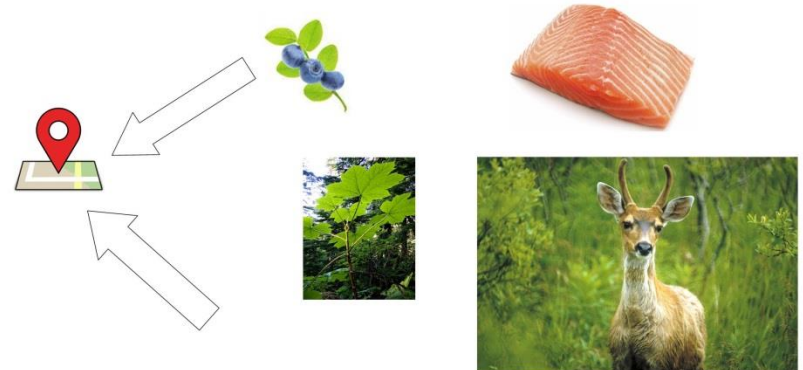
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Social Media Outreach

- ▶ <http://sustainablesoutheast.net/hnfp-community-outreach-at-clan-workshop/>
- ▶ <http://sustainablesoutheast.net/hnfp-a-crews-view/>
- ▶ <http://sustainablesoutheast.net/hnfp-shedding-light-on-the-study-area/>
- ▶ <http://sustainablesoutheast.net/hnfp-hydrology-and-riparian-habitat/>
- ▶ <http://sustainablesoutheast.net/hnfp-deerly-needed-research/>

Help Us Plan for the Future



The Hoonah Native Forest Partnership is looking to create management practices which increase resource abundance and access. We are looking for input from berry pickers, deer hunters, fisherman, and medicinal gatherers to make this work benefit YOU. Please attend to contribute your voice and your knowledge!

November 4th 1-5PM at Hoonah City Hall

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Food and Refreshments Served for Participants