

Southern Gulf Islands Food Coop

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THE CONCEPT: A COOPERATIVE ESTABLISHED TO
MEET THE NEEDS OF GROWERS AND FOOD
PRODUCERS ON THE SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS

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THE COOPERATIVE MODEL

- Incorporated under Cooperative Associations Act of BC
 - Limited Liability Corporation
 - An ownership model: owners of the co-op are users of the co-op's services
 - Governed by a board of Directors elected by members of the co-op
 - Guided by a set of Principles
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- Members may be persons, corporations (including other cooperatives), first nations, government
 - Every member must purchase at least one membership share

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CO-OPS WORK TOGETHER

- Co-op sector
 - Organize by economic sector, region, Province, National
 - Economic Sector: Agriculture, Fisheries, Housing, Health Care, Recreation, Employment, Financial
 - Region: BCCA, CHF/BC, Credit Union Central (Central 1)
 - National: CMC, CCIF, CHF
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SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS FOOD PRODUCERS CO-OP: NEXT STEPS, CONSIDERATIONS

- Where on the value chain will the Co-op fall?
 - Consumer: Retail stores, CSAs, buying clubs
 - Wholesale: Wild West, Pro-Organics
 - Production: Processing, Storage, Supplies
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- Reference Southern Gulf Islands Food & Agriculture Strategy

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SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS FOOD PRODUCERS CO-OP: SIMILAR EXAMPLES

- Horse Lake Community Co-op
 - Williams Lake Food Producers' Co-op
 - Cowichan Food Producers' Co-op
 - City Harvest Cooperative
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SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS FOOD CO-OP

- Incorporate the co-op
 - Develop the business model, do feasibility study
 - Final design created
 - Business Plan
 - Funding/Financing put in place
 - Launch
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COOPERATIVE: INCORPORATION

- Identify steering committee, 5-8 people
 - Must have name approved
 - Must craft Memorandum of Association (Constitution) and Rules (Bylaws)
 - Must identify founding directors, and location of the co-op's "head office"
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- Founding directors will govern until first General Meeting, within 3 months of incorporation date
 - At General Meeting, first full board will be elected for the term determined in the Rules

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COOPERATIVE: MEMBERSHIP

- Member Rights and responsibilities defined in the Rules
 - Make application in the form provided
 - Subscribe to or purchase 1 membership share at a value to be determined
 - Be approved for membership by the board of directors
 - Membership Agreement
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THANK YOU

SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS FOOD PRODUCERS'
COOPERATIVE

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