RAINFOREST CRUNCH

The Politics of Clayoquot Sound

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INTRODUCTION: Clayoquot in Context

A narrative introduction by the editors, with accompanying maps, tables, time-lines, photographs, and charts. Readers will be introduced to the events at Clayoquot, and provided with some of the background necessary for understanding the following chapters. The editors will also highlight the theoretical issues that motivate the book, and that lead them to their claim that Clayoquot politics are a microcosm of global politics.

Chapter 1: Ecologies and Communities: The Practices of Sustainable Development

This chapter will focus on the question of sustainable development, and in particular on the various efforts in the region to put the principles of the Brundtland Commission into practice. Not only are these efforts of interest in their own right, but they also raise a number of difficult theoretical issues concerning the relationship between ecology and community, the nature of local democracy, the complications of contemporary identity claims, and the impact of the global political economy on particular regions.

Chapter 2: Cyborgs, Ecofeminists, and Real Men: The Peace Camp and the Politics of Gender

The 1993 Clayoquot Peace Camp was one of the most notable of recent eco-feminist political initiatives, and it generated world-wide publicity. This chapter will provide an occasion for exploring the complicated politics of gender, in a context in which presentations of gender identity were crucial to the success of protest campaigns and to the various efforts to contain those campaigns.

Chapter 3: Aboriginality and Nativity: First Nations and Settlers

Clayoquot Sound is in the territory of the Nuu-chah-nulth people. Nuh-chah-nulth leaders are now engaged in treaty negotiations with the Governments of Canada and British Columbia. The process is obviously of much interest to environmental activists, logging companies, and people in the non-native settlements. The purpose of this chapter (or set of chapters) will be to explore the implications of this post-colonial situation, with attention both to the world-wide movement of indigenous peoples and to the particularities of the challenges faced by the peoples and government of British Columbia.