



A Visual Story: Tribal Journeys 2025

East Sooke Regional Park – Aylard Farm
July 30, 2025



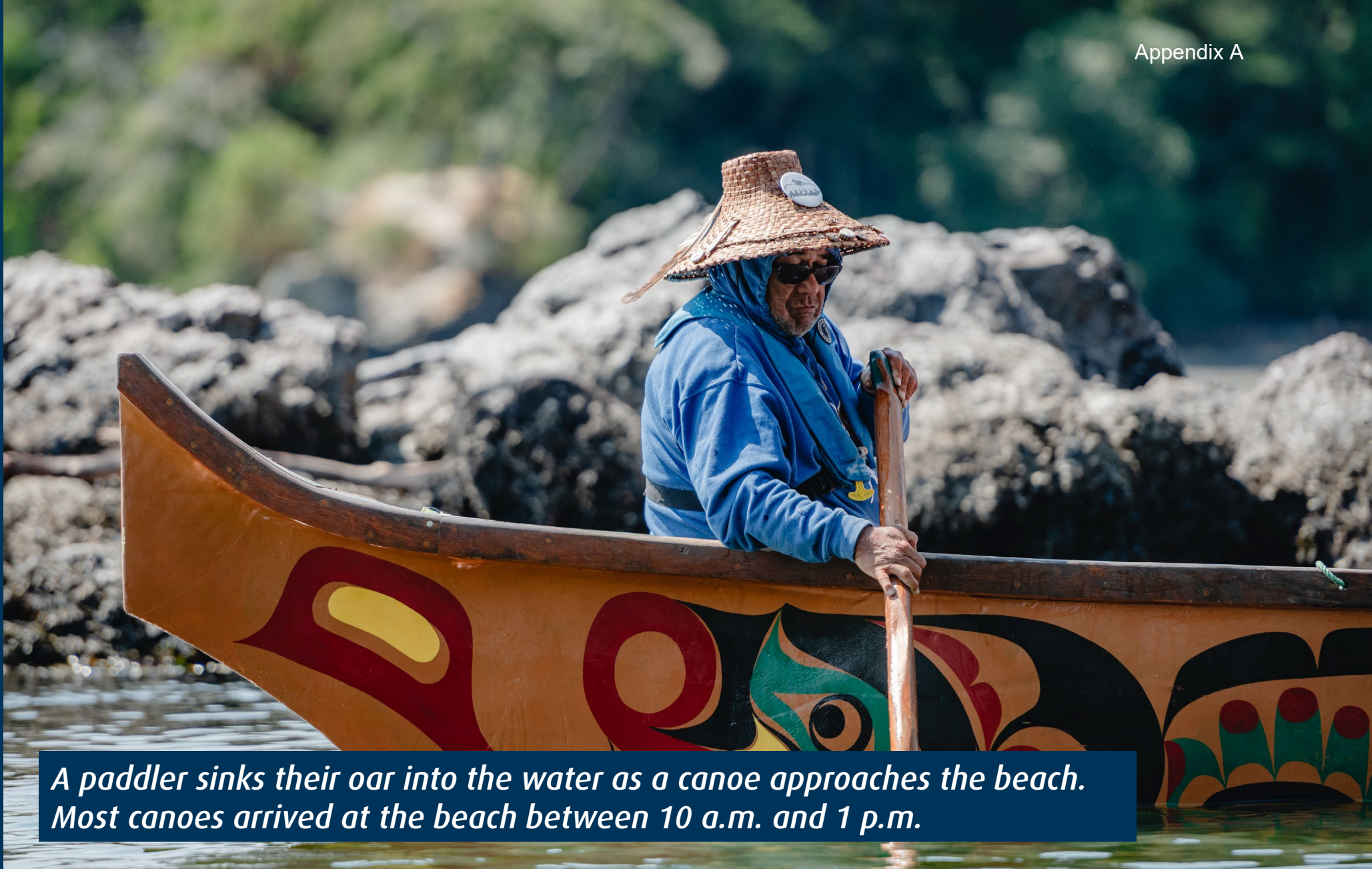
Two canoes approach the shore at Aylard Farm beach in East Sooke Regional Park. Nearly 20 canoe families landed at the beach on July 30.



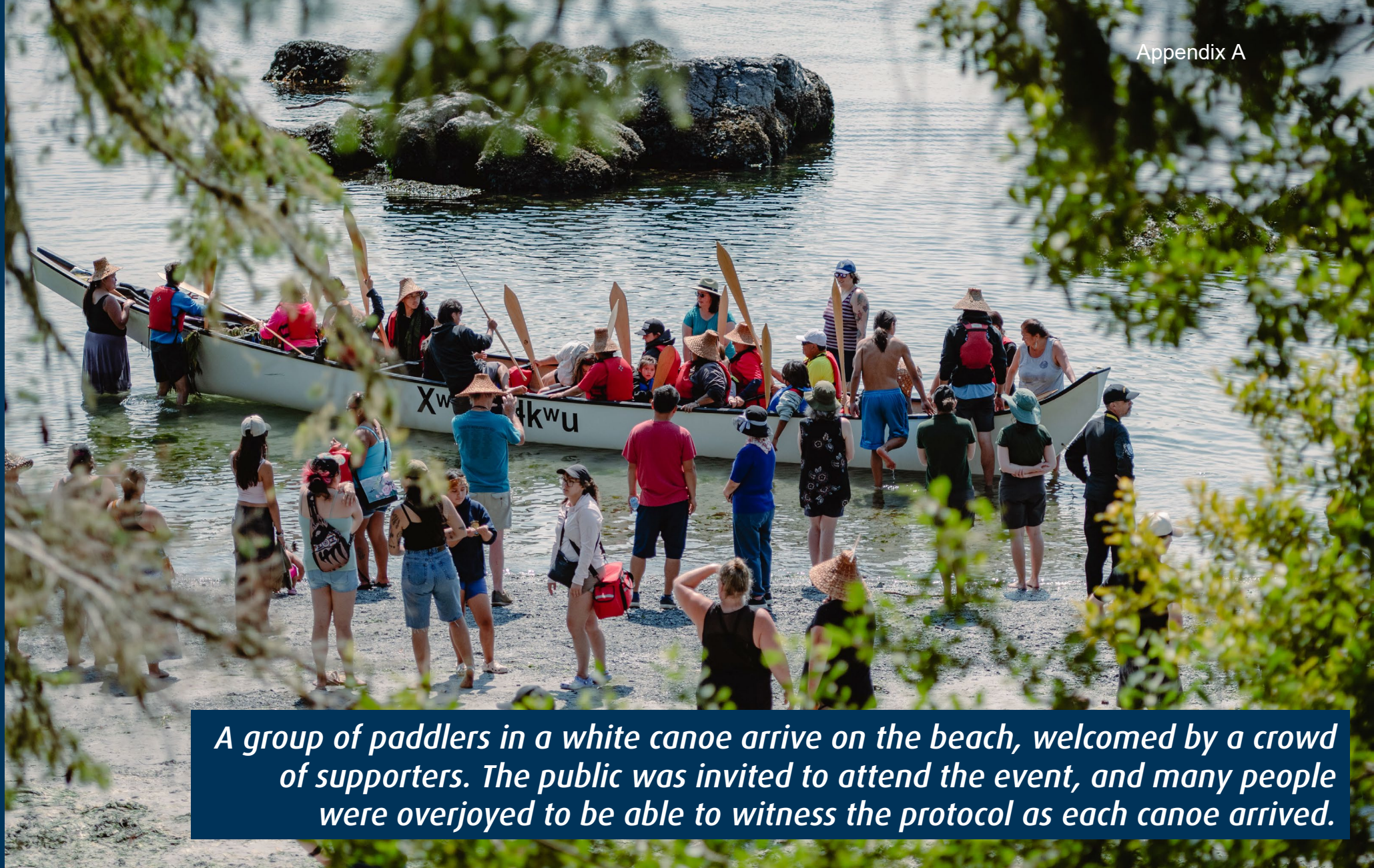
CRD regional parks staff gather in the East Sooke Regional Park parking lot the morning hours of July 30 to coordinate roles and responsibilities for the day to help support the event.



SC'IA'NEW First Nation Chief Russ Chipps (red vest, right) and Council Member Sheeba Sawyer (blue vest, left) await canoes on the beach.



*A paddler sinks their oar into the water as a canoe approaches the beach.
Most canoes arrived at the beach between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.*



A group of paddlers in a white canoe arrive on the beach, welcomed by a crowd of supporters. The public was invited to attend the event, and many people were overjoyed to be able to witness the protocol as each canoe arrived.



Chief Chipps and Sheeba took a moment to pose with CRD staff and leadership between canoe arrivals.



The canoes were lined up on the beach and left overnight with security guards while the paddlers rested and participated in cultural protocol. The following morning, they left the park just after 5 a.m. to continue their journey across the Salish Sea to Elwha.



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