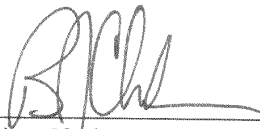


EAST REDONDA ISLAND ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

PURPOSE STATEMENT

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East Redonda Island Ecological Reserve Purpose Statement

Ecological reserves are areas selected to preserve representative and special natural ecosystems, plant and animal species, features and phenomena. The key goal of ecological reserves is to contribute to the maintenance of biological diversity and the protection of genetic materials. All consumptive resource uses and the use of motorized vehicles are prohibited. Research and educational activities may be carried out but only under permit.

Primary Role

The **primary role** of East Redonda Ecological Reserve is to conserve representative coastal ecosystems of the Coastal Western Hemlock and Mountain Hemlock biogeoclimatic zones. This would include opportunities for research in first and second growth forest stands.

Known Management Issues	Response
Some disturbances have occurred on eastern boundary between private lots and ecological reserve.	Monitor activities along boundary and implement management actions as required. Ensure private lot owners are aware of boundary and the unique nature of the ecological reserve.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Outer Fiordland (OUF). Principal contributor (42.7%) to underrepresented ecosection (3.3%)
 - biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Contains five subzones (ATunp; CWHdm; CWHvm1; CWHvm2; MHmm1); significant contributor (10%) to underrepresented CWHdm subzone (5.89%)
- Special Feature
- Rare/Endangered Values Marbled Murrelet nesting sites.
- Scientific/Research Opportunities Coastal ecosystems

Recreation

- Representation
- backcountry
 - destination
 - travel corridor
 - local recreation
- Special Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Unknown but highly probable.
- Special Feature Rock paintings, petroglyphs.

Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations
- Relationship to other protected areas
- Co-operative Management Arrangements
- Partnerships
- Vulnerability
- Relationship to other Strategies

Area: 6212 ha

Date of Establishment: May 4, 1971