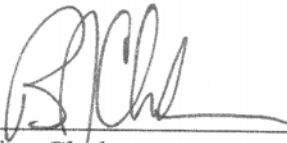


MUSKET ISLAND MARINE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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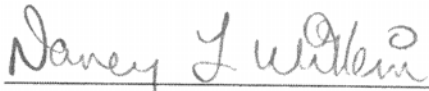
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Musket Island Marine Provincial Park Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Primary Role

The **primary role** of Musket Island Marine Provincial Park is to protect a scenic anchorage within a popular marine circuit along the Sunshine Coast. Musket Island is a safe haven for boaters and kayakers exploring the area between Smugglers Cove Marine Park and Desolation Sound Marine Park.

Known Management Issues	Response
Land (13 ha) purchased by the Marine Parks Forever Society was added to the park in 2000.	Begin monitoring use of new park area and manage for park values.
There is confusion and potential conflict between park visitors and park neighbours over the boundary of the new addition to the park.	Need to identify the new park boundary and install proper signage, as well as educate the public regarding the role of the park.
Lack of knowledge about natural or cultural values found within the park.	As resources allow, obtain more knowledge of park values.

Zoning

Natural Environment – All of the park is zoned Natural Environment. Management directions within this zone will protect the upland, marine and cultural values, and allow marine recreation opportunities, such as anchorage and limited camping. It ensures only very limited levels of facility development. The focus of this zone provides a balance between resource protection, moderate levels of use, and recreation opportunities.

Conservation

- Representation - ecosection This park is an insignificant contributor to the under-represented Georgia Lowlands due to its tiny size.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant
- Special Feature
- Rare/Endangered Values
- Scientific/Research Opportunities

Recreation

- Representation backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor Good anchorage along a popular marine circuit.
- local recreation
- Special Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Unknown, but highly probable due to surrounding evidence of extensive First Nations use of similar coastal areas.
- Special Feature Unknown

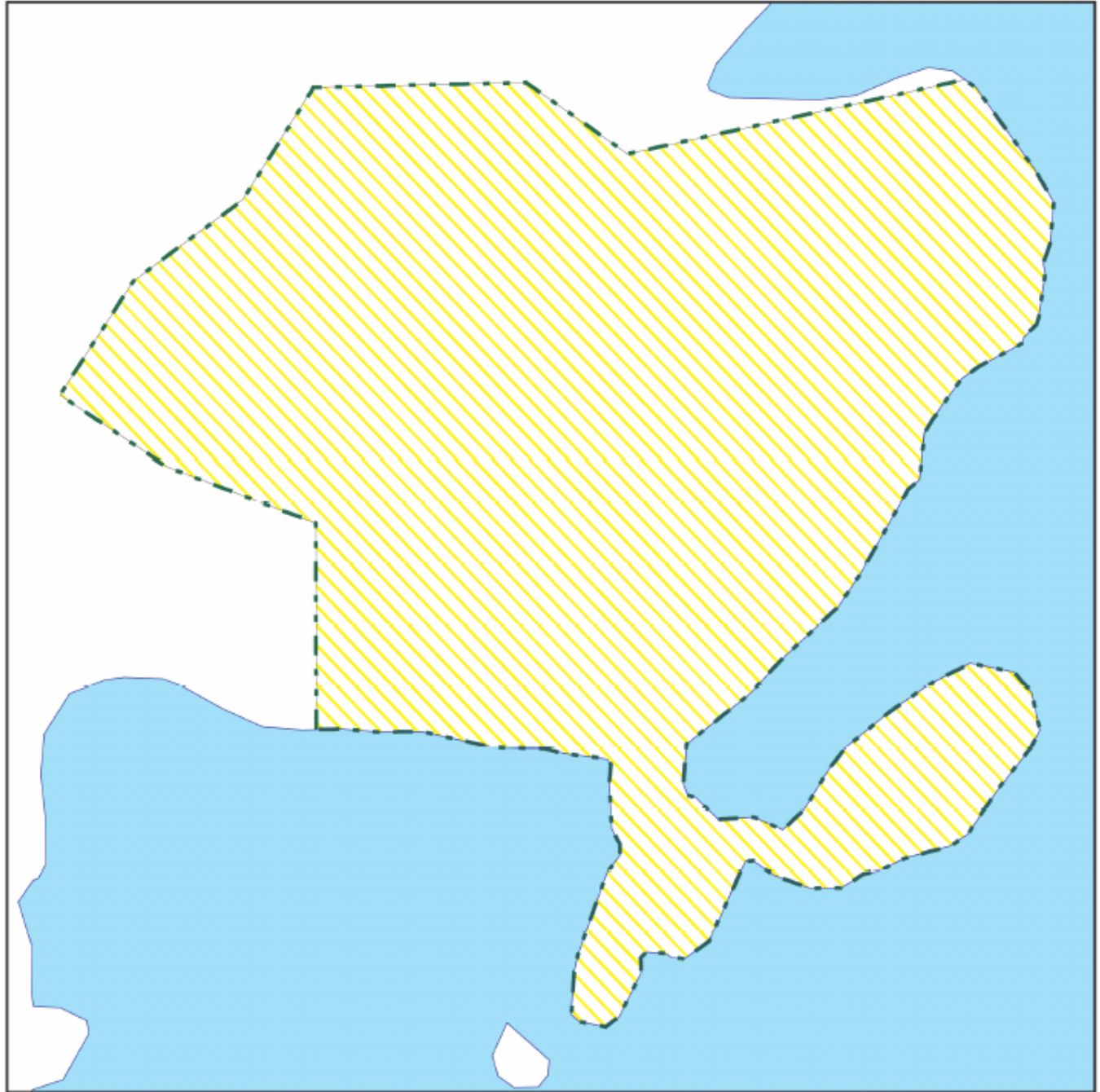
Other Management Considerations

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

Area: 16.8 hectares

Date of Establishment: March 6, 1992

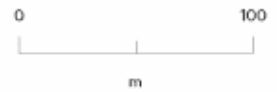
Zoning Map - Musket Island Marine Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Natural Environment
 Protected Area Boundary



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