

KENNEDY LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

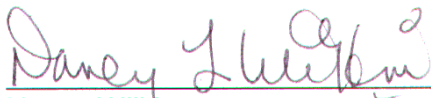
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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Kennedy Lake Park is to protect sensitive salmon spawning habitat. The park contains salmon spawning streams, and it protects 154 hectares of foreshore of the lake where beach gravel provides a substrate for shore spawning sockeye salmon. This phenomenon is provincially significant as it is unusual for sockeye to spawn on shore. The Kennedy Lake system (which includes Clayoquot Arm) is one of the largest bodies of freshwater on Vancouver Island and contains other fish species such as chinook salmon, coho salmon, cutthroat trout, peamouth chub, steelhead, and threespine stickleback. The lake is also subject to tidal influences.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role is to provide day use recreational opportunities in a lakeside setting. The park is comprised of two sites totalling 103 ha of upland along the south shore of Kennedy Lake that surround a pre-existing parcel of the Pacific Rim National Park (Swim Beach), and is adjacent to the highway. Located in the popular Clayoquot Sound destination area, the area is popular for lake and beach-based recreation activities such as swimming, canoeing, fishing, boating, windsurfing, waterskiing, and picnicking. Facilities include a parking area, a day use and picnic area, pit toilets, fire pits, and a boat launch. Camping is not permitted in the park.

Management Issues

Known Management Issue	Response
Lack of knowledge of cultural values	➤ Undertake a cultural inventory and traditional use study in conjunction with First Nations.
Inappropriate activities on beach, high vandalism, and access issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue to enforce no vehicle access to beaches and no camping to protect sockeye salmon habitat. ➤ Increase educational material on the website to inform the public on park values and provide onsite interpretive signage.
Viability of the current unit – adjacent to Parks Canada property	➤ Kennedy Lake Park consists of 2 units. The intervening area comprises 2 properties – 1 owned by Weyerhaeuser, the other (i.e. Swim Beach) by Parks Canada as part of Pacific Rim National Park. Initiate discussions with Parks Canada related to coordinating management of Kennedy Lake Park and Swim Beach and, in the long term, the possible transfer of land so that Kennedy Lake Park and Swim Beach are operated as one unit.
Participation in Biosphere Reserve	➤ Work with Biosphere Foundation and Central Region Board to ensure the Environmental Stewardship Division's perspective is taken into account in Biosphere activities and projects.

Zoning

Natural Environment Zone – covers the entire park (257.8 hectares) to reflect the recreation and conservation values. The objective of this zone is to protect scenic values and to provide recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Kennedy Lake Park makes a minimal contribution of 0.14% to the Windward Island Mountains Ecosection (WIM), which is well protected provincially at 17.4%.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Minimal contribution of 0.2% to CWHvh1, which is well represented in the protected areas system at 19.3%.
- Special Features Shore spawning sockeye salmon, fish bearing streams. Protects part of the largest lake on Vancouver Island.
- Rare/Endangered Values None known at this time
- Scientific/Research Opportunities None known at this time

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry destination Not Applicable
 Day use for lake and beach-based activities, picnicking
- travel corridor Directly adjacent to Highway 4, route from Port Alberni to Long Beach
- local recreation Lake and beach use
- Special Opportunities None known at this time
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities Spawning salmon

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Values unknown
- Special Feature None known at this time

Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations Part of the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve. Borders the Kennedy Lake parcel of Pacific Rim National Park, and adds to its lakeshore values.
- Relationship to other PAs Part of a system of protected areas in Clayoquot Sound

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Part of the Interim Management Agreement Extension with the Central Region Board

Partnerships

Not Applicable

Vulnerability

Natural values are vulnerable to recreational use such as inappropriate activities, vandalism, and unregulated camping. The sockeye salmon stocks in Kennedy Lake are severely depressed due to logging impacts and overfishing.

Relationship to other Strategies

Interim Measures Extension Agreement. Identified for protection in the 1993 Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision.

Area: 257.8 hectares (103.5 ha upland; 154.3 ha foreshore)

Date of establishment: July 12, 1995

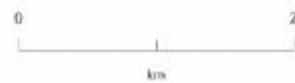
Zoning Map - Kennedy Lake Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
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 Natural Environment
 Protected Area Boundary



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