## KENNEDY RIVER BOG PROVINCIAL PARK

# PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN August 2003

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#### **Primary Role**

The **primary** role of Kennedy River Bog Park is to protect a biologically significant low-elevation acid bog. The park also protects an oxbow, bog plant community, bird habitat and some mature forest.

#### **Secondary Role**

The **secondary** role is to provide recreational opportunities in the way of nature appreciation. The park is situated at the outlet of Kennedy Lake along the Kennedy River where fishing, kayaking and canoeing are possible. The park can be approached by road or from the river. Small boats can launch near Clayoquot Arm bridge and on the east side of the Kennedy River bridge.

#### **Management Issues**

Known Management Issue	Response
Lack of knowledge of natural and cultural values	<ul> <li>Encourage research to increase understanding of the bog, its role in the landscape and other natural values of the park.</li> <li>Undertake a cultural inventory and traditional use study in conjunction with First Nations.</li> </ul>
Impacts from logging upstream and in adjacent areas	Work with Ministry of Forests and forest companies to mitigate land effects and to ensure forest development plans do not interfere with park values.
Most of the bog privately held	<ul> <li>Work with Weyerhaeuser in protecting the bog.</li> <li>Investigate the acquisition of the private parcel to create a contiguous protected area that achieves protection of the bog.</li> </ul>
Role of park in the protected areas system	Review status of the protected area as a park or as an ecological reserve.
Participation in Biosphere Reserve	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>

#### **Zoning**

**Special Feature Zone** – covers the entire park (11 hectares) to reflect the conservation value of protecting lands that surround the bog. The objective of this zone is to protect and present significant natural or cultural features, resources, or processes because of their special character, fragility and heritage values.

#### Conservation Representation ecosection $\Box$ Kennedy River Bog Park contributes very minimally (0.03%) to the rep resentation of the Windward Island Mountains Ecosection (WIM), which is well represented in the protected areas system at 17.4%. - biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Makes a very minimal contribution of 0.06% to CWH vh1, which is well represented in the protected areas system at 19.3%. $\boxtimes$ **Special Features** Oxbow and part of a low-elevation acid bog Rare/Endangered Values None known at this time $\boxtimes$ Scientific/Research Opportunities Bog acidity and formation, possible rare plant species Recreation Representation backcountry Not Applicable destination Nature appreciation travel corridor Not Applicable local recreation Small boat use on river for bird watching and nature appreciation **Special Opportunities** None known at this time **Education/Interpretation Opportunities** $\boxtimes$ Offsite interpretation of bog formation **Cultural Heritage** Representation $\Box$ Values unknown Special Feature None known at this time **Other Management Considerations** Other Designations $\boxtimes$ Part of the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve Relationship to other PAs $\boxtimes$ Part of a system of protected areas in Clayoquot Sound Co-operative Management $\boxtimes$ Arrangements Part of the Interim Management Agreement Extension with the Central Region Board **Partnerships** П Potential partnership with Weyerhaueser $\boxtimes$ Vulnerability Adjacent land use, upstream effects, access

### Relationship to other Strategies

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

Area: 11 hectares

Date of establishment: July 12, 1995

