KISKATINAW **PROVINCIAL PARK**

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN February 2004

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Kiskatinaw Provincial Park is to provide weekend recreational opportunities, including picnicking and camping for local area residents. The park offers a place for people to enjoy swimming in the river or to try their luck with a fishing rod. The park covers 58 hectares of the Peace Lowland Ecosection and the Boreal White and Black Spruce Biogeoclimatic Zone.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role is to provide a stopover area for tourists who are driving along the Alaska Highway. An historical opportunity exists as well, since Kiskatinaw Provincial Park is located on the Old Alaska Highway next to a designated Heritage Site - a curved wooden trestle bridge which was constructed in 1942 and is one of the few found in North America.

Known Management Issues	Response
Fire Management	Prepare a Fire Management Plan
(possible risk of fire during dry months;	
potential threat to the nearby residential area)	
Service upgrading required	 Upgrade signs and 5 campsites
The park was identified in the Service	Kiskatinaw will be retained in the
Withdrawal initiative in 2002. Disturbances	protected areas system. A park use permit
may increase as a result of the park closure,	has been issued to maintain and operate the
and may include vandalism, theft, partying,	existing facilities in the park.
noise, woodcutting, etc.	
Garbage accumulation may result in increased	
bear incidents	

Zoning

The entire park (58 hectares) is zoned Intensive Recreation.

CONSERVATION

Representation

• ecosection Minimal contribution to the Peace River Lowland Ecosection

which is very poorly represented in the protected areas system (0.4%); Kiskatinaw Provincial Park contributes only 1.5% of the overall protected areas system representation of this

ecosection.

 biogeoclimatic subzone/variant
 Minimal contribution to the Boreal White and Black Spruce moist warm, Peace variant (BWBSmw1) which is very poorly

represented in the protected areas system (0.68%); Kiskatinaw Provincial Park contributes only 0.22% of the overall protected

areas system representation of this subzone/variant.

Special Feature

Rare/Endangered Values

Scientific/Research Opportunities

RECREATION

Representation

- backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor
- local recreation X Local and regional recreation for weekend and holiday camping.

Access point to the Kiskatinaw River

Special Opportunities

Education/Interpretation

Opportunities

X Wildlife viewing

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation X Alaska Highway history

Special Feature X Heritage Site: curved wooden bridge, built in 1942; one of the

few of its kind in North America

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs

Co-operative Management

Arrangements

Partnerships

Vulnerability

Relationship to Other Strategies

Date of establishment: May 1, 1962

Area: 58 hectares

