MARA PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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The **primary purpose** of Mara Provincial Park is to provide opportunities for public recreation access and use of Mara Lake, with emphasis on swimming, picnicking and boat launching.

Mara Provincial Park is situated on the southeast end of Mara Lake. The park supports the local tourist industry. It is a popular site used as a rest stop for travellers on Highway 97A and as a destination day use area for visitors to the area as well as local residents. It provides good sandy beaches and the only major public access and boat launch on Mara Lake.

Containing only 5 hectares and mostly dedicated to intensive recreation, the park does not contribute to ecosystem representation and is considered of only minor conservation value. There is fish-spawning at the mouths of two creeks. One kekuli pit can be found in the park, but this feature is only considered as locally significant.

Known Management Issues	Response
Deteriorating infrastructure (septic tank upgrade required, boat launch buckling, change	Include projects in Annual Management Plan for future facility upgrades.
building has failed).	for ruture ruemty apgrades.

Zoning: The whole of the park (5 ha) is zoned as **Intensive Recreation**

Conservation					
Representation - ecosection			no contribution to ecosection representation		
- biogeoclimatic subzone	/variant		no contribution to BEC representation		
Special Feature			none indentified		
Rare/Endangered Values			none identified		
Scientific/Research Opportun	ities		none identified		
Recreation					
Representation backcountry					
destination					
travel corridor			major use (50%) from Highway 97A as a reststop and picnic site		
local recreation		\boxtimes	popular regional day use site		
Special Opportunities			provides good sandy beaches and the only major public access and boat launch on Mara Lake.		
Education/Interpretation Opp	ortunities				
Cultural Heritage					
Representation					
Special Feature					
Other Management Considerations					
Other Designations					
Relationship to other PAs			provides good sandy beaches and the only major public access and boat launch on Mara Lake		
Co-operative Management Arrangements					
Partnerships					
Vulnerability					
Relationship to other Strategies					
Area: 5 hectares Date of Establishment:	May 31, 1938				

