ONE ISLAND LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of One Island Lake Provincial Park is to provide recreational opportunities to regional and residential area users, particularly visitors from Tumbler Ridge and from across the Alberta border. One Island Lake is extremely productive for fishing, and attracts campers to the area. The 61 hectare park is located a short drive from the Heritage Highway, Highway 53, and provides a resting place and camping area for travelers heading to Tumbler Ridge. The park provides the only public boat launch on the lake.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role of One Island Lake Provincial Park is habitat conservation. Although it is small in size, One Island Lake Provincial Park offers protection of the under-represented Boreal White and Black Spruce moist warm Peace (BWBSmw1) biogeoclimatic variant (only 0.68% represented in the protected areas system) and the under-represented Kiskatinaw Plateau Ecosection (only 0.28% represented in the protected areas system). Much of these types of ecosystems have been impacted through forestry and oil and gas activities and are no longer in their natural state. Therefore, any protected area that contributes to their protection may be considered important.

Tertiary Role

The tertiary role of One Island Lake Provincial Park is the protection of lake shore environments and associated uplands for a variety of migratory birds, raptors, songbirds and perching birds. The park provides a stopover area for migratory birds as well as an opportunity for bird watching and wildlife sightings. During the spring and summer months, a variety of raptors, songbirds and other perching birds frequent the area. Waterfowl can also be viewed on the lake. Mammals that frequent the area include moose, deer, black bear, squirrels, chipmunks, and beaver. Fish species present in One Island Lake include stocked rainbow and eastern brook trout.

Known Management Issues	Response
The park was identified in the Service Withdrawal initiative in 2002. Disturbances may increase if services are withdrawn, and may include vandalism, theft, partying, noise, woodcutting, etc. Garbage may accumulate, attracting a higher number of bears to the area and affecting local cabin owners	• One Island Lake Provincial Park will be retained in the protected areas system. A park use permit has been issued to maintain and operate the existing facilities.

Adjacency Issues (Oil and Gas tenures)	• Ensure the Oil and Gas Commission
	referral process is ongoing and promote
	open lines of communication
Water issues, 2 wells	• Limit the number of water wells within the
	park and ensure all existing water wells
	have minimal effect on One Island Lake
	and the surrounding watershed

Zoning

The entire park (61 hectares) is zoned Intensive Recreation.

Representation

- ecosection
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant

Special Feature

Rare/Endangered Values

Scientific/Research Opportunities

CONSERVATION

One of only 5 protected areas contributing to the representation of the Kiskatinaw Plateau Ecosection which is poorly represented (2.57%) in the protected areas system. One Island Lake Park contributes only 0.28% of the overall protected areas system representation of this ecosection. BWBSmw1 – only 0.68% in protected area status; One Island Lake Park's contribution is minimal (0.23% of the overall protected areas system representation of this variant)

RECREATION

Representation		
 backcountry 	Х	Staging area for backcountry trips outside the park
• destination		
• travel corridor	Х	Highway to Tumbler Ridge
local recreation	Х	Recreation day use, camping and fishing; only public boat launch and parking lot on One Island Lake
Special Opportunities	Х	Provides the only local public access to One Island Lake
Education/Interpretation Opportunities		wildlife viewing, trails
		CULTURAL HERITAGE
Representation		Kelley Lake and West Moberly First Nations
Special Feature		

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

Vulnerability

Relationship to Other Strategies

Date of establishment: August 31, 1978

Area: 61 hectares