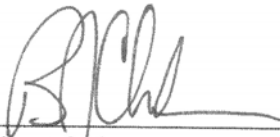


ROSCOE BAY MARINE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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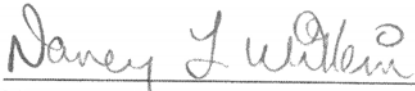
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Roscoe Bay Marine Provincial Park Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Primary Role

The **primary role** of Roscoe Bay Marine Provincial Park is to provide destination marine recreation opportunities for recreational boats and ocean kayaks. The park, although small in size, provides a very safe anchorage, varied scenery, a complex shoreline for exploration, and protected waters for paddling. The communities of Powell River and Lund utilize the park for boating, guiding and commercial tour opportunities

Secondary Role

The secondary **role** of the park is to protect First Nation archaeological sites. The combination of First Nation cultural sites which occur within Desolation Sound, Roscoe Bay, Okeover Arm, Walsh Cove, and Copeland Islands marine parks provide a significant opportunity for protection of cultural values and possibly presentation of these values in cooperation with the First Nations. Sites are rich in value and very diverse in type – they range from shoreline harvest and settlement sites, to fish traps and marine harvest areas, and to burial and spiritual sites.

Known Management Issues	Response
Lack of current management direction.	Environmental Stewardship initiated a management planning process in the fall of 2002. Completion of the management plan is targeted for late-2003. The management plan, when completed, will replace this Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan.
Disturbance of archaeological sites by recreation users.	Archaeological sites have been identified and are now being monitored. As needed, interim measures will be taken to prevent impacts. These will include managing commercial kayak activities through park use permits. The upcoming management plan will identify long term protection measures for the sites.
Upland impacts from recreation use. Soil and vegetation impacts are occurring from upland recreation activities, particularly camping parties from ocean kayaking.	Environmental Stewardship has now completed an inventory of upland camping sites. Commercial kayak activities will be managed through park use permits. The upcoming management plan will identify long-term development and protection measures for impacts from public and commercial recreation use.

Lack of inventory knowledge of natural values.	Environmental Stewardship will inventory values as resources allow. As well, cooperative opportunities will be explored with partners as is appropriate.
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Zoning

Natural Environment - All of the park is zoned Natural Environment. This zone will protect the upland, marine and cultural values, will allow marine and upland recreation opportunities, and will allow only limited levels of facility development. The focus of this zone will be to create a balance between resource protection, moderate to high levels of use, and recreation opportunities.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Outer Fiordland (OUF). Minor contributor.
Roscoe Bay contributes only 0.50% to the representation of the Johnston Strait *Marine* Ecosection (JS) which is only 3.70% protected. Ranks 13th out of 16 in terms of contribution.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant
Special Feature CWHdm. Minor contributor.
- Rare/Endangered Values
- Scientific/Research Opportunities

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry
destination Boating and kayaking.
travel corridor
local recreation Boating and kayaking.
- Special Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Extensive historical First Nation use.
- Special Feature

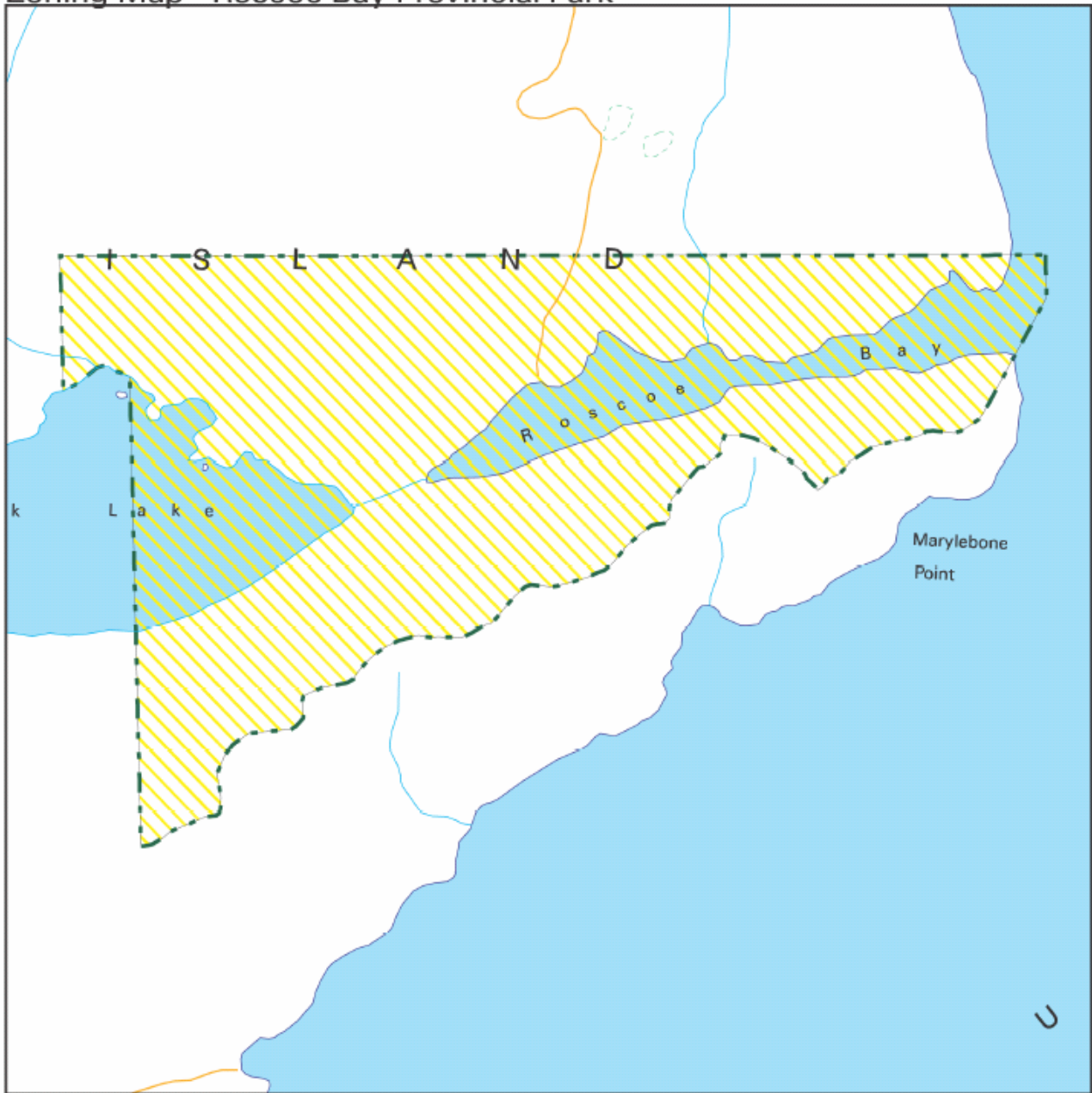
Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations
- Relationship to other PAs
- Co-operative Management Arrangements
- Partnerships
- Vulnerability
- Relationship to other Strategies

Area: 247 hectares (200 hectares of upland and 47 hectares of foreshore)

Date of Establishment: July 29, 1971

Zoning Map - Roscoe Bay Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Natural Environment
 Protected Area Boundary

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m

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