

# SHUSWAP LAKE MARINE PROVINCIAL PARK

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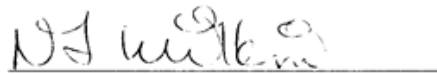
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The **primary role** of the Shuswap Lake Marine Provincial Park is to provide a system of sites for marine overnight and day use of Shuswap Lake. Shuswap Lake is provincially recognized for its tourism and recreation attractions. The marine park system is the basis for a thriving tourism economy with house boat rentals and associated businesses catering to residents of British Columbia, Albertans and international clients.

The Shuswap Lake Marine Provincial Park consists of 27 small and widely dispersed sites around the perimeter of Shuswap Lake. The creeks, waterfalls and lakeshore sites provide a range of features and a major boating destination for all types of vessels and user groups. All sites are popular for fishing and water sports and a number of sites are popular for hiking and nature study. Some sites are road accessible, but most are water access only. Facilities at the sites vary from nothing to 3 or 4 wilderness tenting sites with a pit toilet. There are only a few stretches of foreshore suitable for beaching boats in the eastern part of Shuswap Lake, and most of them are part of Shuswap Lake Marine Park.

As a **secondary role** the foreshore areas of the park contain important (albeit small) habitat areas for lake char, salmon, kokanee, rainbow, bull trout and other fish species.

A **tertiary role** is the protection of numerous archaeological resources in the park sites. Of particular note are kekuli pits (especially at Anstey View) and pictographs (several locations).

Known Management Issues	Response
<p>Heavy recreational use pressures are creating impacts (illegal firewood cutting, littering, vandalism) to park environments and facilities.</p> <p>Cultural values (pictographs) are susceptible to vandalism.</p> <p>On many sites there are conflicts between user groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No firewood cutting permitted.</li> <li>• Use of chainsaws is not permitted.</li> <li>• Contractor provides firewood at two sites.</li> <li>• Provide no information on location of pictographs.</li> <li>• Maintain security patrols of the various sites.</li> <li>• Maintain ongoing liaison with houseboat rental companies to promote ethical use of the marine park system.</li> </ul>

### Zoning

All of the sites except for Paradise Point and Albas are completely zoned for **Intensive Recreation**. The shoreline and immediate upland of Paradise Point is zoned **Intensive Recreation** (approximately 22 ha or 34% of the park) and the remaining upland is zoned as **Natural Environment** (approximately 43.5 ha or 66% of the park). The **Intensive Recreation** zone for Albas covers the road access campsites and 2 marine access sites (34%), and the remaining upland is zoned as **Natural Environment** (66%).

### Conservation

Representation - ecosection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Very minor representation of the Northern Thompson Uplands Ecosection. The sites are all considered too small to contribute to ecosection representation.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The individual sites are too small and disturbed to contribute to ecosystem representation.
Special Feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rare/Endangered Values	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	foreshore of many of the sites are considered as bull trout habitat
Scientific/Research Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	none identified

### Recreation

Representation backcountry	<input type="checkbox"/>	
destination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	very popular destination site for marine access camping, and beach and water based activities. Facilities are used to capacity throughout summer season
travel corridor	<input type="checkbox"/>	
local recreation destination use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	heavy regional day use and
Special Opportunities provincial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marine system is considered of significance and attracts heavy out of province tourism use. The marine park system is the basis for a thriving tourism economy with house boat rentals and associated businesses catering to residents of BC, Albertans and international clients.
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Cultural Heritage

Representation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	First Nations occupation and use – evidenced by kekuli pits and pictographs. Some of these
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features are of provincial significance.

Special Feature

### Other Management Considerations

Other Designations

Relationship to other PAs form  Sites at the top end of Anstey Arm access points to Anstey-Hunakwa Park. Shuswap Lake Park and Herald Park provide boat launch and staging areas for people to access the marine system. At the crossover between Seymour and Anstey Arms, Cinnemousun Narrows Park provides a strategic site for use and operational management of the marine system. Silver Beach at the north end of Seymour Arm also serves a day use site.

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

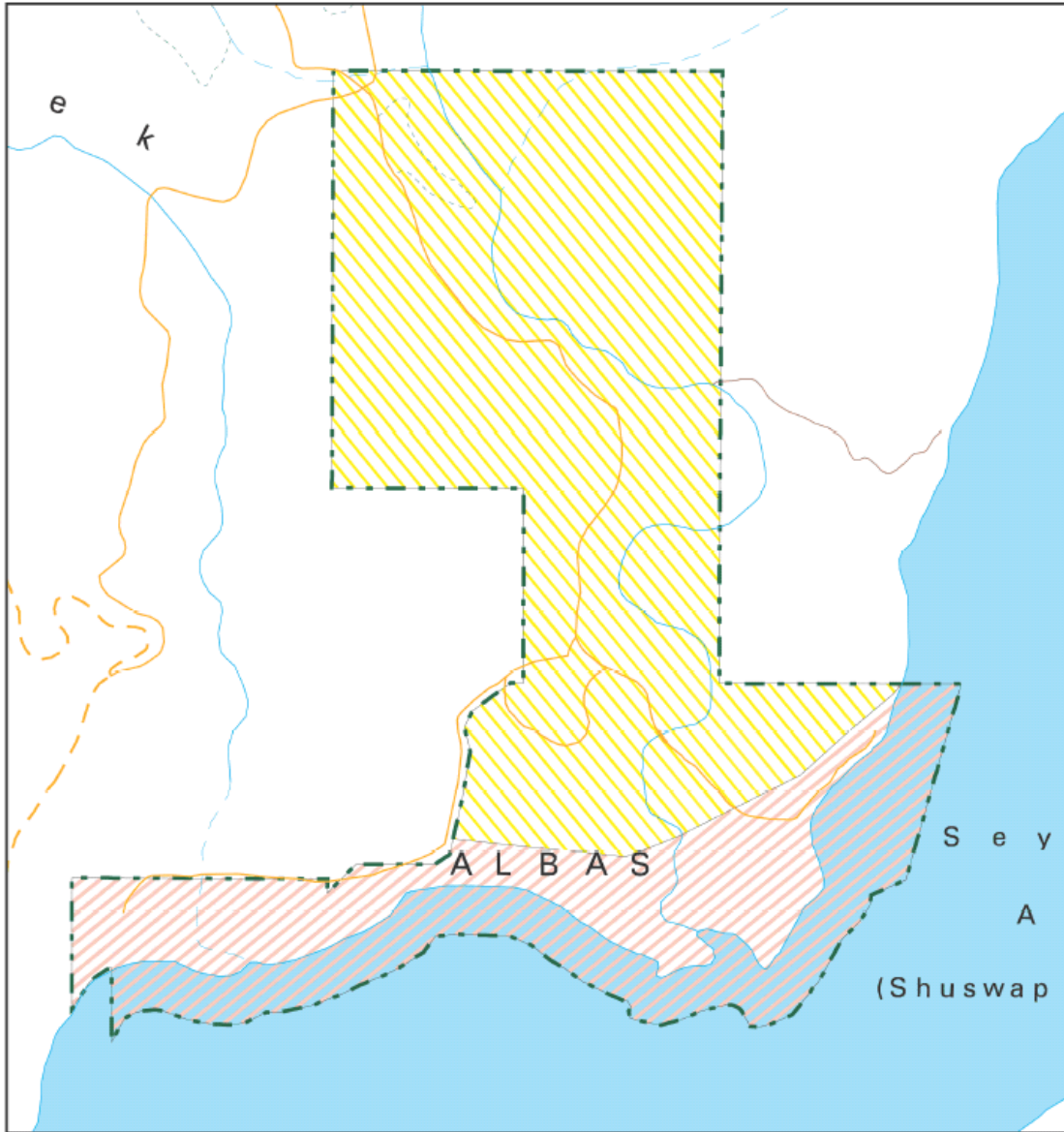
Vulnerability forest  extensive damage by visitors to ecosystems through tree cutting and removal of woody debris.

Relationship to other Strategies

**Area:** 1,022.16 hectares (725.86 hectares of upland and 296.3 hectares of foreshore)




**Date of Establishment:** May 11, 1988

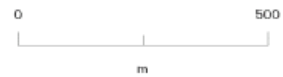
# Zoning Map - Shuswap Lake Marine Park - Albas Site



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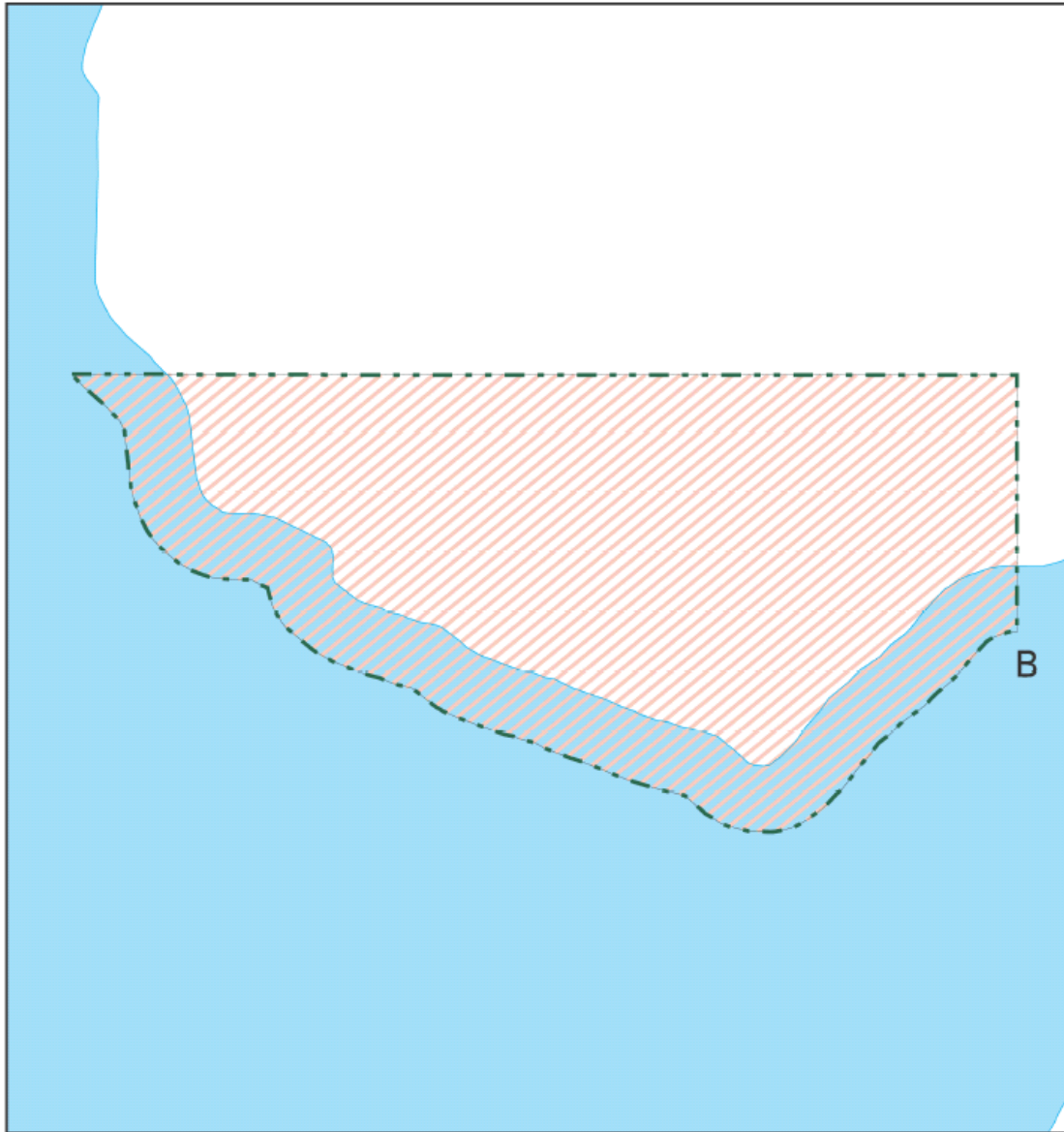
-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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# Zoning Map - Shuswap Lake Marine Park - Beach Bay Site



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 Intensive Recreation  
 Protected Area Boundary

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# Zoning Map - Shuswap Lake Marine Park - Bughouse Bay Site



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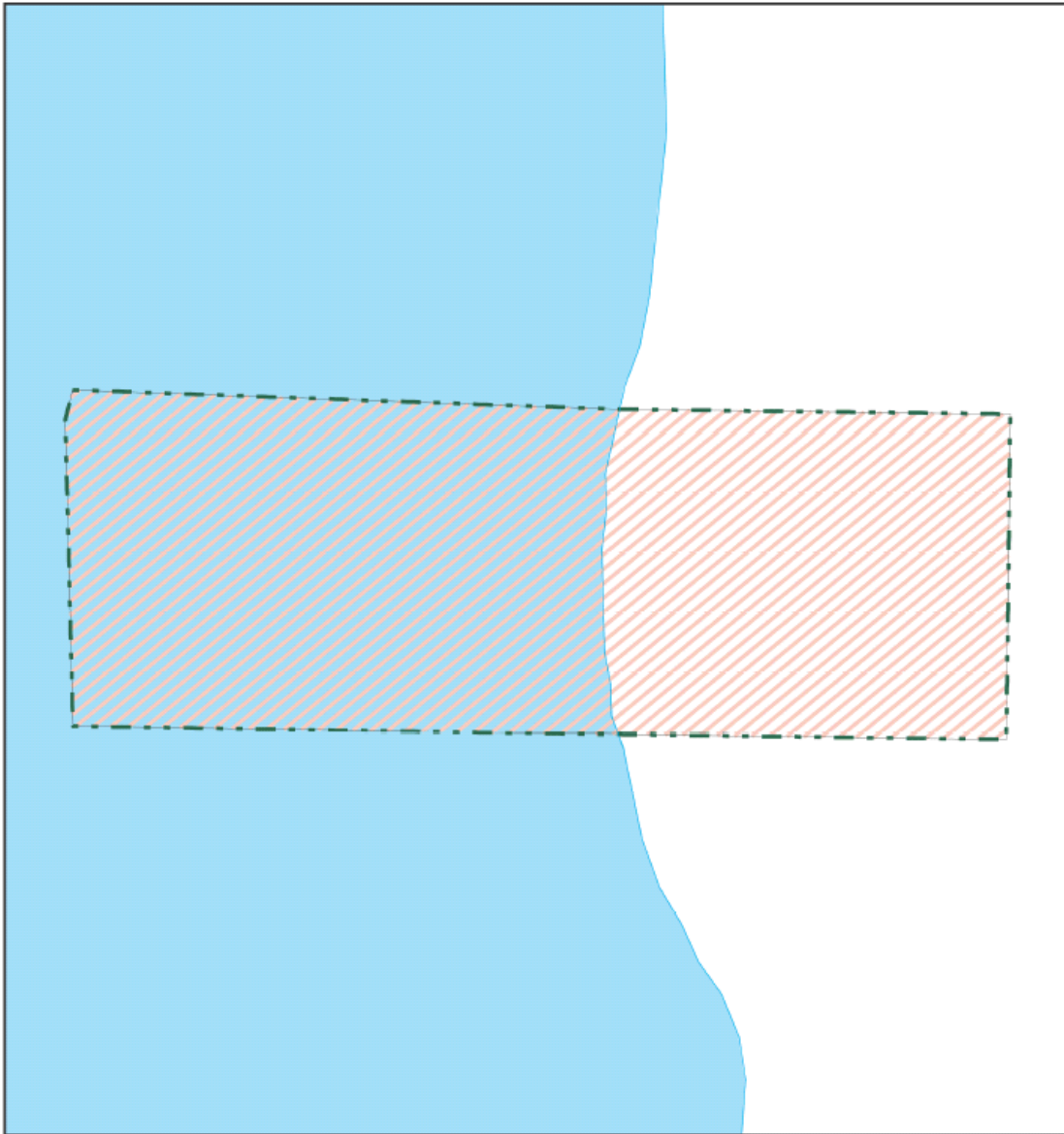
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# Zoning Map - Shuswap Lake Marine Park - East Site



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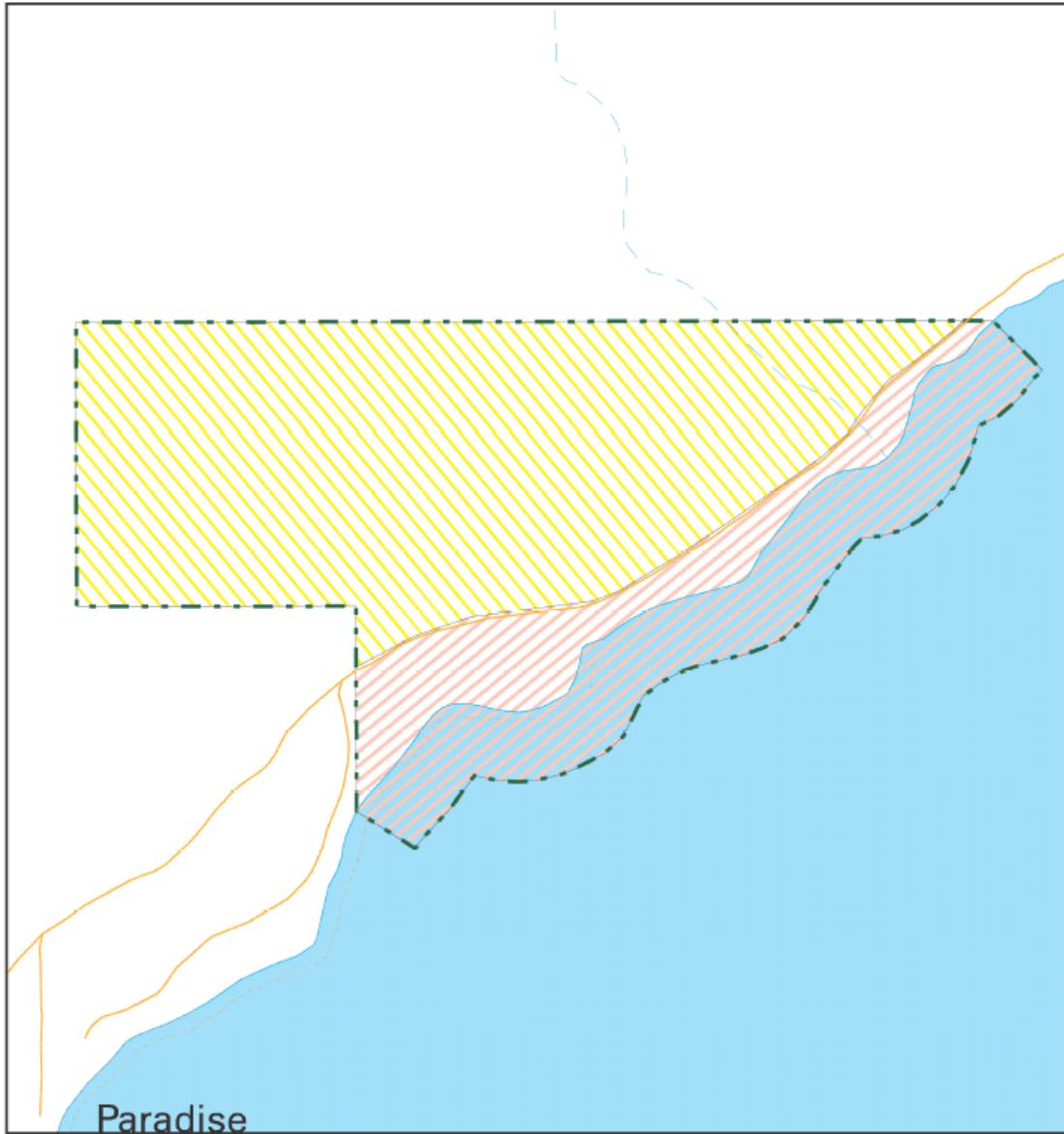
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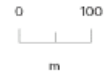
# Zoning Map - Shuswap Lake Marine Park - Paradise Point Site



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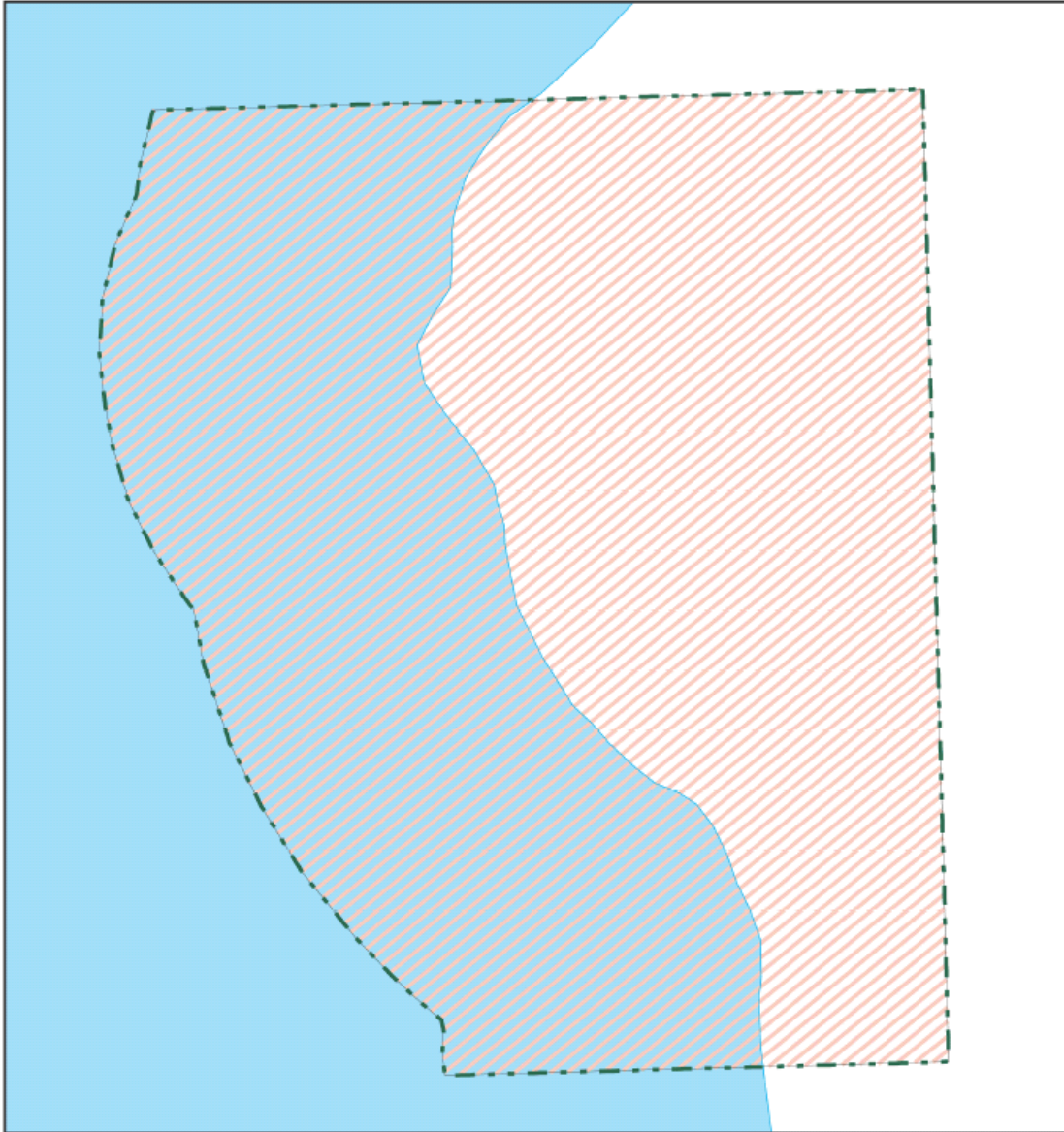
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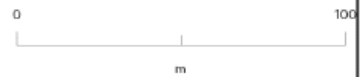
# Zoning Map - Shuswap Lake Marine Park - Swall Site



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