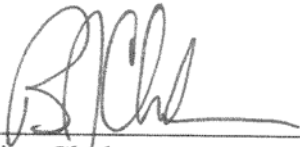


SOUTH TEXADA ISLAND PROVINCIAL PARK AND ANDERSON BAY PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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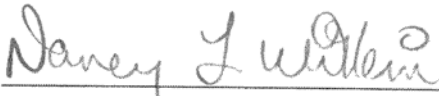
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**South Texada Island and Anderson Bay Provincial Parks
Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan**

A single common purpose statement was prepared for these two parks due to their close links in geography, use patterns, issues and management directions.

Primary Role

The **primary role** of South Texada Island and Anderson Bay provincial parks is the protection of a significant area of the under represented Strait of Georgia Ecosection and a significant contribution (5.5%) to the under represented CWFmm biogeoclimatic subzone. These parks account for approximately 28% of the province-wide protected area within the Strait of Georgia Ecosection.

Secondary Role

The **secondary role** is to provide hiking, backcountry camping, and shoreline exploration opportunities for local and regional visitors. There is a limited trail system from roads outside of South Texada Island Provincial Park into alpine and lake locations with views of the Strait of Georgia. There are limited opportunities in Anderson Bay for upland camping sites linked to small boats or kayaks.

Known Management Issues	Response
Lack of knowledge of natural and cultural resources and values found within the park.	As resources allow, obtain knowledge of park values. In 2002/03, Environmental Stewardship initiated a biophysical inventory of the park area.
Management of park values would benefit from a more detailed analysis of values and management direction found in a management plan or management direction statement.	As resources allow, complete a management plan or management direction statement for the two parks.

Zoning

Natural Environment - Both Anderson Bay (35 hectares) and South Texada Island (900 hectares) parks are zoned Natural Environment in their entirety. This zone will protect natural and cultural values, will allow 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, low levels of use, and moderate facility development focused on trail and backcountry camping opportunities.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Strait of Georgia (SOG). Significant contributor to this under represented ecosection. Only 5.35% of this ecosection is protected and these 2 parks contribute 28% of of the overall protected area representation of this ecosection (making them the largest contributor).
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Contains portions of three under-represented subzones [CDF mm; CWH xm1; CWH dm] and is an important contributor to the representation of two of these subzones – CDFmm and CWHxm1 (5.5% and 4.9% of overall protected area representation respectively).
- Special Feature
Rare/Endangered Values
 One blue listed plant, *Anagallis minima*, identified. Probable that this park will contain further rare and endangered values due to high degree of disturbance in sites outside of PAS.
- Scientific/Research Opportunities

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry Hiking and backcountry camping; shoreline exploration.
- destination
- travel corridor
- local recreation Hiking and backcountry camping.
- Special Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Unknown.
- Special Feature Unknown.

Other Management Considerations

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

Relationship to other Strategies



Lower Mainland PAS.

Area: 900 hectares for South Texada Island Provincial Park
35 hectares for Anderson Bay Provincial Park

Date of Establishment: July 28, 1997 for South Texada Island Provincial Park
June 29, 2000 for Anderson Bay Provincial Park

