

TRANQUIL CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

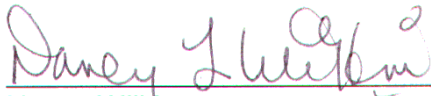
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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Tranquil Creek Provincial Park is to protect a scenic and pristine high elevation subalpine lake and the steep forested slopes and alpine meadows that surround it. The park encompasses Paradise Lake and the headwaters of a tributary to Tranquil Creek, which drains into the north side of Tofino Inlet eight kilometres downstream. Tranquil Creek is an important drainage for spawning salmon, especially chinook, and the Paradise tributary is important for Dolly Varden char.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role is to provide wilderness recreation opportunities in the form of rustic camping, hiking, swimming, and nature appreciation. The park is in a remote roadless area with no facilities provided. Access is limited to foot or air.

Management Issues

Known Management Issue	Response
Lack of knowledge of natural and cultural values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encourage research on natural features to achieve a better understanding of the conservation values, especially related to species at risk and the subalpine lake. ➤ Conduct a cultural inventory and traditional use study in conjunction with First Nations.
Impact of adjacent logging and recreational use on the sensitive and pristine alpine environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work with Ministry of Forests and forest companies on access issues and on ensuring that park values are taken into consideration during forest development. ➤ Monitor recreation impacts using Backcountry Recreation Impact Monitoring (BRIM) to minimize recreational impacts to the alpine environment. ➤ Install boundary signage.
Aircraft access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work with aircraft companies to ensure level of service does not become too frequent as to impact the wilderness qualities of the park.
Trespass cabin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Decommission cabin as resources allow.
Participation in Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work with Biosphere Trust and Central Region Board to ensure the Environmental Stewardship Division's perspective is taken into account in Biosphere activities and projects.

Zoning

Natural Environment Zone -- covers the entire park (298.6 hectares). The objective of this zone is to protect scenic values and to provide recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Tranquil Creek Park provides a minimal contribution of 0.15% to the representation of the Windward Island Mountains Ecosection (WIM), which is well represented provincially at 17.4%.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Makes a very minimal contribution of 0.06% to CWHvm2 which is under represented in the protected areas system at 8.7%.
- Makes a very minimal contribution of 0.07% to MHmm1, which is well represented at 16%.
- Special Features Scenic subalpine lake, headwaters to a tributary of Tranquil Creek
- Rare/Endangered Values None known at this time
- Scientific/Research Opportunities None known at this time

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry Not Applicable
destination Remote wilderness and scenic values
travel corridor Not Applicable
local recreation Not Applicable
- Special Opportunities None known at this time
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities None known at this time

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Values unknown
- Special Feature None known at this time

Other Management Considerations

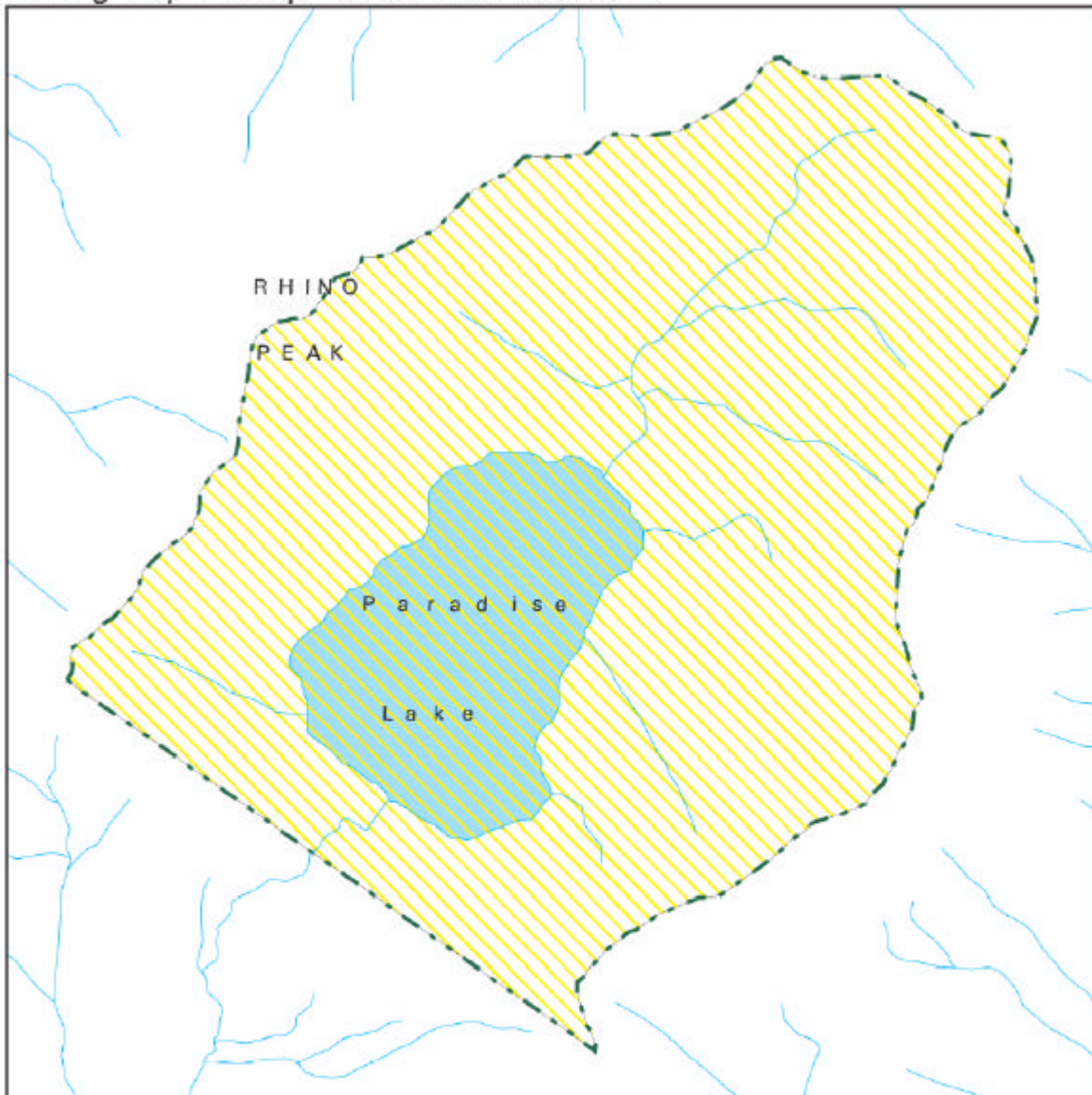
- Other Designations Part of the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve
- Relationship to other PAs Part of a system of protected areas in Clayoquot Sound
- Co-operative Management Arrangements Part of the Interim Management Agreement Extension with the Central Region Board

- Partnerships Not Applicable
- Vulnerability Natural and scenic values are vulnerable to adjacent logging
- Relationship to other Strategies Interim Measures Extension Agreement. Identified for protection in the 1993 Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision.

Area: 298.6 hectares

Date of establishment: July 12, 1995

Zoning Map - Tranquil Creek Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Natural Environment
 Protected Area Boundary



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