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## **BC PARKS CONSERVATION PROGRAM POLICIES**

This document is the first consolidated release of the BC Parks Conservation Program Policies and describes the current policies that direct the day-to-day and long-term actions under which the Parks Division, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks manages the natural and cultural values within British Columbia's system of protected areas. Its purpose is to provide a comprehensive guide for BC Parks' managers, and further, a public measure that ensures provincially consistent standards are followed and that field activities reflect the overall goals and objectives of BC Parks and the province. There will be occasional updates to this policy document since the Conservation Program Policies are evolving.

The policy document is one of three parts of the BC Parks Conservation Management Program. Part 2 will contain strategic directives to assist BC Parks to face the challenge of effectively managing and protecting the natural and cultural values found in British Columbia's protected area system. Procedural guidelines will be outlined in Part 3. This will be a dynamic document, which will contain contemporary conservation management methods and techniques consistent with approved policies.

The responsibility for the administration of this document, including the on-going preparation of updates, as required, has been assigned to Conservation Services, BC Parks, Victoria. Concerns regarding the content of the policy document should be addressed directly to the Manager, Conservation Services.

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