

Thompson River District

**MANAGEMENT DIRECTION
STATEMENT**

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**for Banana Island
Provincial Park**



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This binder contains 32 management direction statements developed under the direction of the Kamloops Land and Resource Plan Implementation Table and BC Parks. The government designated these protected areas in May, 1996. The 32 management direction statements provide strategic direction for these protected areas. Protected areas' roles, strategies and objectives will not change extensively over time. Management actions, implemented through operations plans, however, will change as priorities, funding and support resources come available.

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Purpose of Management Direction Statements

Management Direction Statements provide strategic management direction for all protected areas that do not have a full management plan. MDS do not negate the need for future, more detailed management plans. Management Direction Statements also describe protected area values management issues and concerns; management strategy focused on immediate priority objectives and strategies; and, directional statements from other planning processes. While strategies may be identified in the MDS, the completion of all these strategies is subject to funding and funding procedures. In addition, all development associated with these strategies within the protected area is subject to the BC Parks Impact Assessment Policy.

BANANA ISLAND PARK

MANAGEMENT DIRECTION STATEMENT

I. Introduction

A. Setting and Context

The 10.4-hectare Park protects an island and foreshore in the South Thompson River with waterfowl nesting and salmon habitat. It is situated 45 kilometers east of Kamloops, and accessed by boat.

This protected area was recommended through the Kamloops LRMP process and formally established on April 30th, 1996 as a provincial park through Order-in-Council under the *Park Act*. The park was then designated in Schedule E of the *Park Amendment Act, 1997*.

This Management Direction Statement is intended to provide direction and guidelines for managing Banana Island Park for the foreseeable future.

II. Protected Area Values

A. Conservation

- long, narrow, forested island in a curve on the South Thompson River
- open ponderosa pine forest with grassy understory
- waterfowl nesting habitat, especially for Canada goose; also used as nesting site by osprey and bald eagle
- on internationally significant salmon migration route; spring salmon spawning grounds off West end (downstream) end of the island
- tundra and trumpeter swan wintering habitat at West end and southeast side of island

B. Recreation and Tourism

- strategic day use site for canoeists on the South Thompson
- fishing, natural history viewing

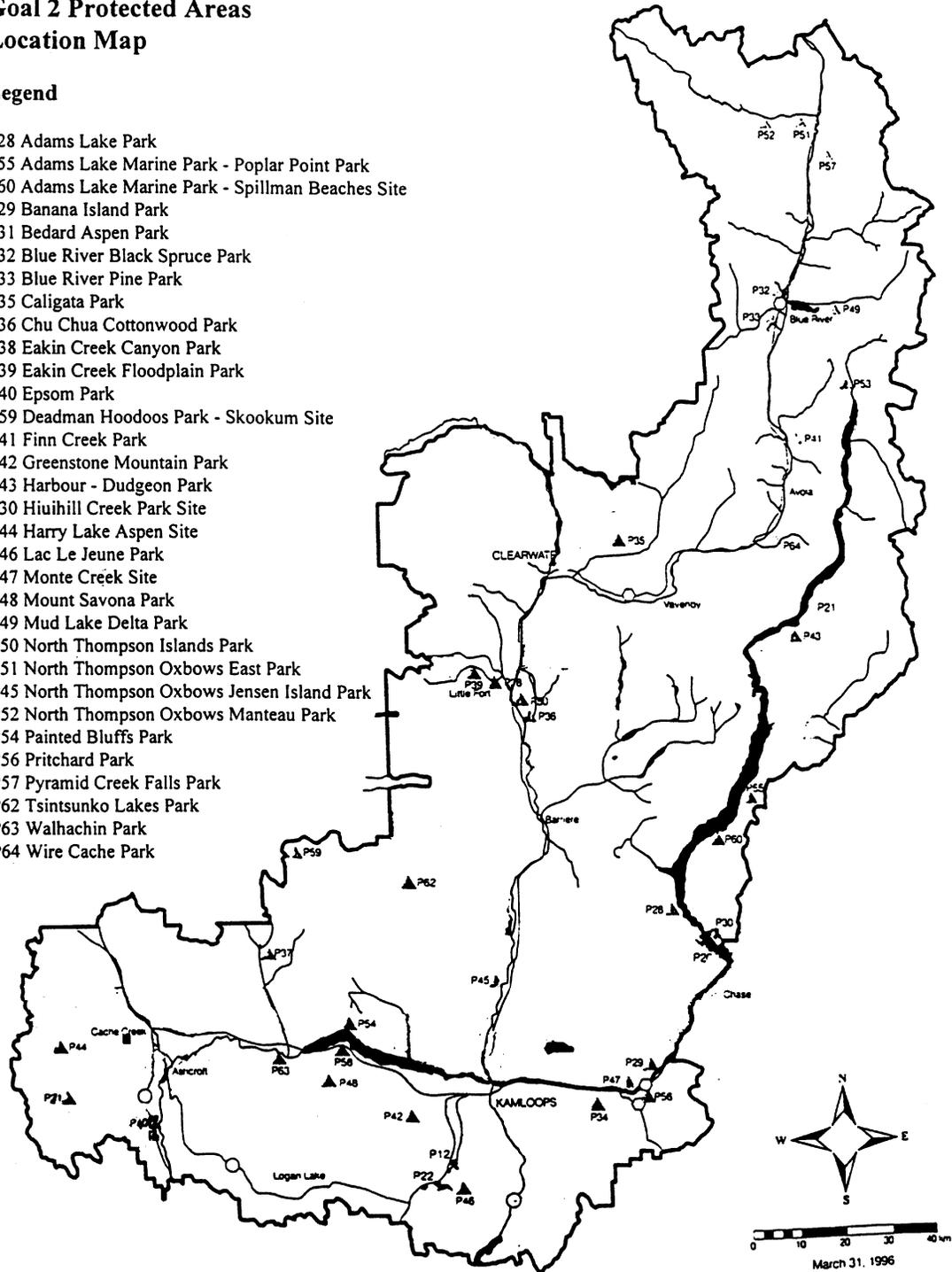
C. Cultural Heritage

- many kekuli pits on the island
- associated with use of the river

Kamloops LRMP Goal 2 Protected Areas Location Map

Legend

- P28 Adams Lake Park
- P55 Adams Lake Marine Park - Poplar Point Park
- P60 Adams Lake Marine Park - Spillman Beaches Site
- P29 Banana Island Park
- P31 Bedard Aspen Park
- P32 Blue River Black Spruce Park
- P33 Blue River Pine Park
- P35 Caligata Park
- P36 Chu Chua Cottonwood Park
- P38 Eakin Creek Canyon Park
- P39 Eakin Creek Floodplain Park
- P40 Epsom Park
- P59 Deadman Hoodoos Park - Skookum Site
- P41 Finn Creek Park
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- P43 Harbour - Dudgeon Park
- P30 Hiuihill Creek Park Site
- P44 Harry Lake Aspen Site
- P46 Lac Le Jeune Park
- P47 Monte Creek Site
- P48 Mount Savona Park
- P49 Mud Lake Delta Park
- P50 North Thompson Islands Park
- P51 North Thompson Oxbows East Park
- P45 North Thompson Oxbows Jensen Island Park
- P52 North Thompson Oxbows Manteau Park
- P54 Painted Bluffs Park
- P56 Pritchard Park
- P57 Pyramid Creek Falls Park
- P62 Tsintsunko Lakes Park
- P63 Walhachin Park
- P64 Wire Cache Park



D. Significance in the Protected Areas System

The Kamloops Regional Protected Areas Team identified the South Thompson River as having regionally significant recreation, conservation and cultural values; however, the lack of crown land and a variety of land use commitments limits opportunities to protect representative river habitats and provision for public access and recreation. In this context, the significance of Banana Island Park relates to:

- the only permanent island on the South Thompson between Kamloops and Chase
- one of a few small sites on the South Thompson that together represent the variety of habitats and cultural heritage (Monte Creek, Pritchard Riparian);

III. Other Land Uses and Interests

A. Existing Tenures

- Park designation under the *Park Amendment Act* ensures that all existing liens, charges, and encumbrances other than those applying to commercial logging, mining or energy exploration and development will continue to be authorized through issuance of park use permits. This policy recognizes all existing land act tenures, water rights, trapping licenses and other legal tenures and rights.

B. Adjacent Patterns of Land Use

- Canadian Pacific Railway and Trans Canada Highway below rock bluff on south shore; minor road and hayfields on north shore

C. First Nations Interests

- Management of the park will require ongoing consultation with the Shuswap Nations Tribal Council to incorporate First Nations interests.

D. Other Agency Interests

The Park will be managed in close co-ordination with various resource agencies, particularly BC Environment and Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Government of Canada).

E. Private and Public Stakeholder Interests

- public use of the island by boaters on the river

IV. Management Issues and Concerns

A. Integration with Other Land Use Planning Processes

This management statement, future management statements, and all resulting management actions will follow the intent and criteria set out by the Kamloops LRMP for the Banana Island protected area.

B. Consultation and Future Planning

Planning and management of the park will conform to the goals, objectives and guiding principles as set forth in the Provincial Protected Areas Strategy. BC Parks is accountable for planning, administration and management of the park through application of the laws, policies and regulations granted under the *Park Act*. BC Parks will coordinate with other agencies, the LRMP table, various public planning groups and First Nations in amending the MDS or developing management plans for all of the new protected areas arising from the Kamloops LRMP.

This Management Direction Statement has been reviewed and approved in principle by the Kamloops LRMP implementation team.

C. Role of the Park

Banana Island, as one of only three park sites (Monte Creek and Pritchard Riparian), serves important roles in both protecting riparian habitats and in providing recreation opportunities on the South Thompson River. Conservation of natural and cultural values will receive primary emphasis on Banana Island. Activities will include canoe and boat access day use, fishing, nature and cultural interpretation and photography.

D. Zoning

The zoning plan as shown on the adjoining page reflects the intent of the LRMP recommendations for the Banana Island Park. The Park is zoned as **Natural Environment** to maintain the area in a natural condition while allowing some recreational use.

E. Management Objectives and Strategies

In addition to accepting the basic principles of maintaining existing tenures and rights, the following objectives will direct the short and long-term management of the area:

- to maintain the natural qualities and conditions of the park
 - to foster relationships with First Nations through ongoing consultation and discussion of their concerns and views on protected area management and planning
 - to maintain the visual, recreational and tourism values
 - to maintain the diversity of wildlife species and habitats
 - to discourage the introduction of non-native plant species
 - to provide for continued low levels of recreation use with opportunities for wildlife viewing, fishing and day use
- ⇒ do not emphasize recreation and make no provisions for public access and use of the site

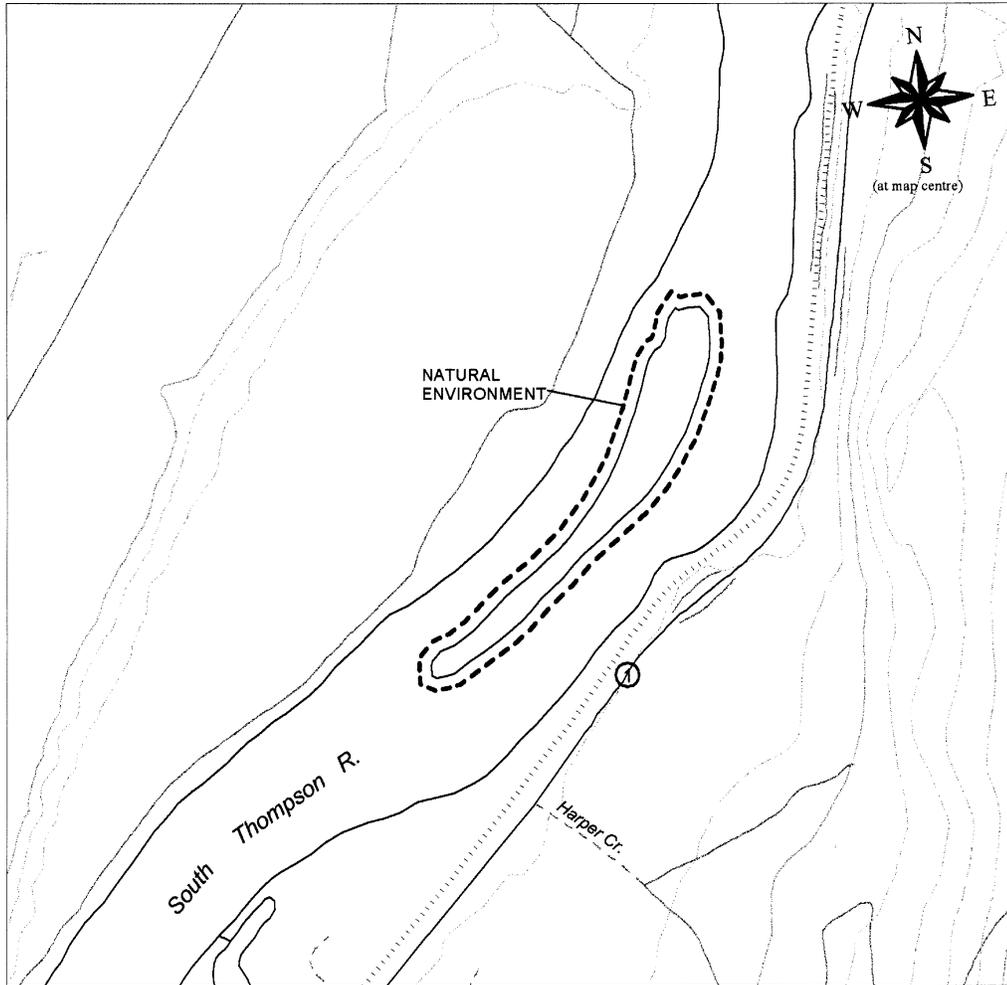
F. Longer Term Issues and Concerns

Specific issues that will be considered in the longer term can be highlighted under the following topics:

Conservation

- inventory of conservation values

BANANA ISLAND



Scale: 1:10000



- TRIM - Water features, Rivers, Lakes, Canals - 20K-R
- River/Stream - Definite
- Lake - Definite
- Reservoir - Definite
- Island - Definite
- Sand Bar
- Protected Area Boundary

ZONING MAP

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- vegetation management - protection of riparian areas for shade and food supply for salmonids; insect and disease control; fire management
- fisheries management and protection, particularly for salmon species
- wildlife management; site for nest box installation

Recreation and Tourism

- access management, particularly public parking beside the Trans Canada Highway
- control of boating activity during salmon migrations and spawning
- recreation use – maintaining relatively low levels of use and managing impacts to natural and cultural values of the site
- development of interpretation signage: possible topics include salmon migration, spawning, swan overwintering, nesting birds, riparian protection, archaeological and First Nations history and use of the Island and surrounding area, with emphasis on protecting and minimizing impacts to natural and cultural values

Culture

- inventory of archaeological sites
- protection of archaeological sites
- recognition of any identified traditional native uses in conjunction with local First Nations

G. Short Term Issues and Concerns

The following Activity/Use Matrix outlines guidelines for managing uses, activities and facilities in the Park. These guidelines reflect the intent of the LRMP and, in general principle, follow the policies as set out for use and management of provincial park natural environment zones.

Appendix - Activity / Use Matrix for Banana Island

Activity/Use Facility	Natural Environment
Hunting	N
Fishing	Y
Trapping	Y ²
Grazing (domestic livestock)	N
Recreational Gold Panning/Rock Hounding	N
Utility Corridors	N
Communication Sites	N/A
Horse Use/Pack Animals	N/A
Guide Outfitting (hunting)	N
Guide Outfitting (fishing)	Y ²
Guide Outfitting (nature tours)	Y ²
Guide Outfitting (river rafting)	Y ²
Cat-Assisted Skiing	N/A
Ski-Hills	N/A
Heli-skiing	N/A
Heli-hiking	N
Tourist Infrastructure - Resorts	N/A
Backcountry Huts / Lodges / Cabins / Guest Ranches	N/A
Water Control Structures	N
Fish Stocking and Enhancement	N1
Road Access	N/A
Off-road Access (snowmobiling)	N/A
Off-road Access (motorized)	N/A
Off-road Access (mechanical activities)	N/A
Motorized Water Access	Y
Aircraft Access	N
Fire Management (Prescribed) Wildlife Management Prevention & Preparedness Prescribed Fire Management	N1
Fire Management (suppression)	Y
Forest Insect / Disease Control	N1
Noxious Weed Control	Y
Exotic Insect / Disease Control	Y
Scientific Research (specimen collection)	N1
Scientific Research (manipulative activities)	N1

Y= allowed, subject to conditions identified in the interim management statement or management plan
 N= not allowed
 N1= allowed for expressed management purposes only
 N2= not normally allowed, but if present at time of PA establishment, will normally be allowed to continue

¹ Road access plan for this area designates open and closed roads
² By permit only
³ On designated trails only
⁴ On designated lakes only