

# ECHO BAY MARINE PROVINCIAL PARK

## PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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### Primary Role

The **primary** role of Echo Bay Marine Park is to provide a marine-based recreation opportunity for the people of Gilford Island and visitors exploring the Inside Passage and the Broughton Archipelago. Recreational opportunities in the park include fishing, picnicking, camping, walking, and nature appreciation. A former Forest Ranger Station, it offers safe moorage through the provision of a 70-foot dock. The small 1.5 hectare park encompasses a shell beach, a small grassy field and a forest trail which leads around to the head of the bay. Facilities include a number of walk-in campsites, a pit toilet, and freshwater from a standpipe. The role of the park as a resting site for cruisers or kayakers is complemented by a private resort at the entrance to the bay which offers additional moorage as well as fuel and provisions.

### Secondary Role

The **secondary** role is to provide nearshore habitat for wildlife species. Numerous species of shorebirds and pelagic birds inhabit the park year-round, including great blue herons which have a rookery in the park. Harbour porpoises also utilize the small nearshore area.

### Management Issues

Known Management Issue	Response
Lack of detailed knowledge of cultural values	➤ Undertake a cultural assessment in conjunction with First Nations.
Maintenance of dock as access to school and encroachments (school/local community hall)	➤ Undertake a partnership with School District 85 to cost-share the maintenance of the dock, and to accept liability associated with usage.
Viability as a provincial park given its local values	➤ Work with local community to transfer area so it can be locally operated.

### Zoning

**Natural Environment Zone** – covers the entire park (1.5 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  Not large enough to be representative
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant  Not large enough to be representative
- Special Feature  Heron rookery
- Rare/Endangered Values  Blue-listed great blue heron and harbour porpoise
- Scientific/Research Opportunities  None known at this time

### Recreation

- Representation  
backcountry  Not Applicable
- destination  Boating, safe harbour, music festival
- travel corridor  Secondary marine route, part of Inside Passage
- local recreation  Moorage, picnic site, freshwater, camping
- Special Opportunities  None known at this time
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities  Cultural values

### Cultural Heritage

- Representation  Values unknown
- Special Feature  Extensive First Nations midden site

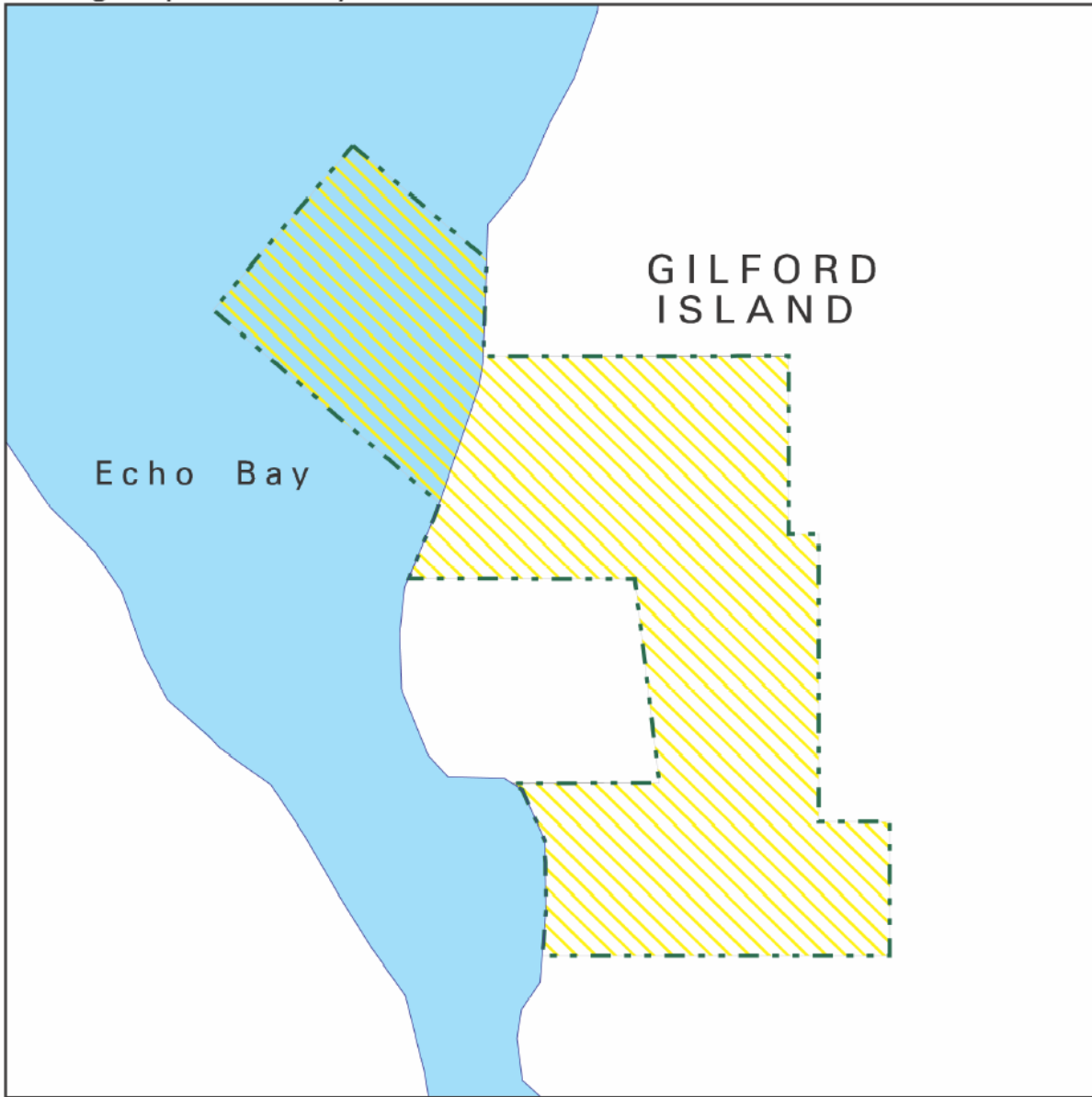
### Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations  Not Applicable
- Relationship to other PAs  Part of a system of protected areas in the Johnstone Strait area and along the Inside Passage
- Co-operative Management Arrangements  Not applicable
- Partnerships  Possible partnership with local community
- Vulnerability  Not applicable
- Relationship to other Strategies  Central Coast LRMP

**Area:** 1.5 hectares

**Date of establishment:** February 26, 1971

# Zoning Map - Echo Bay Marine Park

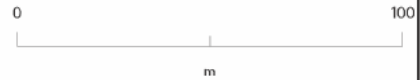


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Natural Environment

Protected Area Boundary



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