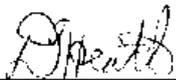


SQUITTY BAY PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

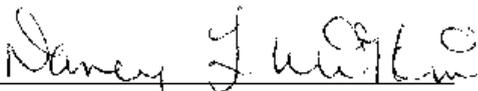
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Primary Role

The **primary role** is to provide land and water-based recreation. Associated with the wharf and sheltered anchorage, the park serves the boating public that may be out for a day trip, a weekend exploring the Gulf Islands or a longer trip up the Inside Passage. The upland portion of the park provides opportunities for walking, picnicking and nature appreciation for both residents of Lasqueti Island and boaters alike. The basic facilities include a small parking lot, two picnic sites, a short trail and one pit toilet. There is a federally-owned wharf and dock that allows boaters access to the park.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role of Squitty Bay Provincial Park is to protect the natural environment typical of the Gulf Islands. It is located in the Strait of Georgia *Terrestrial* Ecosection (SOG) and protects the Coastal Douglas-fir (CDF mm) biogeoclimatic subzone. Both of these are under-represented in the protected areas system at 5.35% and 2.5% respectively and are under extreme pressures from agricultural and urban development. Thus, any protected area that contributes to the protection of this ecosection and ecosystem may be considered important. In total, there are 22 small protected areas contributing to the protection of NAL and 73 small protected areas that contribute to the protection of CDFmm.

With the addition of the lands owned by the Nature Trust, it protects Rocky Mountain juniper, the blue-listed California hedge parsley and high coastal cliffs.

Management Issues

Known Management Issue	Response
Control of wharf as a major access point to the park	➤ Work with federal government for transfer of wharf to the province.
Lack of control of the foreshore	➤ Undertake appropriate referrals to add foreshore to park .
Impacts of feral sheep on natural values, including at-risk plants	➤ Complete fencing of area with important species. ➤ Monitor species to ensure their protection.

Zoning

Natural Environment Zone – covers the entire park (13 ha) in recognition of the natural and recreational values. The objective of this zone is to protect scenic values and to provide recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

Conservation

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| Representation
- ecosection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Contributes minimally to the representation of the Strait of Georgia <i>Terrestrial</i> Ecosection - 5.35% of the ecosection is protected. Squitty Bay contributes only 0.24% to the overall representation of this ecosection. |
| - biogeoclimatic subzone/variant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Contributes minimally to the representation of CDFmm, which has less than 2.5% protected provincially and is the smallest forest subzone in British Columbia with intensive urban and agricultural pressures. Squitty Bay contributes only 0.14% to the overall representation of CDFmm. |
| Special Feature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Coastal cliffs |
| Rare/Endangered Values | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | California hedge parsley (blue listed) |
| Scientific/Research Opportunities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Under-represented ecosystems and rare species |

Recreation

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| Representation
backcountry | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable |
| destination | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable |
| travel corridor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Boating in the Strait of Georgia and Inside Passage |
| local recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Local boating and day use |
| Special Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | None known at this time |
| Education/Interpretation Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | None known at this time |

Cultural Heritage

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| Representation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Values not well known |
| Special Feature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Archaeological site |

Other Management Considerations

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| Other Designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable |
| Relationship to other PAs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Part of system of marine access protected areas along the BC coast |
| Co-operative Management Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable |

- Partnerships Nature Trust lease
- Vulnerability Small size limits ability to protect ecosystem and biogeoclimatic variant
- Relationship to other Strategies Not Applicable

Area: 13 hectares

Date of establishment: June 16, 1988