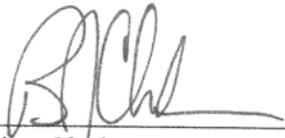


WALSH COVE MARINE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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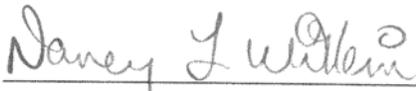
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Primary Role

The **primary roles** of Walsh Cove Marine Provincial Park are to protect a key marine anchorage and to protect First Nations cultural resources and sites. The park, although small in size, provides a safe anchorage, varied scenery, and a complex adjacent shoreline for exploration.

The park also protects First Nation archaeological sites. The combination of First Nation cultural sites which occur within Desolation Sound, Roscoe Bay, Okeover Arm, Walsh Cove, and Copeland Islands marine parks provide a significant opportunity for protection of cultural values and possibly presentation of these values in cooperation with the First Nations. Sites are rich in value and very diverse in type – they range from shoreline harvest and settlement sites, to fish traps and marine harvest areas, and to burial and spiritual sites.

Known Management Issues	Response
Lack of current management direction.	Environmental Stewardship initiated a management planning process in the fall of 2002. Completion of the management plan is targeted for late-2003. The management plan, when completed, will replace this Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan.
Disturbance of archaeological sites by recreation users.	<p>Archaeological sites have been identified and are now being monitored. As needed, interim measures will be taken to prevent impacts. These will include managing commercial kayak activities through park use permits.</p> <p>The upcoming management plan will identify long term protection measures for the sites.</p>

Zoning

Natural Environment - All of the park is zoned Natural Environment. This zone will protect the upland, marine and cultural values, will allow marine recreation opportunities, and will allow only very limited levels of facility development. The focus of this zone will be to create a balance between resource protection, moderate levels of use, and recreation opportunities.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Very minor contributor to the representation of the poorly represented Outer Fiordland Ecosection (OUF). Only 3.3% of this ecosection is protected. Teakerne Arm contributes only 0.87% of the overall protected area representation of this ecosection. Walsh Cove contributes only 0.49% to the representation of the Johnston Strait *Marine* Ecosection (JS) which is only 3.70% protected. Ranks 14th out of 16 in terms of contribution.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Very minor contributor to the representation of the under-represented CWHdm. Only 5.89% of this subzone is protected. Teakerne Arm contributes only 0.37% of the overall protected area representation of this subzone.
- Special Feature
Rare/Endangered Values
Scientific/Research Opportunities

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry
destination Anchorage on marine circuit.
travel corridor
local recreation
- Special Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Extensive historical First Nation use.
- Special Feature

Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations
- Relationship to other PAs
- Co-operative Management Arrangements
- Partnerships
- Vulnerability

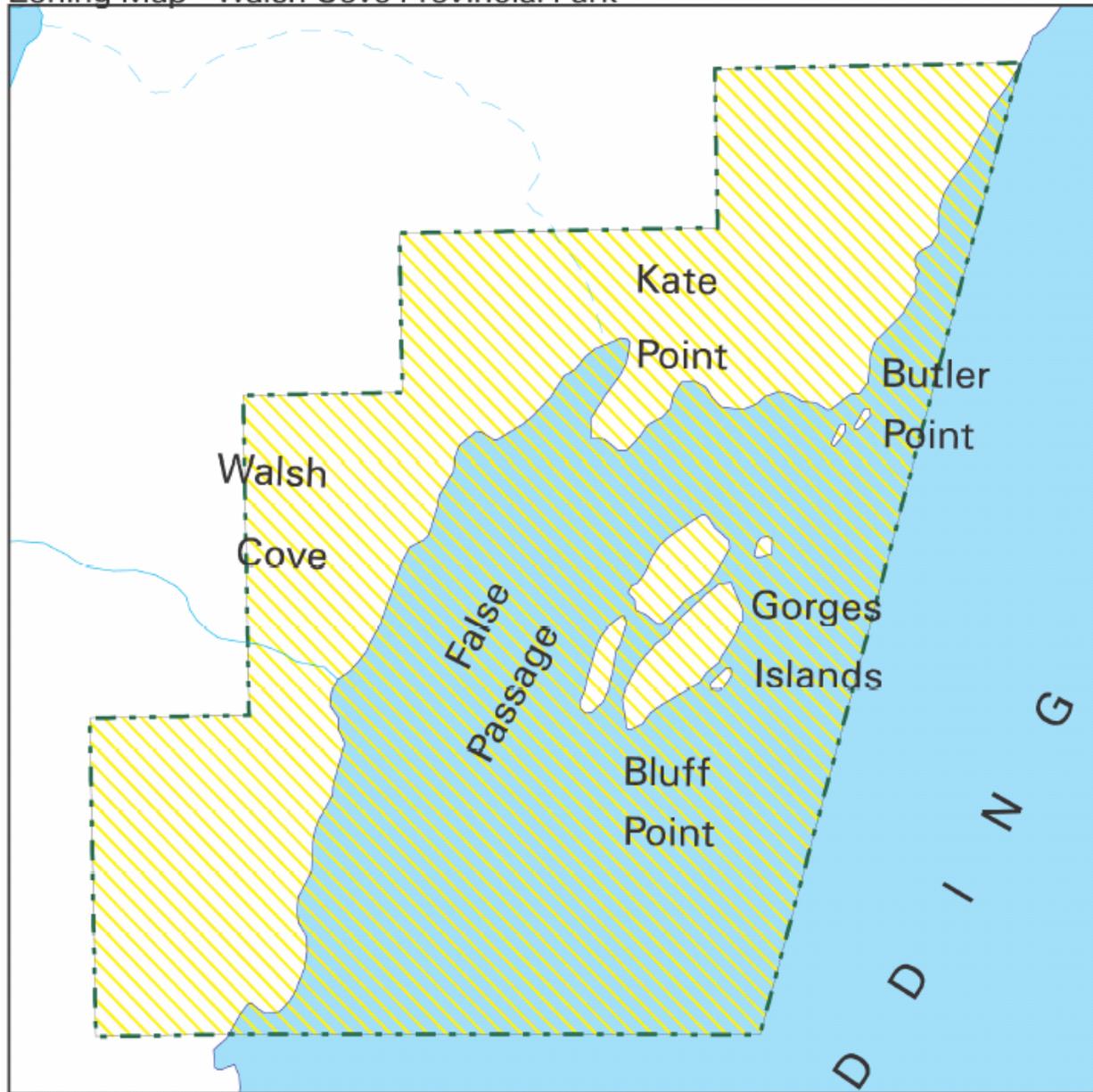
Relationship to other Strategies



Area: 85 hectares (39 hectares of upland and 46 hectares of foreshore)

Date of Establishment: August 10, 1989

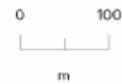
Zoning Map - Walsh Cove Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Natural Environment
 Protected Area Boundary



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