

Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Management Plan Newsletter #1



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What is a Management Plan?

For 100 years, Parks Canada has been managing national parks on behalf of Canadians.

A Management Plan is a forward-looking document that provides strategic direction and desired outcomes to guide and assist park staff in decision-making.

The Management Plan sets out:

- a vision of what the park should be like in

15 years time;

- overarching management principles
- 15-year objectives for all aspects of the national park mandate
- priority actions, for the first 5 years, to address management needs and issues
- strategic management direction that will be used to ensure visitors can experience and enjoy the national park while ensuring

that adequate protection of natural and cultural heritage occurs

- Strategic direction regarding how Parks Canada will engage the public.

The Management Plan provides a commitment to the public regarding how the park will be managed.



Kayaking in Gulf Islands National Park Reserve
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Points of Interest

PARKS CANADA IS DEVELOPING THE FIRST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK RESERVE.

YOU CAN HELP—GET INVOLVED.

CHECK THE PARK'S WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE YOUR IDEAS.

Key Chapters in a Management Plan

The key chapters in a Park Management Plan include:

- Introduction/Context
- Park Vision
- Management Principles

- Key Strategies (15-year objectives, 5-year targets, 5-year priority actions)
- Area Management Approaches
- Administration and

- Operations
- Partnering and Public Engagement
- Monitoring, and
- Zoning

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Beaumont, South Pender Island
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How Will the Management Plan be Developed?

National Park Management Plans are developed with input and involvement from interested Canadians. Some of the groups that will be involved in this management planning process include:

- Park Advisory Board
- First Nations-Parks Canada Committees
- Interested Coast Salish First Nations
- Local and regional residents
- Other stakeholders (business licensees, non-government organizations, local groups, user groups)
- Park staff
- Key government agencies
- Other interested Canadians

To ensure the public has many opportunities to become involved and provide input and ideas, a phased approach will be used to develop the first Management Plan for Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

Phase 1, beginning in the June 2011, will focus on engaging people in discussion and getting suggestions so we can update the park vision, update the overall management principles, and establish 15-year objectives for strategic areas of focus.

Phase 2, which is anticipated to be undertaken in Spring 2012, will focus on establishing realistic 5-year targets and 5-year priority actions, setting direction for park administration and

operations and partnering and public engagement.

Phase 3, which is likely to begin in Fall 2012, will focus largely on park zoning and monitoring.

Phase 4, will consist of a public review and comment period—allowing people to consider the draft Management Plan as a whole document.

Once final changes have been made to the Management Plan, based on comments received, information will be provided to explain any significant changes made.

Phase 5, Chief Executive **Officer's and Minister's** approvals and tabling of the Management Plan in Parliament.



Mahoi House, Russell Island
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Sea Lions on the Belle Chain Islets
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Opportunities for Involvement—Phase 1

The following Phase 1 public sessions will be held over the next five months. Please pass this information on to others.

Salt Spring Island
June 18, 2011
ArtSpring Centre
Ganges
11am - 3pm

Pender Island
June 25, 2011
Community Hall
(Upstairs)
11am - 3pm

Mayne Island
July 9, 2011
Agricultural Hall
12:30 - 4:30 pm

Vancouver
July 16, 2011
Stanley Park (Brockton
Complex)
Noon - 5pm

Saturna Island
August 20, 2011
Recreation Centre Gym
11am - 3pm

Victoria
September 10, 2011
To Be Determined

Sidney
October 1, 2011
To Be Determined

Updates will be provided through the **“management planning email list”**. **If you pass** this newsletter on to others, please let them know they can join the email list by sending a request and email address to Carolyn.Stewart@pc.gc.ca

Updates will be also be made to the park website in each phase

www.parkscanada.gc.ca/gulf

Use the Management Planning button on right hand side to find the information easily.

Background Information

A number of items are available that provide background to the management planning process. These include:

- the State of the Park Report
- the current Park Vision
- proposed elements for an updated Park Vision
- example Park Visions from other national parks

- the current Management Principles
- a list of Management Needs & Opportunities
- Example 15-year objectives.

If you would like copies, please contact the park office.

Contact Us

We hope you will attend a public session. If you **can't or if you prefer**, please feel free to provide you ideas by mail or email to: Management Planning Parks Canada
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