

APPENDIX B

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Goal 1: Representativeness

To protect viable, representative examples of the natural diversity of the province, representative of the major terrestrial, marine and freshwater ecosystems, the characteristic habitats, hydrology and landforms, and the characteristic backcountry recreational and cultural heritage values of each ecosection.

Wherever possible, protected areas should combine natural, cultural heritage and recreational values. Where it is not possible to combine these in a common area, they may be represented separately. Where it is not possible to represent all values, the natural values will be given priority.

Goal 2: Special Features

To protect the special natural, cultural heritage and recreational features of the province, including rare and endangered species and critical habitats, outstanding or unique botanical, zoological, geological and paleontological features, outstanding or fragile cultural heritage features, and outstanding outdoor recreational features such as trails.

Many protected areas will be set aside primarily to protect rare or vulnerable features. Others will combine protection with giving people the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy the intrinsic values of the areas. Others will be protected to attract people to experience and appreciate their natural or cultural heritage.

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Under the *Park Act*, BC Parks must:

- o conserve significant and representative natural and cultural resources
- o provide a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities.

Conservation

Within the conservation mandate, BC Parks has two goals:

Goal 1 Protection of Representative Landscapes - to conserve British Columbia's natural diversity by protecting viable, representative examples of our different landscapes.

Goal 2 Protection of Special Features - to protect British Columbia's key natural and cultural features, including outstanding examples of our wildlife, old-growth forests, waterfalls and cultural artifacts.

Recreation

Within the recreation mandate, BC Parks has four goals:

Goal 1 Tourism Travel Routes - to provide park attractions and services enhance tourism travel routes.

Goal 2 Outdoor Recreation Holiday Destinations - to provide parks attractions which serve as or improve key destinations for outdoor recreation holidays.

Goal 3 Backcountry - to provide outstanding backcountry recreation opportunities throughout the province. Some sites may feature adventure tourism, while in other areas the wilderness would remain untouched.

Goal 4 Local Recreation - to ensure access to local outdoor recreation opportunities for all residents of this province.