

RENDEZVOUS ISLAND SOUTH PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

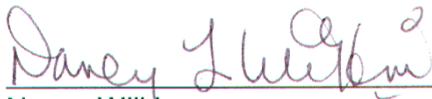
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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Rendezvous Island South Park is to offer a marine recreation experience for boaters traveling the Inside Passage to Alaska or exploring the Desolation Sound area. The park protects an entire island of dense forests, steep rocky shoreline and 51 hectares of foreshore in a band around the island. The island offers a small calm-weather anchorage behind an islet off its southwest shoreline. Close to three major tidal passes - Whiterock Passage, Hole in the Wall and the Yuculta Rapids - the park is well-situated to serve as a stopover for cruisers waiting to transit one of the passes. While there are no developed facilities in the park, no-trace wilderness camping is permitted.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role is to protect the natural values associated with the temperate rainforest on the west coast of British Columbia. Much of this type of forest has been developed through forestry and is no longer in its natural state. The park protects mature forest and coastal habitat for marine life such as all five species of salmon native to British Columbia, rockfish, clams, prawns, and wildlife such as marine mammals, shorebirds and seabirds.

The park contributes minimally to protecting an under-represented biogeoclimatic variant – Coastal Western Hemlock xm2, and two under-represented ecosections – Outer Fiordland Ecosection and Johnstone Strait Marine Ecosection. The park is also within the most northern range of the arbutus (*Arbutus menziesii*), the only native broadleaf evergreen tree in Canada. This unique tree has a limited range – it occurs in a narrow belt along the Pacific coast. It generally occurs within eight kilometres of the ocean and is found on sites that lack moisture, such as those with rocky or rapidly drained soils.

Management Issues

Known Management Issue	Response
Lack of knowledge of natural and cultural values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encourage research on the park and gather inventory data/reports on the park. ➤ Undertake a cultural inventory and traditional use study in conjunction with First Nations.
Abandoned cabin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Decommission cabin and rehabilitate the site.

Zoning

Natural Environment Zone – covers the entire park (164 hectares) in recognition of the conservation and recreation values. The objective of this zone is to protect scenic values and to provide recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Rendezvous Island South contributes minimally (0.78%) to the representation of the Outer Fiordland Ecosection (OUF), which is poorly represented in the protected areas system at 3.3%. It is one of 16 protected areas that contribute to the representation of OUF.
- With 51 hectares of foreshore, it also makes a minimal contribution of 0.55% to the Johnstone Strait *Marine* Ecosection (JS), which is under protected provincially at 3.7%.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Rendezvous Island South makes a minimal contribution of 0.59% to the overall representation of CWHxm2, which is under protected at 4.1%.
- Special Features Most northern range of arbutus
- Rare/Endangered Values Marine habitat for the blue-listed harbour porpoise. *Yellow-listed species of conservation concern (S4)* coho, sockeye, and chinook salmon. Other endangered marine mammals such as killer whales and gray whales pass through the surrounding waters.
- Scientific/Research Opportunities None known at this time

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry Not Applicable
destination Not Applicable
travel corridor Boaters and kayakers exploring the Inside Passage, minor stopover for 3 tidal passes
local recreation Not Applicable
- Special Opportunities None known at this time
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities None known at this time

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Values unknown
- Special Feature None known at this time

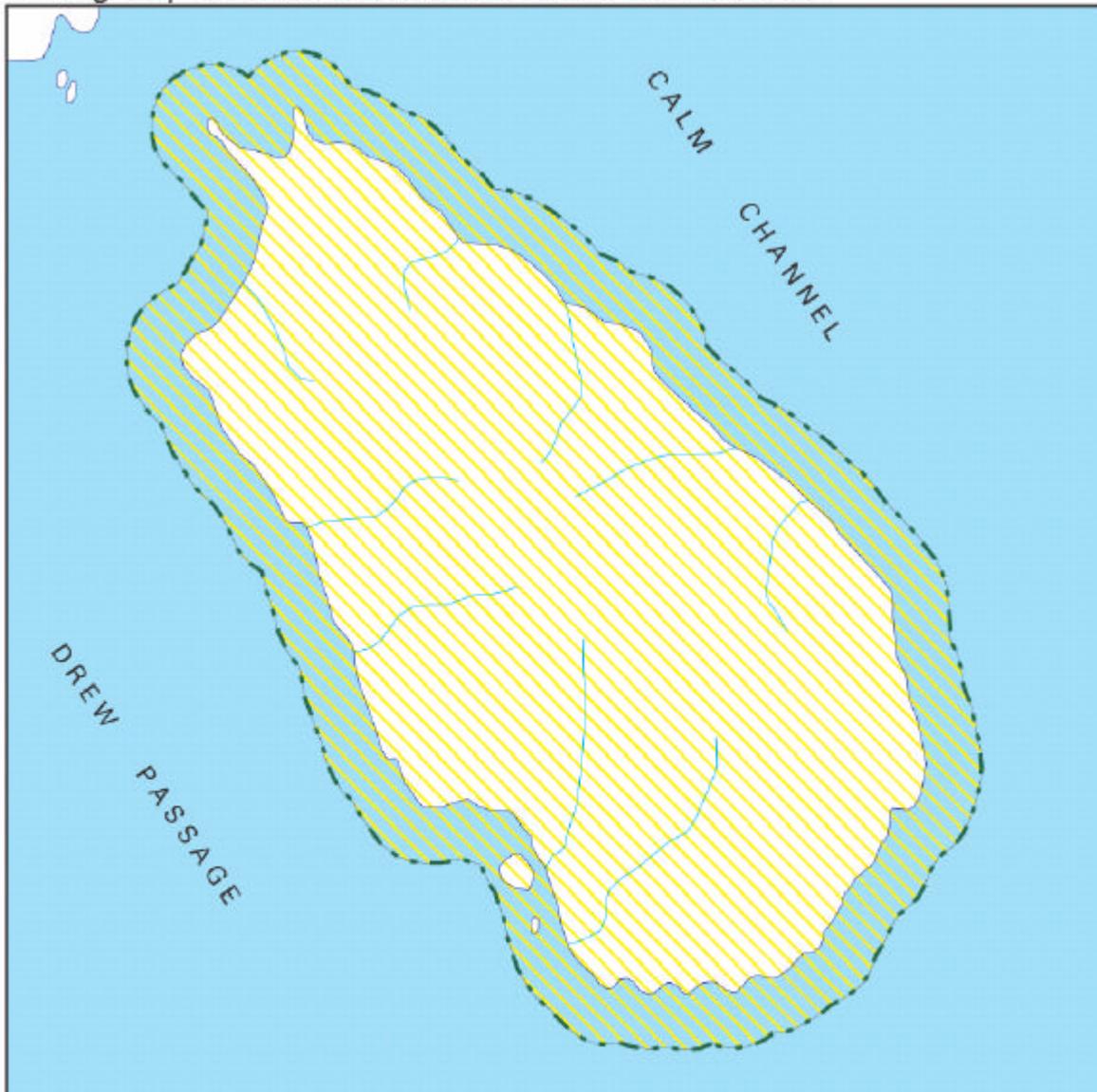
Other Management Considerations

Other Designations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable
Relationship to other PAs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part of a system of protected areas in the Inside Passage
Co-operative Management Arrangements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commercial fishery closure specific to the park: Pacific oyster – harvesting is prohibited.
Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable
Vulnerability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural values are vulnerable to commercial fishing pressures
Relationship to other Strategies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Designated as result of Lower Mainland Protected Area Strategy recommendations. Marine Protected Areas Strategy.

Area: 164 hectares (113 ha upland; 51 ha foreshore)

Date of establishment: July 28, 1997

Zoning Map - Rendezvous Island South Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Natural Environment
 Protected Area Boundary



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