

## SECHELT INLETS COASTAL STRATEGY



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Dear Mr. Wilson,

**Re: Sechelt Inlets Coastal Strategy**

We are very pleased to submit and produce the final endorsed Strategy. The Working Committee (WC) has functioned extremely well, and it is with a great sense of group accomplishment that we acknowledge consensus on this document by the Foreshore Advisory Task Force as well as the WC.

In addition to this report, we have provided the computer Geographic Information System files for the project to your drafting department with the information they need to make use of the data.

We would like to thank the Working Committee. The members have generously contributed time and information in their support of this project which is a model for inter-agency/public cooperation, and it has been delightful working with them.

We look forward to future efforts like this one which will plan for development while protecting sensitive environmental resources for future generations.

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background**

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has in recent years been experiencing rapid increases in applications for foreshore and upland tenures. Conflicts among land users have occurred, information regarding environmental resources and impacts is often limited, and numerous jurisdictional interests can complicate the process of coastal development.

In response to this situation, the SCRD established the Foreshore Advisory Task Force (FATF). The purpose of that group, which includes representatives from government, industry and the community, is to examine foreshore development and to provide guidelines for coordinated and comprehensive foreshore planning. The terms of reference for the FATF were developed partly in response to the Gillespie Inquiry recommendations presented to the provincial government in the spring of 1987.

As a first focussed initiative in coastal planning, the FATF contracted Catherine Berris Associates Inc. to assist in the Sechelt Inlet Coastal Strategy Pilot Project, which was completed in May of 1988. Sechelt Inlet was identified as a high planning priority by the FATF because of its distinctive geographical formation, fragile environment, and heavy user demands for aquaculture, forestry and recreation uses. A study area which included 200 metres of upland in addition to the water area was established in order to address the inter-relationships of land and water resources, uses and issues.

In the Pilot Project, information on land status, land use, and user and agency interests and concerns (from the Coastal Resource Identification Study) was documented in a computer Geographic Information System (GIS); the patterns of use and interest in the coastal area were analyzed; the degree of multiple interest and areas of potential conflict were determined; and public input was obtained about alternative strategies for Sechelt Inlet.

The Sechelt Inlets Coastal Strategy was Phase II of the process, and completed the next phase of planning as described below.

### **1.2 Objectives**

The overall goal of this project was, through comprehensive planning, to establish the framework for wise and appropriate use of coastal resources, thereby providing opportunities for use, protecting critical environmental resources, and minimizing conflict.

Specifically the project objectives were to:

1. update the base of information related to land uses, environmental resources, and user and agency interest areas.
2. develop an overall strategy for the Sechelt Inlets, including goals and objectives for development and use, and tools for implementation and monitoring.
3. develop an Area Designation Plan accompanied by guidelines and policies to enable the objectives to be achieved.

## **2.0 WORK PROGRAM**

### **2.1 Approach**

In order to accomplish the project most effectively, a Working Committee (WC) was established. Members of the Committee included representatives from:

- .Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
- .Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
- .Ministry of Crown Lands,
- .Ministry of Environment,
- .Ministry of Forests,
- .Ministry of Municipal Affairs,
- .Sunshine Coast Regional District,
- .District of Sechelt,
- .Sechelt Indian Band,
- .Council of Forest Industries, and
- .2 community representatives.

The role of WC members was to represent their respective organizations by keeping them informed of progress and speaking on their behalf at the Committee level. A consensus format was used such that no decision was made unless it was agreed to by every member of the WC. The role of the consultant was to facilitate the process by: collecting and analyzing information, preparing agendas and minutes for meetings, providing draft materials for review, conducting meetings, using conflict resolution techniques to arrive at agreeable solutions, and producing the final document text and maps.

In addition to WC meetings, discussions were held with WC members individually at times in order to collect specific information or to address particular concerns. Updates on the progress of the project and presentations to the Foreshore Advisory Task Force (FATF) were made approximately every two months. Public meetings requesting input were held to review the First Draft and the completed Strategy.

### **2.2 Work Program Tasks**

The work program was divided into three stages:

1. Data Preparation
2. Strategy Development
3. Area Designation Plan Formulation

The major tasks within each stage are outlined below.

### **2.2.1 Data Preparation**

New information was selectively collected and input into the computer data base as appropriate. New data included:

- .Sechelt Official Community Plan (OCP) designations,
- .information obtained through contacts with local people,
- .new or refined information provided by agencies,
- .responses to an advertisement in the local press requesting input, and
- .still photography and video of the shoreline from the water.

### **2.2.2 Strategy Development**

The strategy was developed concurrently with data preparation. It included identification of:

- .concerns and trends,
- .an overall vision and objectives for the Sechelt Inlets,
- .agency implementation measures,
- .area designation categories and policies,
- .an approach to and criteria for assigning area designations, and
- .monitoring techniques and a system for ongoing refinement of area designations.

### **2.2.3 Area Designation Plan Formulation**

The formulation of the Area Designation Plan involved the following tasks:

- .assigning of draft area designations based on background information and the strategy guidelines.
- .review of designations with the WC, collection of additional information, and refinement of designations as necessary to achieve consensus.
- .field study (boat trip) with the WC to view sites for which consensus had not been reached.
- .for contentious areas; negotiations, fieldwork and conflict resolution as required in an attempt to resolve designations.
- .identification of any areas lacking consensus.
- .review of First Draft and completed Strategy with the FATF.
- .two public meetings, one to review the First Draft and the second to review the completed Strategy.

### **3.0 STRATEGY STATEMENTS**

For the purposes of this project, the term "Sechelt Inlets" is used to refer to the entire Sechelt Inlet system, including Sechelt, Salmon and Narrows Inlets.

#### **3.1 Concerns**

The following were the primary areas of concern identified by area residents and members of the FATF:

1. environmental degradation of the inlet (impacts to habitat, fauna and water quality) as a result of industry and development, particularly finfish aquaculture.
2. the future character of Sechelt Inlet.
3. availability of recreational opportunities, including foreshore access.
4. accommodation of all appropriate users of the inlet, minimizing conflict.
5. the existence of commerce and industry for economic well-being, particularly respecting the need for the forest industry to harvest forest resources.
6. no additions to the government processes or time required for approvals.

#### **3.2 Existing Trends**

The following trends in the area were identified through contacts with residents, industry, and members of the FATF. These trends were considered during the study process.

1. There is a trend towards no additional finfish farms in Sechelt Inlet due to a perception that the area has reached the "saturation point". Concurrently, there is a trend towards expansion of the size of existing finfish farms for economic reasons and to allow for fallowing, and a tendency for farms to use alternative sites to avoid localized plankton blooms.
2. The Sechelt Official Community Plan has identified a trend towards the development of housing, recreational, and leisure facilities which cater to older age groups in Sechelt.
3. There is a generally recognized potential for and trend towards the development and promotion of new tourism and recreation opportunities.

4. There is potential for the development of new types of aquaculture, with clam culture anticipated in the next 1 to 2 years, and scallop culture within 5 years. There is also a trend towards the development of new oyster sites and small-scale fish buying stations.
5. There is growing use of alternative forms of logging requiring more, small, short-duration sites for log dumping and sorting.

### **3.3 Time Frame**

The Sechelt Inlets Coastal Strategy will take effect upon completion for a period of 10 years, with monitoring and reviews as outlined in Section 5.2. Future sites for forestry use have been based on 20-year projections by the forest industry.

### **3.4 Overall Vision**

The overall vision for the project is:

To guide the future of Sechelt Inlets so that it is a model for balancing development and use with a sustainable environment through the conservation of environmental resources, provision of recreational opportunities, and support of commerce, industry and settlement.

### **3.5 Objectives**

The project objectives are the following:

1. to accommodate all users of the inlet consistent with considerations of capability and suitability.
2. to minimize the potential for conflicts among users.
3. to retain the "quiet, park-like and wild" character of the area.
4. to ensure that sufficient areas exist for the activities required to harvest forest resources.
5. to ensure that sufficient areas exist for water- and foreshore-based recreational activities.
6. to ensure that sufficient areas exist for the support of a self-sustaining aquaculture industry, with no increase to finfish aquaculture operations.

7. to ensure that sufficient areas exist for the amount and types of commercial fishing which can be supported in Sechelt Inlets.
8. to ensure that locations exist for the future development of tourist and recreation facilities.
9. to ensure that sufficient areas exist for future commercial and industrial development.
10. to protect areas of special scenic quality or historical or archaeological significance from inappropriate development.
11. to respect the interests of upland owners.
12. to respect the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws of the District of Sechelt.
13. to ensure that safe navigation remains unimpeded.
14. to facilitate government processes and minimize the time required for project approvals.
15. to protect the most environmentally significant areas from degradation; including the most biologically productive areas, areas with the greatest species diversity, and areas containing rare or unique species.
16. to avoid habitat loss and degradation of environmental quality where possible.
17. to encourage proper siting, design and management of facilities to minimize negative impacts on water quality.
18. to encourage the elimination of discharges of toxic substances and their contact with the water resource.

## **4.0 AREA DESIGNATION PLAN AND POLICIES**

The text in this section provides the background and policies which relate to the accompanying Area Designation Plan (Schedule 1). Notes which describe map units in greater detail are in Appendix A of this report. A summary map on page 10 identifies the Primary Designations.

### **4.1 Definitions**

"Area Designations" means categories of water and/or land uses with accompanying policies and notations which have been assigned to specific spatial units of land or water which are situated as shown on the Area Designation Map.

"Consensus" means 100 percent agreement of those in attendance and those who communicate their views.

"Fish buying station" means a facility used in the business of buying, collecting, assembling, transporting, conveying, packing or carrying fish direct from a fisherman or an aquaculturist.

"Foreshore" means the area between high and low water levels.

"Land" means the area above the high water level.

"Lifestyles" includes social amenities, visual quality, and other issues which affect the liveability of the environment.

"Long-term" uses mean those which occupy a site for more than 5 years.

"Structure" means an erection or construction of any kind whether fixed to, supported by, or sunk into land or water.

"Water" means the area below the high water level, including the foreshore and the water above land which is always submerged.

### **4.2 Regulatory Clarifications**

Designations and policies of the District of Sechelt Official Community Plan (OCP) and the regulations of the Sechelt Zoning Bylaw (maps and text) are recognized and accepted by this Strategy, and none of the policies or Area Designations are in any way binding on the District of Sechelt.

Notwithstanding any other term or condition of this document (or pertaining to this document) nothing shall in any way replace, substitute, or abrogate from the rights or powers of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada pursuant to the Fisheries Act

R.F.C. or any other statute, law, or regulation of Canada.

### **4.3 Area Designation Categories and Policies**

There are seven designation categories with sub-categories. For each category, the purpose, land and water uses, and policies are documented here.

The land and water "uses" listed are permitted uses for each area designation category. Any uses not listed are not permitted in that area designation category. A use listed will not necessarily be allowed in any site-specific location within an area designation that includes it, but will be evaluated according to jurisdictional bylaws, policies, guidelines, and the inter-agency referral process.

Utility lines and corridors are not indicated on the maps, and can occur in any designation category.

Boundaries on the maps are limited by the mapping scale, and details related to new projects will need to be worked out on a site-specific basis with the agencies and/or public groups involved using larger scale maps and more detailed fieldwork.

Water areas not designated, which are generally more than 200 metres from shore, are navigable waters, and are subject to the regulations in the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

One map unit has been given no primary designation. It is described as:

#### **Area of Conflict (\*)**

.to identify areas for which there is no consensus on the primary designation.

Abbreviations used on the map are indicated after each designation category for ease of reference.

#### **4.3.1 Notations which can occur in any Map Unit**

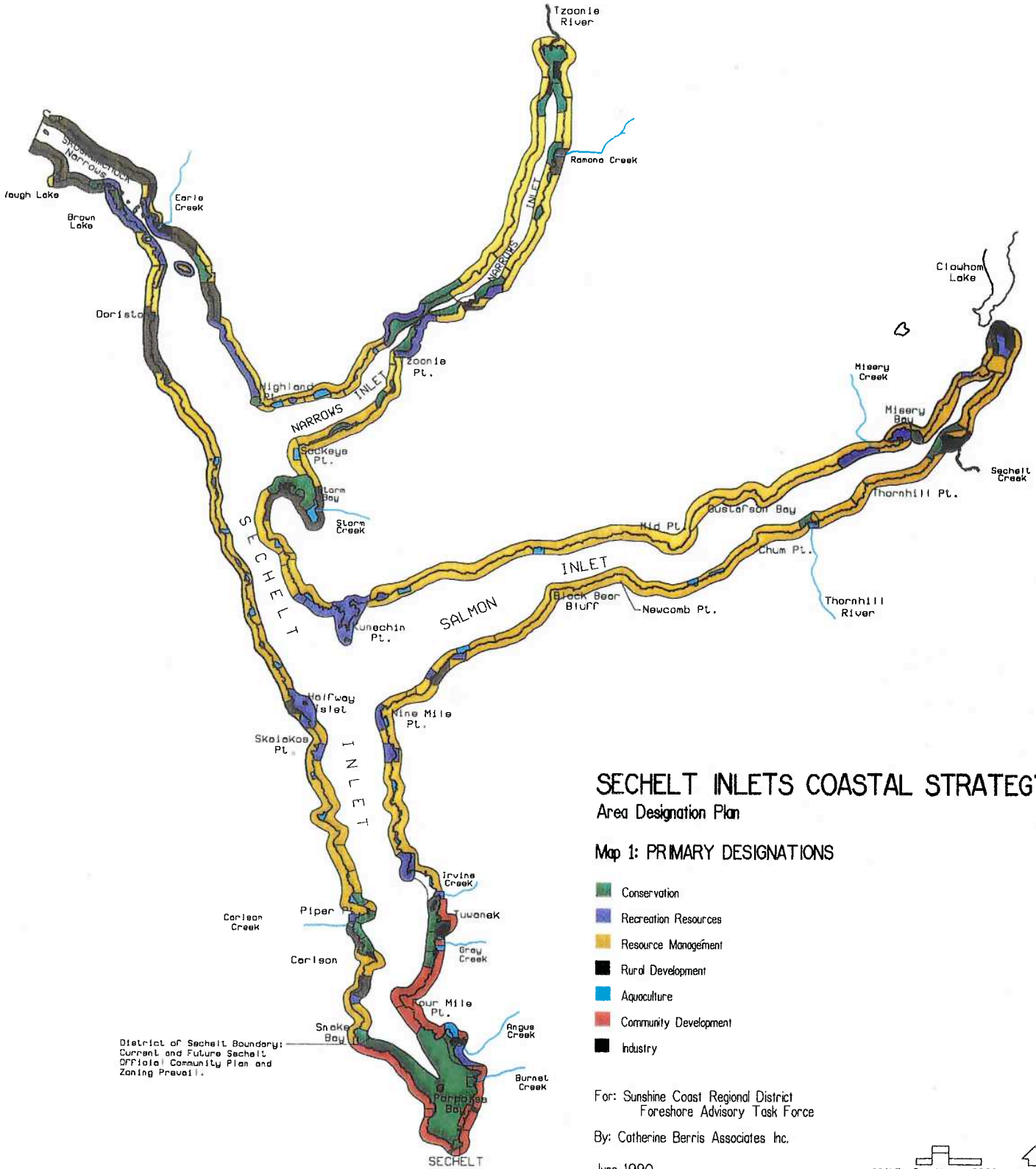
These notations provide additional information for map units. They do not in any way imply a conflict within a particular unit.

#### **Conservation Alert (C+)**

.to identify areas where environmental resources should be considered.

Policies:

.Where Conservation Alert notations occur, any proposals shall be brought to the attention of the appropriate environmental agencies. Efforts shall be made to accommodate the concerns of those agencies in protecting environmental resources.



**Netcage Alert (N+)**

.to identify those Resource Management areas which are suitable for temporary moorage of finfish netcages in emergency situations.

**Policies:**

.Aquaculture netcages shall be located here temporarily only for reasons related to fish health and safety in the avoidance of plankton blooms.

.Temporary netcage siting shall be allowed to a maximum of two months with required notification of the Ministries of Agriculture and Fisheries and Crown Lands within 48 hours of locating there.

**Community Alert (M+)**

.to identify areas which are particularly sensitive from a public perspective.

**Policies:**

.Agencies administering these areas agree to ensure that the public is informed and has an opportunity to provide input on land/water use decisions.

**Present Use Alert (P+)**

.to identify areas where the existing use does not comply with the Designation.

**Recreation Alert (R+)**

.to identify areas where recreation interest and activities should be considered.

**Policies:**

.Where Recreation Alert notations occur, any proposals shall be brought to the attention of the appropriate resident and recreation groups. Efforts shall be made to accommodate the concerns of those groups.

**Shellfish Alert (S+)**

.to identify areas which are moderately or highly suitable for shellfish and/or marine plant culture.

#### 4.3.2 Conservation

Purpose: to protect important and sensitive habitat areas so that fish, shellfish and wildlife resources can be sustained.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Conservation 1 (C1)** land and water identified as containing the most critical environmental resources.

Water Uses: None except ecological enhancement or recreational activities which have no or very limited impact on natural resources.

Land Uses: None except ecological enhancement or recreational activities which have no or very limited impact on natural resources.

Policies:

.No structures shall be permitted.

.There shall be no alteration to the foreshore.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Conservation 2 (C2)** water identified as containing the most critical environmental resources where some activity must occur due to the population and uses of the land adjacent to these waters.

Water Uses: Ecological enhancement, access related to adjacent land activities, and relatively low impact recreational activities such as interpretation, swimming, boating, scuba-diving, recreational fishing, and foreshore access.

Policies:

.Structures should be sited and designed to avoid and minimize impacts to habitat.

### 4.3.3 Recreation Resources

Purpose: to protect areas of high importance to the community for their recreational or traditional values or in their role as emergency anchorages.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Recreation Resources - Parks (RP)** legislated Parks or Recreation Areas.

Water Uses: recreational activities such as swimming, boating, recreational fishing, shellfish collection, and scuba-diving as designated in the Park Master Plans.

Land Uses: recreational activities such as walking, hiking, camping, and interpretation as designated in the Park Master Plans.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Recreation Resources - Recreation Use (RU)** areas which are currently used by the public for recreation, or which have potential as recreational use areas.

Water Uses: recreational activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, shellfish collection, scuba-diving, and beach-combing.

Land Uses: recreational activities such as camping, walking, hiking, and interpretation.

Policies:

.Public access should not be impeded to and along the foreshore.

.Only structures which are ancillary to the above uses should be allowed.

#### 4.3.4 Resource Management

Purpose: to identify areas generally under the jurisdiction of the Crown where many activities occur and where the primary priorities include the management of forest and mineral resources.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Resource Management (RM)** areas generally under the jurisdiction of the Crown where many activities occur and where resource management is the primary objective.\*

**Water Uses:** short-term log dumping, sorting and storage; structures to provide access to adjacent lands in Rural Development or Community Development designations; utilities, shellfish and marine plant operations, recreational activities, and other uses subject to Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Crown Lands approval. (Note: Sites with resource management activities occurring on a long-term basis are designated Industry, See Section 4.3.9.)

**Land Uses:** harvesting and associated forest management activities; short-term log dumping, sorting and storage; short-term mineral exploration and extraction; utilities, shellfish and marine plant operations, recreational activities, and other uses subject to Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Crown Lands approval.

**Policies:**

- .Only structures which are ancillary to the permitted uses shall be allowed in this designation category.
- .Public access to and along the foreshore should be retained where possible and provided where potential for use is likely.
- .The impacts of logging directly along the shoreline shall be minimized and visual screening of cut blocks from the water shall be provided where possible.

\*Exploration and harvesting will occur in RM areas on an intermittent basis at specific sites.

#### 4.3.5 Rural Development

Purpose: to identify areas for development where the predominant character is rural.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Rural Development (RD)** privately-owned lots and tenures which are used for residential, recreational, commercial, institutional or light industrial uses outside of the District of Sechelt, except where water tenures are in an area which is important for Conservation purposes. (In those areas the designation is Conservation 2, See Section 4.3.2).

**Water Uses:** activities related to the land uses with foreshore improvements including marinas, wharves, ramps, floats, boathouses, vessels, and supporting structures.

**Land Uses:** detached single-family residential, campground, camps, outdoor recreation, lodge, fish buying station, and other commercial, light industrial and institutional uses.

**Policies:**

- .Public access to and along the foreshore should not be impeded.
- .Any structures over the water shall be constructed to carry land vehicles not exceeding a Gross Vehicle Weight of 6000 pounds.

#### 4.3.6 Aquaculture

Purpose: to identify areas which have been licenced for aquaculture operations.

Water Uses for all sub-categories: improvements associated with aquaculture uses, e.g. wharves, ramps, floats, boathouses, vessels, and supporting structures; short-term log dumps subject to approval by Ministries of Agriculture and Fisheries and Crown Lands.

Land Uses for all sub-categories: structures and dwellings ancillary to aquaculture operations.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Aquaculture - Finfish (AF)** land and water areas currently licensed and used for finfish aquaculture operations.

Additional water uses: netcages, shellfish polyculture, marine plant culture operations.

Policies:

.Finfish aquaculture operations shall be limited to existing facilities or replacement of existing facilities. If alternate acceptable fish farming technology is proposed or if monitoring studies indicate that the inlet can safely accommodate increased production with existing technology, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries will be prepared to consider applications for expansion at existing sites.

.Shellfish polyculture and marine plant culture may be permitted in these areas.

Note: In extreme situations, applications for temporary fallowing immediately adjacent to existing finfish tenures might be considered subject to strict conditions administered by the Ministries of Agriculture and Fisheries and Crown Lands. Conditions would include:

- .a fallow period limited to 6 months to 1 year maximum,
- .approval for one term only, and
- .a concomitant reduction in production required to avoid the likelihood of recurrence of the problem.

Such fallowing sites shall not be permitted in areas designated Conservation.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Aquaculture - Shellfish (AS)** land and water areas currently licensed for shellfish aquaculture operations.

Additional water use: shellfish and marine plant culture improvements.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Aquaculture - Hatchery (AH)** land and water areas currently licensed for hatchery operations.

Additional water use: netcages.

Additional land use: hatchery.

#### 4.3.7 Community Development

Purpose: to identify areas for residential, commercial, and light industrial uses within the District of Sechelt.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Community Development (CD)** areas designated as commercial, public institutional, residential or multiple family residential in the Sechelt Official Community Plan, as well as water tenures for residential, recreational or commercial uses within the District of Sechelt and adjoining Indian Reserves; except where water tenures are in an area which is important for Conservation purposes. (In those areas the designation is Conservation 2, See Section 4.3.2).

**Water Uses:** marina, seaplane base, improvements associated with land uses, e.g. wharves, ramps, floats, boathouses, vessels, and supporting structures as permitted in the Sechelt OCP and Zoning Bylaw.

**Land Uses:** residential uses as permitted in the Sechelt OCP and Zoning Bylaw and related commercial and institutional uses including resorts, restaurants, and club houses.

**Policies:**

.Public access to and along the foreshore should not be impeded.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Community Development - Industrial (Ci)** areas designated as industrial in the Sechelt Official Community Plan, as well as water tenures for light industrial uses within the District of Sechelt.

**Water Uses:** marine fuel installations, and improvements associated with land uses, e.g. wharves, ramps, floats, boathouses, vessels, and supporting structures as permitted in the Sechelt OCP and Zoning Bylaw.

**Land Uses:** light industrial uses as permitted in the Sechelt OCP and Zoning Bylaw.

**Policies:**

.Public access to and along the foreshore should be maintained where possible.

#### 4.3.8 Industry

Purpose: to designate areas for intensive long-term industrial uses.

Policies for all sub-categories:

.These areas shall be restricted to use by industries that require waterborne transportation or use of the water area in their operation.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Industry - Forestry (IF)** areas of long-term forestry use.

Land and Water Uses: long-term log dumps, sorts and storage with ancillary improvements.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Industry - Mineral/Sand and Gravel (IM)** areas of long-term mineral or sand and gravel use.

Land and Water Uses: long-term mineral and sand and gravel extraction, processing and transport with ancillary improvements.

Schedule 1 designates as:

**Industry - Processing (IP)** areas of long-term use for processing.

Land and Water Uses: aquaculture and commercial fish processing, feed plants, general processing and manufacturing with ancillary improvements.

#### 4.4 Other Recommendations

##### 4.4.1 Upland Shoreline Promenade

In the course of development or in future studies, areas which have potential as upland shoreline promenades shall be identified and easements for this purpose dedicated where possible. Criteria for the selection of these sites include:

.areas close to upland public commercial or recreational uses,

- .areas where the topography is suitable,
- .areas where an upland promenade would not be a negative impact on fish or wildlife habitat, and/or
- .areas which are located between public use areas such that a waterfront pedestrian link would be used for access.

#### **4.4.2 Marine Parks**

It is recommended that discussions be held between the Ministry of Parks and the Ministry of Forests and that input from the public and/or others be sought to review whether any of the Sechelt Inlets Marine Recreation Area sites could be designated Marine Parks.

## 5.0 IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

### 5.1 Implementation

The government agencies represented on the Working Committee agree to support and cooperate with the intent of the Sechelt Inlets Coastal Strategy including the Area Designation Plan and policies within the limits of the statutory mandates of their organizations. This plan does not supersede the normal referral process where it is applied to adjudicate the agencies' permit, licence or approval applications.

The primary administrative mechanisms which can be used by the agencies to implement the strategy are indicated below. For each mechanism, the agency with the jurisdiction for that management tool is noted. All of the agencies as well as others listed on the next page may also be involved in any of the procedures on a referral basis if they have an interest in the matter. A key to agency abbreviations follows the chart.

Mechanisms	DFO	MAF	MCL	MOE	MOF	SCRD	DOS	SIB
foreshore tenures			*					
upland tenures			*		*			
servicing arrangements						*	*	*
environmental approvals	*			*				
aquaculture licence approvals		*						
Official Community Plans/ Local Area Plans						*	*	*
zoning/land use bylaws						*	*	
Crown Land Plan			*					
land acquisition/dedication			*		*	*	*	
Local Resource Use Plans					*			

#### Key to Agency Abbreviations

DFO Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
 MAF Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries  
 MCL Ministry of Crown Lands  
 MOE Ministry of Environment  
 MOF Ministry of Forests  
 SCRDSunshine Coast Regional District  
 DOS District of Sechelt  
 SIB Sechelt Indian Band

Other agencies which are involved in implementation by providing information to the lead agencies include:

- .Canadian Coast Guard
- .Canadian Wildlife Service
- .Department of Indian Affairs
- .Environment Canada
- .Archaeology & Outdoor Recreation Branch (formerly with Heritage Conservation Branch), Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture
- .Ministry of Parks
- .Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
- .Ministry of Environment - Waste Management, Water Management, and Wildlife Branches

In addition, various recreation and interest groups are contacted for specific information or input when they have an interest in an area.

It should be noted that some specific policies related to implementation are included in the description of each designation category.

## **5.2 Monitoring**

Monitoring of the plan over time will be accomplished through:

- .annual summary reports of activities or developments which impact on or are impacted by the Strategy to be requested annually by the Foreshore Advisory Task Force of the participating agencies.
- .a review of the plan every five years except when conditions require a shorter review period. Reviews will use a process similar to the one used for the original Strategy, including at least one public meeting, and they will be coordinated by the Foreshore Advisory Task Force. Agency signatories to the Strategy will be responsible for providing updated current and projected use information at those times. Uses should be projected 20 years for forestry and 10 years for other uses.
- .the normal monitoring procedures of all of the participating agencies.
- .informal observations by residents or others which will be reported to the Chairperson of the Foreshore Advisory Task Force.

## **5.3 Process for Changing Designations**

All participating agencies agree that if they wish to approve a project or take any other action which is contrary to an Area Designation or accompanying policy, they will inform all members of the FATF with at least 60 days advance written notice of that intent. Within 30 days of the date of written notice of a change being proposed, a public meeting will be held and the FATF will meet to discuss the proposed change, options

for resolving the issue, and agreement based on consensus will be reached if possible.

Organizing the public and the FATF meetings will be the responsibility of the SCRCD. It will be the responsibility of the SCRCD and the District Municipality of Sechelt to ensure that the affected public is adequately informed in advance of the public meetings. The public meetings will be held in Sechelt with advance notification in the local press, and with information on the subject available to the public at least one week before the meeting.

If agreement is not reached after this time and an action is taken or allowed by an agency other than the District of Sechelt which is contrary to an Area Designation or accompanying policy, all FATF members will be informed within one week of the change being made, and that information will become a one-time only, non-designated use for a period of not more than one year. If there is a desire to extend the use beyond one year, the matter would need to be reconsidered by the FATF according to the process for changing designations.

If agreement is not reached after this time and an action is taken or allowed by the District of Sechelt which is contrary to an Area Designation or accompanying policy, all FATF members will be informed within one week of the change being made, and that information will be appended to the Strategy.

The FATF includes one representative (with an alternate) from each of the following:

- .Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- .Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Aquaculture Operations
- .Ministry of Crown Lands
- .Ministry of Environment
- .Ministry of Forests
- .Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- .Sunshine Coast Regional District Board
- .District of Sechelt Council
- .Sechelt Indian Band
- .Council of Forest Industries
- .Sunshine Coast Aquaculture Association
- .Tuwanek Ratepayers Association
- .Sandy Hook Ratepayers Association
- .Sunshine Heights Owners Association, and
- .2 community representatives at large

It is the responsibility of any group unable to attend a FATF meeting to make their views known. In the absence of any communication, a response in keeping with the consensus of members in attendance will be assumed.

Should the Foreshore Advisory Task Force cease to exist, an equivalent group shall replace it where the FATF is noted in the two sections above (5.2, 5.3).

## APPENDIX A: AREA DESIGNATION PLAN NOTES

These notes which accompany the Area Designation Plan (Schedule 1) provide the reasons for the designations where they are not apparent from the symbol. Please take note of the following approaches to the mapping:

.Middens are not shown on the map. Pictographs are identified because they are a recreational resource and less subject to damage.

.Sechelt Band Lands are identified with IR as well as a designation.

.Communications lines which cross the water have not been identified on the Area Designation maps. That information is available in the Geographic Information System mapping which accompanies this report.

### Notes for Land Designations

- L8. includes logging camp
- L18. mountain goat habitat
- L25. includes logging camp
- L30. UREP - has recreation potential for fishing and foreshore use
- L32. sand and gravel - no work done yet
- L38. cabin with historic interest noted on archaeological maps, need confirmation
- L41. UREP - recent logging use, recreation use also indicated
- L45. foreshore use and access
- L47. UREP - recreational foreshore use
- L48. foreshore use and access
- L52. Hydro dam spillway and caretaker residence
- L55. gravel industrial use not developed
- L56. forestry industrial use not developed
- L61. UREP - recreational foreshore use
- L62. includes Glad Tidings camp
- L68. UREP - recreation use indicated
- L71. Jackson Brothers Logging
- L88. need to consider nearby residents and recreation use in the area

### Notes for Water Designations

(Note: "Env." is used as an abbreviation for "Environment".)

- W1. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving; env. important - salmonid and cod rearing, fisheries, vegetated rocky reefs
- W3. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving; env. important - salmonid and cod rearing, fisheries, vegetated rocky reefs
- W6. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving, env. important - salmonid and cod rearing, fisheries, vegetated rocky reefs
- W11. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving; env. critical - salmonid estuary, prawn, salmon and cod fisheries; highly suitable

- for shellfish
- W12. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving; env. critical - salmonid estuary, prawn, salmon and cod fisheries; highly suitable for shellfish
  - W14. recreation important - little beaches and coves, clams and oysters, low wind
  - W15. recreation important - little beaches and coves, clams and oysters, low wind; moderately suitable for shellfish; env. important - pockets of subtidal productive habitat - oysters, clams
  - W16. env. critical - seal haulout; important foreshore recreation; highly suitable for shellfish
  - W20. moderately suitable for shellfish
  - W21. moderately suitable for shellfish; includes pictographs
  - W22. moderately suitable for shellfish
  - W25. moderately suitable for shellfish; env. important - subtidal habitat
  - W28. moderately suitable for shellfish
  - W30. critical for recreation - anchoring, diving; env. critical - crab, salmonid-rearing
  - W31. recreation important - anchorage, foreshore interest
  - W33. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, waterfowl; log storage area
  - W34. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, waterfowl
  - W35. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, waterfowl; recreation important-anchorage
  - W36. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, waterfowl; recreation important-anchorage
  - W38. env. important - estuarine habitat, cutthroat; recreation important-fishing at creek mouth
  - W41. env. important - subtidal habitat, cutthroat
  - W43. env. critical - subtidal habitat, cutthroat
  - W45. recreation important - anchorage, foreshore interest
  - W46. recreation important - anchorage, foreshore interest; env. critical-subtidal habitat, cutthroat
  - W47. sand and gravel - no work done yet, gravel and forestry have an agreement regarding use of this site, use will include barge loading
  - W48. recreation important - anchorage, foreshore interest
  - W49. critical for recreation - anchoring, diving; env. critical - crab, salmonid-rearing
  - W50. env. important - subtidal habitat, cutthroat
  - W51. env. important - subtidal habitat, cutthroat
  - W52. env. critical - subtidal habitat along beach; current logging use
  - W53. env. important - subtidal habitat, cutthroat
  - W54. env. critical - cutthroat; logs moving through
  - W58. env. critical - cutthroat
  - W59. env. critical - cutthroat
  - W63. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, oysters, clams, waterfowl; critical for recreation - anchorages and foreshore use
  - W64. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, oysters, clams, waterfowl; critical for recreation - anchorages and foreshore use; log dumping activity in area
  - W67. important for recreation - foreshore use
  - W70. pictograph, boating
  - W72. Recreation Area use - boating, diving, anchorages, fishing
  - W75. recreation important - beach, foreshore use
  - W76. recreation buffer for park - debris from tides collects in this area

- W81. recreational use, may be compatible with logging in the area
- W83. includes two waterfalls, one at Misery Creek and one approximately 1 km. west
- W85. anchorages; env. important - eelgrass, crab, salmonid-rearing
- W86. anchorage
- W87. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, clams, waterfowl, eelgrass
- W88. includes pictograph
- W90. anchorage
- W91. env. important - crab, prawn fishery, salmonid-rearing
- W92. env. important - crab, prawn fishery, salmonid-rearing; anchorage
- W93. recreational moorage tenure; env. important - crab, prawn fishery, fishery, salmonid-rearing
- W94. anchorage; env. important - crab, prawn fishery, salmonid-rearing
- W95. hydro use; foreshore access; env. important - crab, prawn fishery, salmonid-rearing
- W96. env. important - crab, prawn fishery, salmonid-rearing; anchorage
- W98. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, clams, waterfowl, eelgrass; recreation important - beach, sand bar and creek
- W99. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crabs, clams, waterfowl, eelgrass; recreation important - beach, sand bar and creek
- W101. anchorages, stream and waterfall
- W103. env. important - cutthroat trout; anchorage
- W104. env. critical - cutthroat trout, especially along beach; anchorage
- W110. moderately suitable for shellfish
- W111. moderately suitable for shellfish
- W112. recreation important - beaches with clams
- W113. moorage tenure - Glad Tidings camp; recreation important - beaches with clams
- W114. recreation important - beaches with clams
- W115. env. important - subtidal habitat, clams; recreation important - beaches with clams
- W116. moderately suitable for shellfish
- W117. moderately suitable for shellfish
- W118. critical for recreation - diving
- W119. critical for recreation - anchorage, cartop boats; env. important-subtidal habitat, cutthroat; identified as future log dump (>20 years)
- W120. critical for recreation - diving
- W123. pictographs; identified as future log dump (>20 years)
- W124. hatchery exists
- W127. critical for recreation - boating, diving, foreshore use; identified as future log dump (>20 years)
- W128. critical for recreation - boating, diving, foreshore use; MOF long-range plans indicate possible future logging on upland areas which may require use of this area for dumping; residents are concerned over the impacts of proposed intermittent use of this as a log dump site. Sensitivities of nearby residents to possible intrusions of forestry activity on lifestyles need to be addressed.
- W131. critical for recreation - boating, diving, foreshore use; env. critical-salmonid estuary, geoduck and prawn harvest, crabs, waterfowl
- W136. Jackson Brothers Logging; env. critical - salmonid estuary, geoduck and prawn harvest, crabs
- W137. env. critical - salmonid estuary, geoduck and prawn harvest, crabs; critical for recreation - boating, diving, foreshore use; hatchery currently exists

- W138. Tillicum Bay Marina; env. critical - salmonid estuary, geoduck and prawn harvest, crabs
- W140. env. critical - salmonid estuary, geoduck and prawn harvest, crabs
- W141. critical for recreation - diving, pictograph
- W143. env. critical - salmonid estuary, herring spawning, waterfowl, crabs, prawns, geoduck clams and other sensitive habitats such as marsh and eelgrass
- W144. env. critical - salmonid estuary, herring spawning, waterfowl, crabs, prawns, geoduck clams and other sensitive habitats such as marsh and eelgrass
- W145. critical for recreation - boating, foreshore use; env. critical-salmonid estuary, herring spawning, waterfowl, crabs, prawns, geoduck clams and other sensitive habitats such as marsh and eelgrass
- W146. extremely critical estuary habitat; docks currently exist
- W147. env. critical - salmonid estuary, herring spawning, waterfowl, crabs, prawns, geoduck clams and other sensitive habitats such as marsh and eelgrass; industrial use
- W148. extremely critical estuary habitat, nature interpretation activity
- W154. env. critical - salmonid estuary, herring spawning, waterfowl, crabs, prawns, geoduck clams and other sensitive habitats such as marsh and eelgrass
- W155. particularly critical estuary for salmonid, herring and other species
- W157. recreation important - anchorage, foreshore use
- W158. recreation important - foreshore use, private recreation use, public wharf use encouraged
- W160. includes finfish tenure not developed
- W161. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crab and prawn fishery, waterfowl; highly suitable for shellfish
- W162. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crab and prawn fishery, waterfowl; highly suitable for shellfish
- W163. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crab and prawn fishery, waterfowl; critical for recreation - anchoring, diving
- W164. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crab and prawn fishery, waterfowl; critical for recreation - anchoring, diving
- W165. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crab and prawn fishery, waterfowl; critical for recreation - anchoring, diving
- W166. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crab and prawn fishery, waterfowl; highly suitable for shellfish
- W167. env. critical - salmonid estuary, crab and prawn fishery, waterfowl
- W171. highly suitable for shellfish
- W173. highly suitable for shellfish; env. critical - subtidal habitat, cutthroat
- W174. critical for recreation - boating, foreshore use, pictograph
- W175. critical for recreation - boating, foreshore use, pictograph; logging tenures
- W177. critical for recreation - anchorage, small beaches, cartop boating, diving; env. critical - subtidal habitat, cutthroat
- W180. recreational foreshore use - small beaches
- W183. moderately suitable for shellfish
- W184. recreational foreshore use - small beaches
- W186. recreation important - foreshore use; identified as future log dump (>20 years)
- W187. identified as future log dump (>20 years)
- W188. recreation important - beach, foreshore use
- W191. env. critical - subtidal habitat, cutthroat


- W192. env. critical - subtidal habitat, cutthroat
- W194. moderately suitable for shellfish
- W196. env. critical - salmonid estuary, prawn fishery; moderately suitable for shellfish
- W197. moderately suitable for shellfish; finfish tenure not developed
- W198. includes towboat reserve
- W200. includes pictographs; towboat reserve
- W201. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving
- W202. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving; env. important - fisheries, vegetated rocky reefs
- W203. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving; env. important - salmonid and cod rearing, fisheries, vegetated rocky reefs
- W204. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving, env. critical - oysters, salmonid-rearing
- W205. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving, env. critical - oysters, salmonid-rearing
- W206. Skookumchuk Narrows - critical recreation area for boating and diving, env. important - salmonid and cod rearing, fisheries, vegetated rocky reefs

**APPENDIX B: SIGNATURES**

We and/or members of our staff have participated in and agree with the Sechelt Inlets Coastal Strategy.



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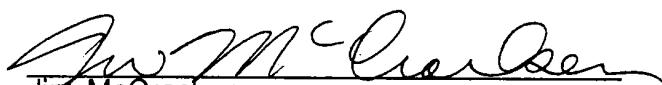
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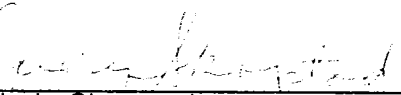
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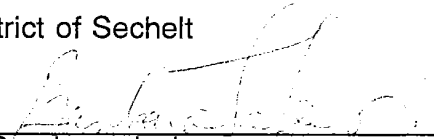
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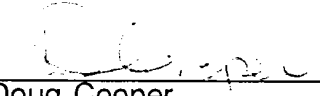
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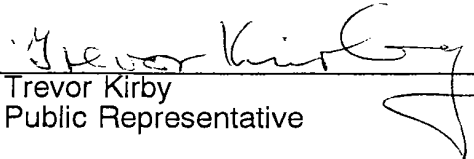
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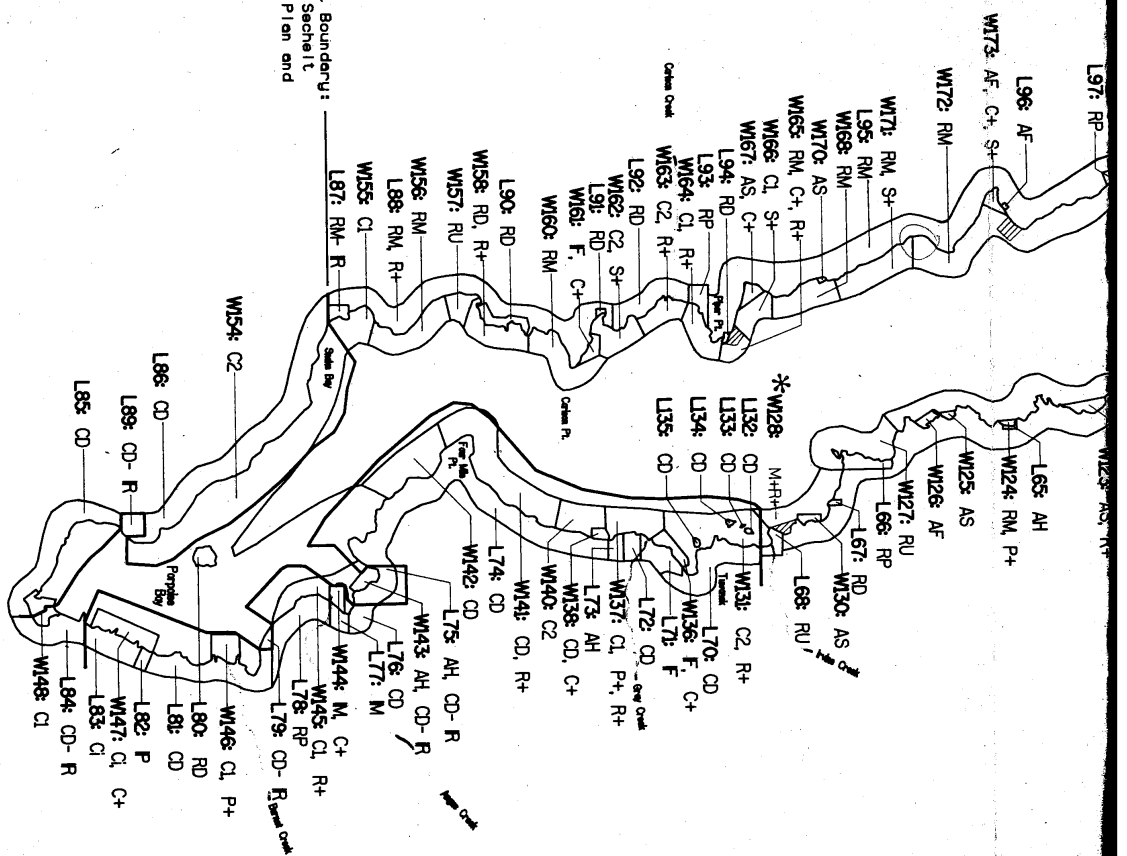
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District of Sechart Boundary:  
 Current and Future Sechart  
 Official Community Plan and  
 Zoning Prevalent.

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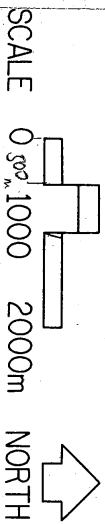
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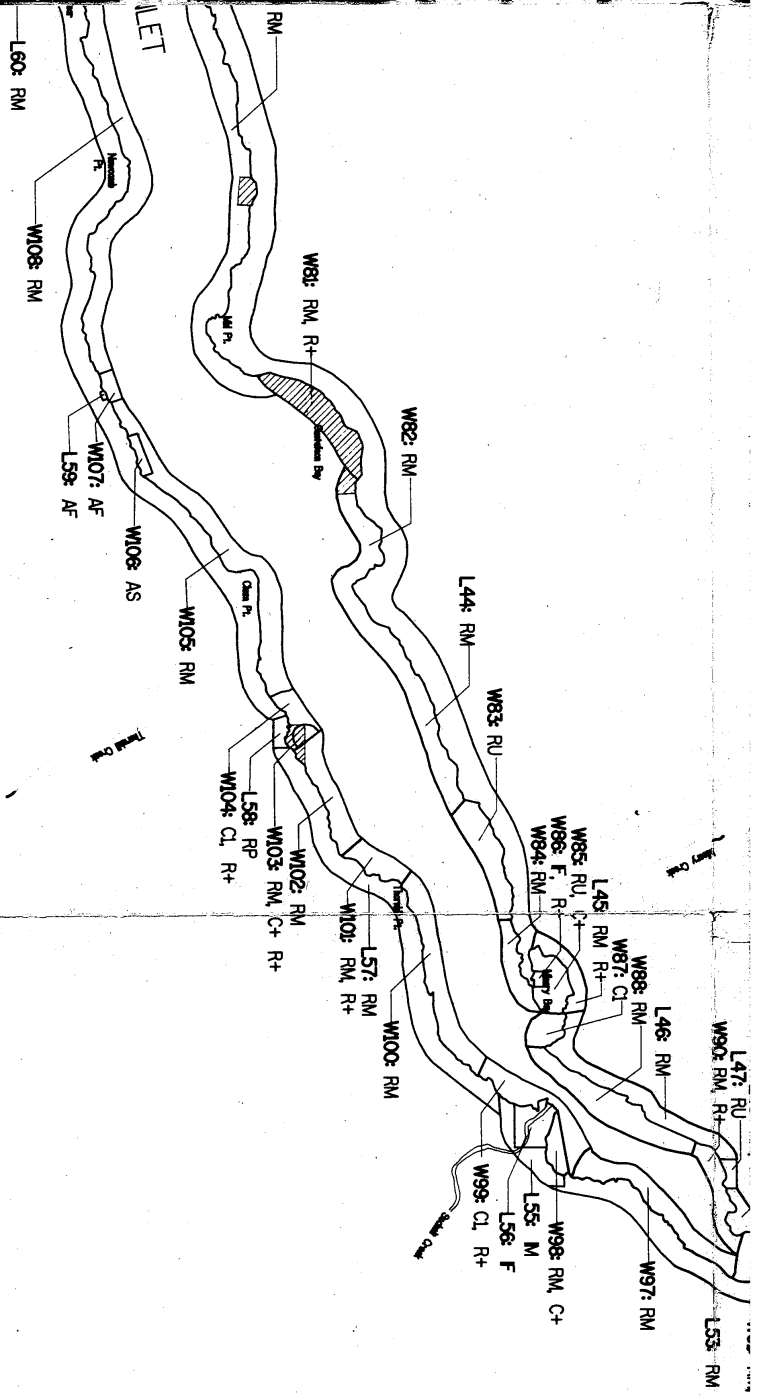
C1	Conservation 1
C2	Conservation 2
RP	Recreation Resources - Parks and Recreation Areas
RU	Recreation Resources - Use/Interest Areas
RM	Resource Management
RD	Rural Development
AF	Aquaculture - Finfish
AS	Aquaculture - Shellfish
AH	Aquaculture - Hatchery
CD	Community Development
CI	Community Development - Light Industrial
IF	Industry - Forestry
IM	Industry - Mineral/Sand and Gravel
IP	Industry - Processing
C+	Conservation Alert
M+	Community Alert
N+	Temporary Netlage Area
P+	Present Use Alert
R+	Recreation Alert
S+	Shellfish Alert
*	Area of Conflict
IR	Indian Reserve
	current or future temporary forestry use proposed

For: Sunshine Coast Regional District  
 Foreshore Advisory Task Force

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June 1990





# SECHELT INLETS COASTAL STRATEGY

Area Designation Plan

L23: RM, AH, R  
 W35: CI, R+  
 W36: F, C+, R+  
 L25: F-, R  
 L24: RM  
 L28: RM, R  
 W37: RM  
 W38: C2, R+  
 W39: RD  
 L27: RD  
 W40: RD  
 W41: C2  
 L42: RM  
 L43: RM  
 L44: RM  
 L45: CI  
 L46: N+  
 L47: R+

Pond Creek

