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IMapBC On-line mapping instructions for identifying
potential to apply a General Permission to your residential
dock

Can my dock be authorized by a general permission?

A General Permission cannot be used if the application area overlaps with any of the following:

- *Ecological reserves, parks, protected areas*
- *Application-only areas*
- *Land Act Section 15, 16 & 17 "reserve" areas*
- *Areas with overlapping tenures*

The detailed instructions in this document will show you how to use the on-line mapping tool **iMapBC 2.0** to determine if your dock or dock site will be in conflict with any of the areas listed above.

There are other online mapping programs with instructions available to identify potential conflicts including: [FrontCounter BC Discovery Tool](#); [Integrated Land & Resource Registry \(ILRR\)](#) and [ImapBC](#).

Assumptions:

- You have access to a computer and internet and are able to use them
- You have private land or a Land Act lease (which has been surveyed)
- You pay taxes on this land, therefore have access to the information contained on a property tax assessment form

Basic Steps (detailed below)

1. Gather information (from tax form) and find/open website
2. Find lot location on map
3. Add layers of conflict
4. Check for any overlap

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Let's Begin

Gather information about the piece of land where your dock will be located

You will need:

- Land District
- District Lot

These can both be found on your property tax assessment form

Open iMap website

It is suggested that you do not use Chrome as your internet browser. Internet Explorer and Firefox work fine.

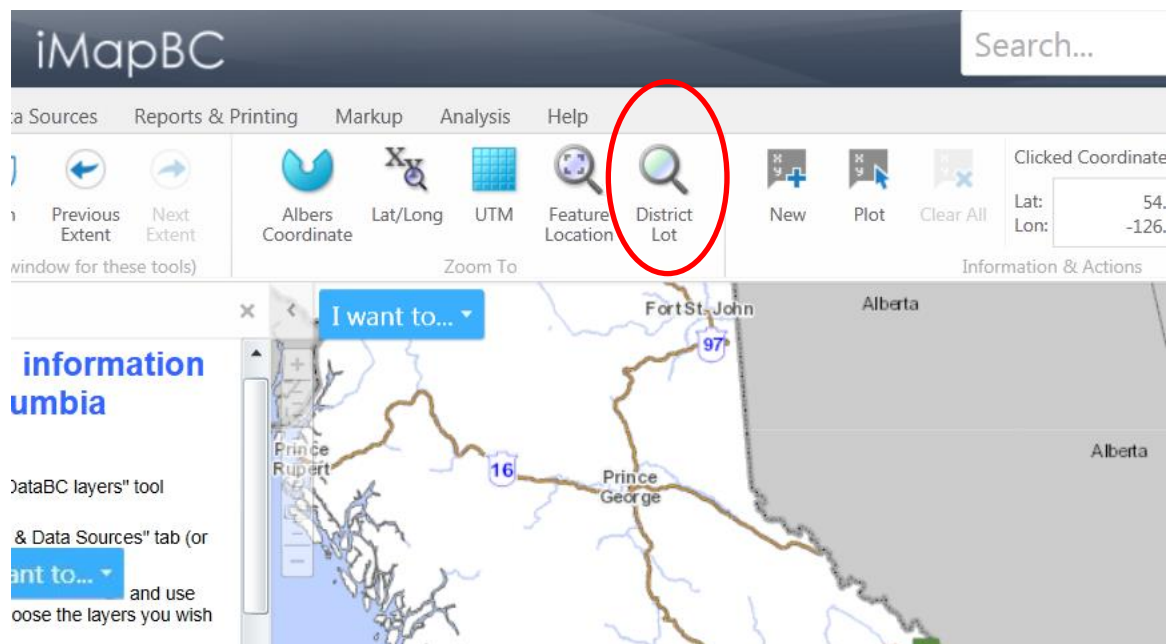
http://www.data.gov.bc.ca/dbc/geographic/view_and_analyze/imapbc/index.page

Then from the right side of the page choose iMapBC 2.0 Launch Application (Public)



Find District Lot on map

Near the top of the screen there is a symbol of a magnifying glass with the words "District Lot". Click on that symbol.



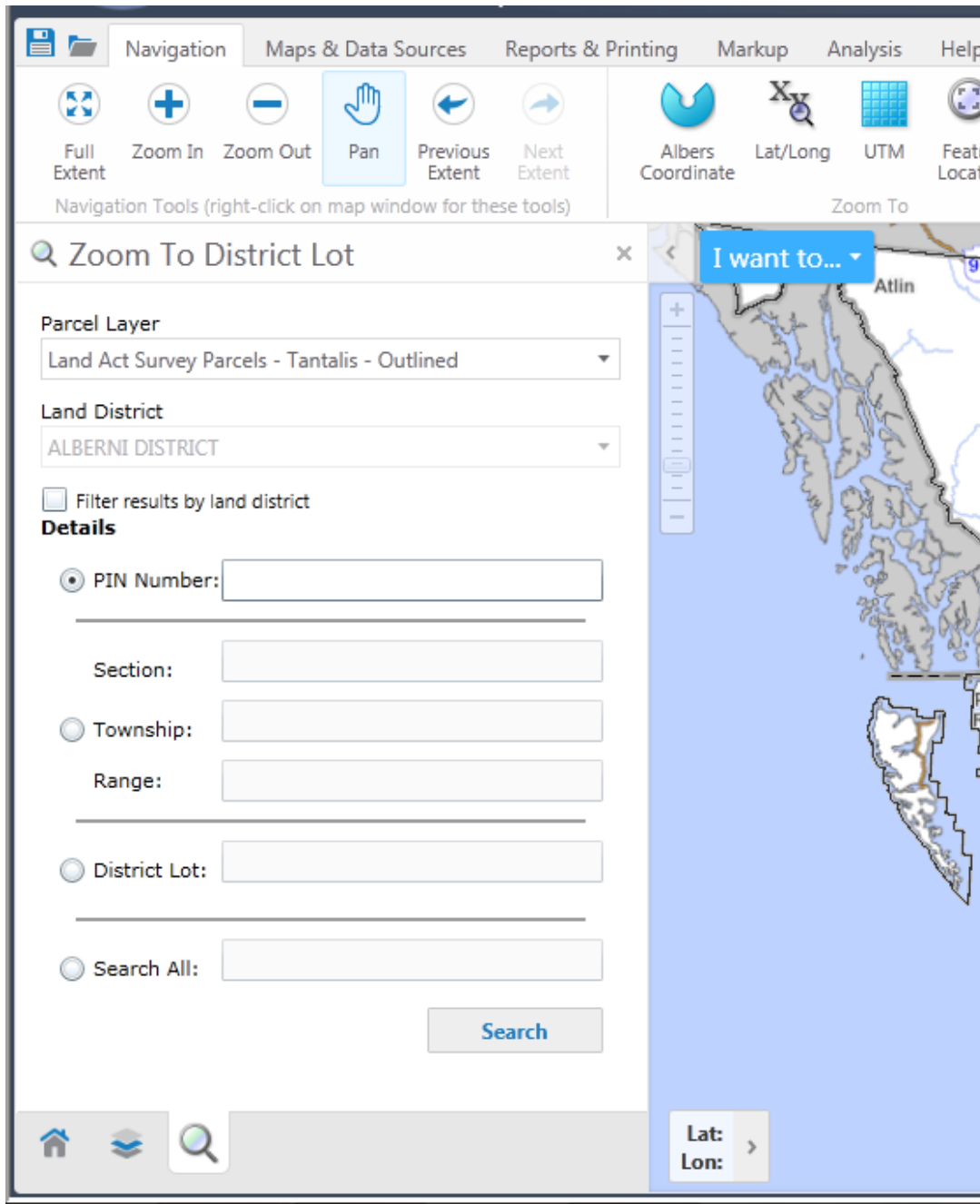
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The map will change slightly, and some layer information will be displayed on the left side of the screen.

At the bottom left of the screen will be another magnifying glass. Click on that symbol.

The left side of the screen should now look like the image below

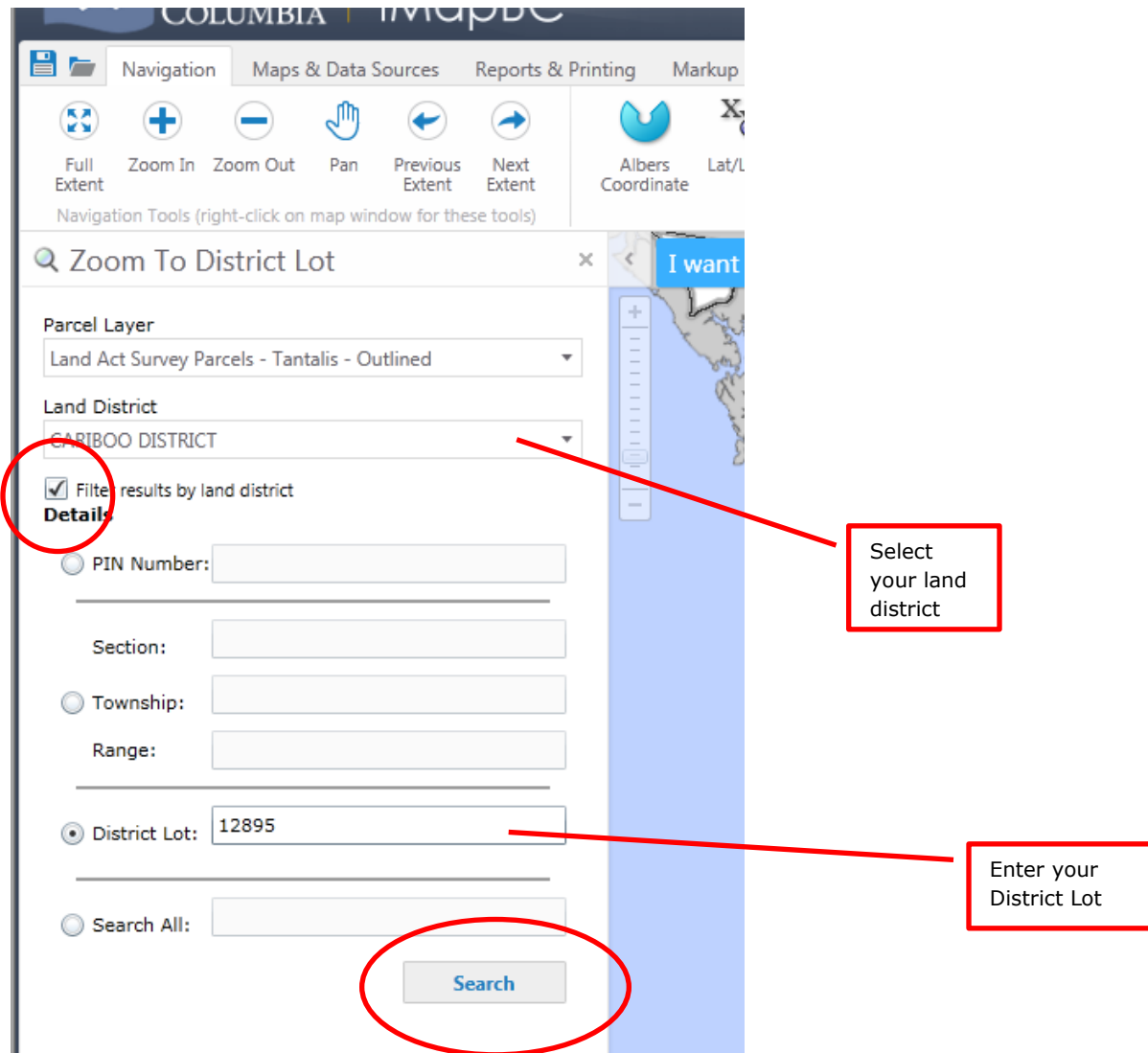


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To locate your lot, follow these steps:

- Parcel Layer – leave this field as is
- Filter results by land district – click this box “on” (a check mark will appear and the Land District field will become active)
- Land District field – click in it and a drop down menu will appear – choose your land district – scroll down if you need to
- Click the button beside the District Lot field, then enter your lot number in the field
- Click “Search” at the bottom of the screen



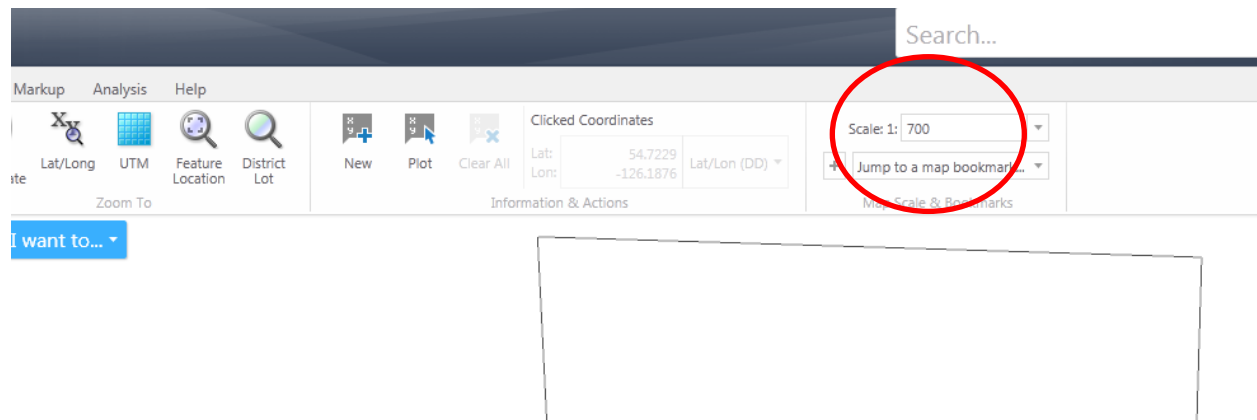
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It may take a minute or so for the results to appear.

When the results do appear, the map may look strange, because it might be zoomed in quite close. To make sense of it, you may have to change the scale.

At the top of the map there is a field that shows the Scale as 1: "some number".



Change that number to 10,000 (press enter)

The map will zoom out so that you can make better sense of what you are looking at.

The search results on the left side of the screen list all the legal descriptions within that District Lot number. Clicking on each one will give more information and will highlight the land on the map. From this you should be able to identify your "piece" of land from the list.

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Add Layers to the map to check for possible conflicts.

At the top left of the map, click the tab "Maps & Data Sources", then click "Add DataBC Layers". A Layer Catalog will open up in the middle of the screen. From this Catalog, add the following layers to the map.

Administrative Boundaries

- Provincial Parks, Eco Reserves, etc. – Tantalus (identifies *Ecological reserves, parks, protected areas* – see *General Permission 2.1c*)
 - o **Prov. Parks – Tantalus – Colour filled**
 - o **Eco / Ecological Reserves – Tantalus – Colour filled**
 - o **Protected Areas – Tantalus – Colour filled**

Parks Recreation and Tourism

- National Parks (identifies *Ecological reserves, parks, protected areas* – see *General Permission 2.1c*)
 - o **National Parks – Outlined**
 - o **National Parks – Colour filled**

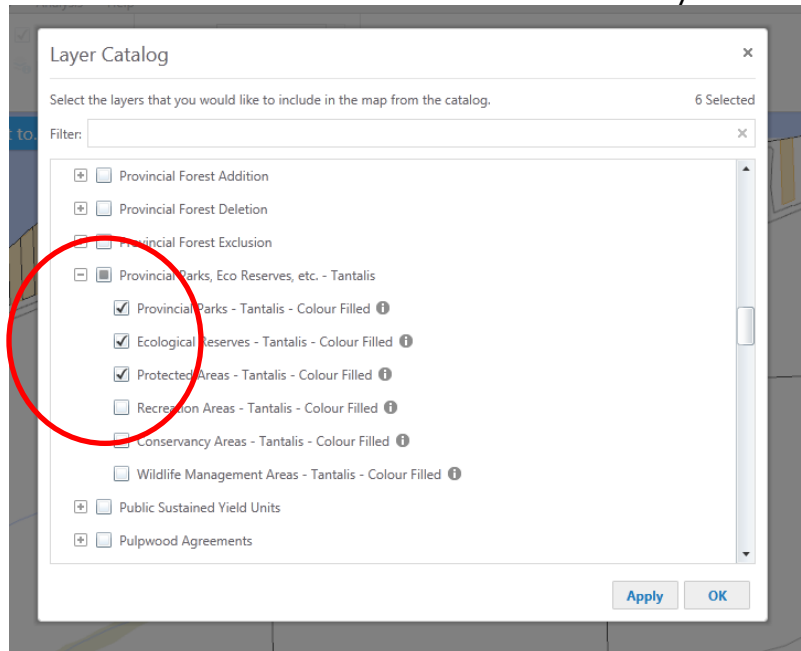
Land Ownership and Status

- Crown Reserves and Notations – Tantalus (identifies *Land Act Section 15, 16 & 17 "reserve" areas, plus 'Notations' identifies possible Application-Only area* – see *General Permission 2.1d*)
 - o **Reserve and Notation Tenures – Tantalus – Outlined**
 - o **Reserve and Notation Tenures – Tantalus – Colour filled**
- Crown Tenures – All – Tantalus (identifies *Areas with overlapping tenures* – see *General Permission 2.1e*)
 - o **Tenures – Tantalus – Outlined**
 - o **Tenures – Tantalus – Colour filled**
- Land Act Survey Parcels – Tantalus (identifies *Areas with overlapping tenures* – see *General Permission 2.1e*)
 - o **Land Act Survey parcels – Tantalus – Outlined**

Some are sub-categories – to see them, click the "+" sign beside the category name as shown in the example below.

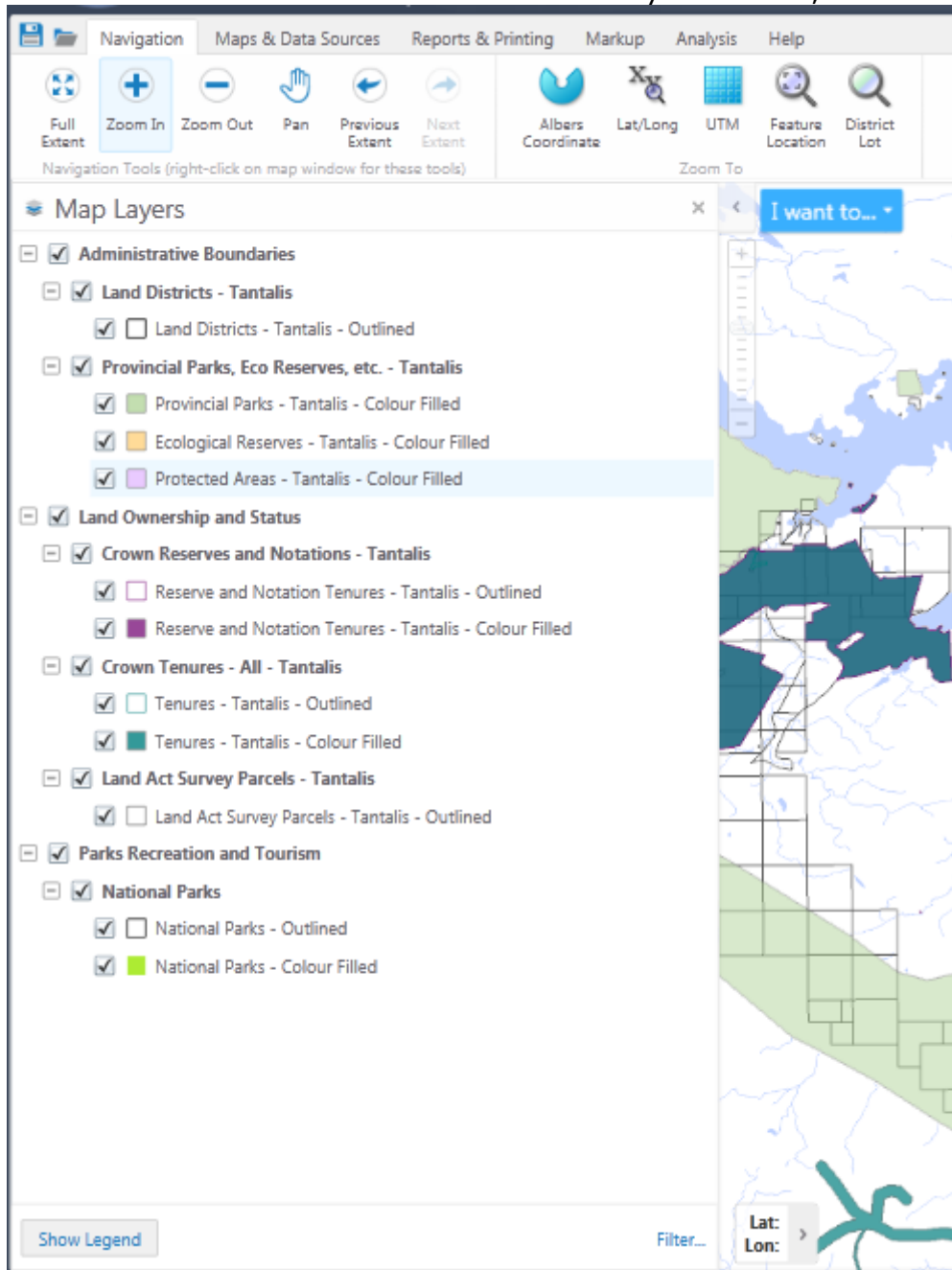
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When you have clicked on all the layers, press the “apply” button, wait for them to load, then press the “ok” button.

The “layers” of information that you have requested will be applied to the map in different colours, and a legend explaining those layers is now displayed on the left side of the screen. The legend should look very similar to the example below.



It is possible that nothing new will appear on your map. That just means that none of that information applies to that area.

Check for conflicts

Now look at the map, locate your lot, and see if any of the new layers overlap the aquatic area fronting your lot, where the dock is or will be located. If there is an overlap, you may have a conflict indicating that your dock or proposed dock does not qualify for a General Permission. If you identify an overlap you may still be able to apply for a tenure.

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If you are unclear as to whether the overlap contravenes one of the provisions / criteria of the General Permission you are to contact FCBC to seek confirmation. You will need to provide FCBC with a clear description of the location of your proposed or existing dock - contact: <http://www.frontcounterbc.ca/contact/>

NOTE:

If you can't find your lot (it might have been covered by one of the layers), you can temporarily turn the layer off. For example the pink "Protected areas colour filled" layer can be turned off by clicking the check mark in the legend beside that layer name. The pink layer will disappear from the map. Click again and the layer will reappear.