

AGREEMENT ON LAND USE PLANNING

Between

THE SQUAMISH FIRST NATION

And

THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

as represented by the

Minister of Agriculture and Lands



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Between:

The SQUAMISH FIRST NATION (the Squamish Nation)

And:

**The Province of British Columbia (the Province), represented by the
Minister of Agriculture and Lands**

(each a Party and collectively the Parties)

WHEREAS:

- A. The Squamish Nation and the Province have been working cooperatively on land use planning within the Sea to Sky Land and Resource Management Plan area ("LRMP"), set out in Schedule A.
- B. The LRMP includes portions of the claimed traditional territory of the Squamish Nation, set out in Schedule A.
- C. Through the LRMP process, the Squamish Nation and the Province have agreed to protect the Kwékwayex Kwelháynexw ta Skwxwú7mesh Temixw (Squamish Nations' Wild Spirit Places) within the Area of Agreement as shown in Schedule B and that these areas will require protective measures to safeguard, over the long term, their natural, cultural and recreational resources as described in this Agreement.
- D. The Parties acknowledge that Skwxwú7mesh Chiyaxw represents Squamish traditional laws governing resource use and management as well as Squamish cultural and spiritual uses.
- E. The Squamish Nation also has interests in Provincial Parks within its claimed traditional territory and the Parties also wish to work collaboratively on the planning and management of these areas.
- F. The Parties wish to establish this agreement with respect to certain aspects of the LRMP and portions of the LRMP planning area, where agreement can be reached at this time, and to establish processes to continue to work to resolve the further areas and outstanding issues.
- G. Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* recognizes and affirms any existing aboriginal rights (including aboriginal title) of the Squamish Nation. With respect to sovereignty, title and ownership:

The Squamish Nation asserts:

That the Squamish Nation hold aboriginal title, rights and other interests to its Traditional Territory, including the right to make decisions on how the lands, waters and resources are used and the responsibility to steward such lands, waters and resources on behalf of this and future generations.

That the lands, waters and resources in the Squamish Nations territory belong to the Squamish Nation and are subject to their inherent sovereignty, jurisdiction and collective rights. That the Squamish Nation Territory has never been ceded, sold or surrendered to the Crown or otherwise.

That the Squamish Nation intends to manage lands and resources in accordance with its laws, policies, customs and traditions.

British Columbia asserts:

The lands, waters and resources within the Sea to Sky LRMP area are Crown lands, waters and resources subject to the sovereignty of Her Majesty the Queen and the legislative jurisdiction of the Province of British Columbia.

Effect of Assertions by Squamish Nation and British Columbia.

The independent assertions of the Squamish Nation and British Columbia as above-written are statements of each Party's position on matters associated with the nature of their views of aboriginal title, Crown title, aboriginal rights, and each Party's laws and jurisdiction. They have been stated independently in this document in order to ensure that neither Party is taken to have admitted or acquiesced in the views of the other on these matters, for litigation purposes or otherwise.

THEREFORE the Parties agree:

1. The Province recognizes that Squamish Nation wishes to protect the following Wild Spirit Places (Kwékwayex Kwelháynexw ta Skwxwú7mesh Temixw), for which boundaries have been established by the Squamish Nation as set out in the attached Schedule B:
 - (a) Nsíiyxnitem tl'a sútich (Upper Elaho Valley)
 - (b) Nexw Áyantsut (Sims Creek Watershed)
 - (c) Estétiwilh (West Side Squamish River)
2. In respect of the Nsíiyxnitem tl'a sútich (Elaho Wild Spirit Place) the Province agrees to meet Squamish Nation interests by establishing the following zones as shown in Schedule C Map 1:
 - (a) The Nsíiyxnitem tl'a sútich Conservancy, which the Province will seek to establish pursuant to the *Park (Conservancy Enabling) Amendment Act* 2006, and maintained under that legislation or equivalent protected areas legislation, with the objectives and purposes as set out in Schedule D;
 - (b) The Nsíiyxnitem tl'a sútich Wild Land Zone to be managed pursuant to the objectives set out in Schedule E;
 - (c) The Nsíiyxnitem tl'a sútich Special Cultural Management Area to be managed pursuant to the management objectives as set out in Schedule F.
3. In respect of the Nexw-áyantsut (Sims Creek Watershed) Wild Spirit Place the Province agrees to meet Squamish Nation interests by establishing the following zones as shown in Schedule C, Map 2:
 - (a) The Nexw Áyantsut Wild Land Zone to be managed pursuant to the objectives set out in Schedule E;
 - (b) The Nexw Áyantsut Special Cultural Management Area to be managed pursuant to the management objectives as set out in Schedule F.
4. In respect of the Estétiwilh (West Side Squamish River Wild Spirit Place) the Province agrees to meet Squamish Nation interests by establishing the following zones as shown in Schedule C, Map 3:
 - (a) The Estétiwilh Conservancy which the Province will seek to establish pursuant to the *Park (Conservancy Enabling) Amendment Act* 2006, and maintained under that designation or under equivalent protected areas legislation, with the objectives and purposes as set out in attached Schedule D;

- (b) The Estétiwilh Special Cultural Management Area to be pursuant to the management objectives as set out in Schedule F.
- 5. The Parties will seek to resolve the other Squamish Nation Wild Spirit Places outside the scope of this agreement in separate processes.

Management of Conservancies

- 6. The primary objectives for the Conservancy zone shall be the protection and maintenance of the biological diversity and natural environments, including wildlife habitat values, the preservation and maintenance of social, ceremonial and cultural uses by the Squamish Nation, and the protection and enhancement of any cultural and heritage resources.
- 7. The two Conservancies established under this Agreement will be collaboratively managed between the Province, pursuant to its Conservancy legislation, and the Squamish Nation, pursuant to its equivalent Squamish Nation legislative or administrative mechanisms through a Collaborative Management Agreement to be entered into between the Parties as set out in Schedule D.
- 8. Industrial logging, mining, hydro-electric development, new roads, and commercial development in the Conservancy zone are prohibited. For further certainty, the management intent, management objectives, and implementation direction for the Conservancy zone are contained in Schedule D.
- 9. The Parties may, by mutual agreement, identify additional development activities that they will recommend are acceptable uses within a Conservancy that would otherwise contravene this Agreement.

Management of Wildland Zones

- 10. The primary objective of Wildland Zones is to protect wildlife habitat, remote wilderness characteristics, and their cultural and spiritual importance to the Squamish Nation.
- 11. The commercial harvesting of timber and hydro-electric development are not permitted in this zone, but other types of development activity, including mineral exploration and development, are permitted if consistent with the protection of wildlife habitat values, the zoning identified in both Schedule E and I (Figure 1) and Squamish Nations cultural and spiritual interests.
- 12. Commercial and non-commercial recreation and tourism development are permitted in the Wildland Zone if consistent with the protection of wildlife habitat values, the zoning identified in Schedule E and I (Figure 1) and Squamish Nations cultural and spiritual interests.

13. For further certainty, the management intent, resource management objectives and implementation direction for Wildland Zones are contained in Schedule E.
14. Before authorizing any commercial or industrial development in the Wildland Zones pursuant to this Agreement, the Province will fully consult with and, where appropriate, accommodate the Squamish Nation in respect of their aboriginal rights and/or title claims, and the interests set out in this Agreement, and as set out in Schedule E.

Management of Special Cultural Management Areas

15. The Special Cultural Management Areas in the Nsfiyxnitem tl'a sútich (Upper Elaho Valley), Nexw Áyantsut (Sims Creek Watershed) and Estétiwilh (West Side Squamish River) Wild Spirit Places will remain within the provincial forest and timber harvesting will be managed according to the objectives, rules and site-specific management plan as described in Schedule F.
16. The Province will seek to implement Schedule F by developing and advertising objectives under the Land Act.
17. Schedule F may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Parties, and the Parties may, by mutual agreement, recommend development activities within a Special Cultural Management Area that would otherwise be inconsistent with a management plan or this Agreement.

Síiyamín ta Skwxwú7mesh (Cultural Sites) and Úxwumixw (Village Sites)

18. The Squamish Nation has provided a list of 109 candidate areas of site-specific cultural significance and 32 village sites for requested protection.
19. Under this Agreement, the Parties have identified 22 cultural sites and 3 village sites, shown in Schedule G, which will be managed as Síiyamín ta Skwxwú7mesh Cultural Sites and Úxwumixw Village Sites, pursuant to the management objectives set out in Schedule H.
20. The Province will seek to implement the protective measures set out in Schedule H and will take all reasonable steps to ensure the protection of those Skwxwú7mesh Cultural Sites and Úxwumixw Village Sites.
21. The Province will seek to ensure that no new logging or Land Act tenures are placed over the Síiyamín ta Skwxwú7mesh Cultural Sites other than those permitted by the measures in Schedule H.

22. For greater certainty, the protective measures and management objectives implemented under this Agreement will apply to all those cultural sites and village sites identified in Schedule G whether located within or outside of the boundaries of the Area of Agreement.

Skwxwú7mesh-úlh Snewáyelh Areas (Cultural Training Areas)

23. The Squamish Nation has identified two cultural training areas to be designated as Skwxwú7mesh-úlh Snewáyelh Areas, as shown in Schedule G and which will be managed pursuant to the objectives set out in Schedule H.

Wildlife Management

24. The Province agrees that the Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Areas set out in Schedule G are areas of special importance for wildlife interests of the Squamish Nation.
25. The Province agrees to implement the management direction contained in Schedule J for the Wildlife Focus Areas by including the Wildlife Focus Areas and management direction in the Sea to Sky LRMP.
26. The Province also invites Squamish Nation to participate in collaborative management of fish and wildlife with the Ministry of Environment as described in Schedule J.

Commercial Recreation and Zoning

27. The Province will amend the motorized and non-motorized zones contained in the Sea to Sky LRMP to reflect Squamish Nation interests, and will manage these areas as set out in Schedule I and Figure 1.

Implementation

28. The Province will amend the draft Sea to Sky LRMP to reflect the understandings contained in this agreement.

29. The Province will seek to designate the land use zones and management objectives described in this agreement within 12 months under the following legislative mechanisms and subsequent appropriate legislation and will consult with Squamish Nation prior to these designations to ensure the designations are consistent with this agreement.
- (a) Conservancies: Protected Areas of British Columbia Act
 - (b) Wild Lands: Land Act
 - (c) Cultural Sites: Land Act
30. The Province will, through the Ministry of Environment, engage Squamish Nation in collaborative management of all protected areas in Squamish Nation territory, including new Conservancies established under this agreement.
31. Squamish Nation will be offered a seat on a Plan Implementation and Monitoring Committee formed to monitor the LRMP, on a government-to-government basis. The Squamish Nation may seek to meet directly with the Province, separately from the committee, on interests specific to Squamish Nation.
32. The Parties agree to establish a government to government process on the following issues and continue to meet to seek agreement on issues not addressed in this agreement:
- (a) Strategic Land Use for Páyakéntsut (Callaghan) and Kwayatsut (Cheakamus) Wild Spirit Places;
 - (b) Land use issues in the areas of the LRMP not covered by this agreement;
 - (c) Crown Land development in the Front Country Zone; and
 - (d) Other issues as agreed to by the Parties.
33. This Agreement does not consider land use issues within municipal jurisdiction.

Consultation and Accommodation


34. In consideration of this agreement and its implementation, the Squamish Nation agrees that it has been meaningfully consulted on that portion of the Sea to Sky LRMP covered by this Agreement.
35. The Parties agree that the protected areas system, including both existing and new protected areas, within Schedule B, now addresses the Province's and Squamish Nation's interests in legislated protected areas within the Area of Agreement.

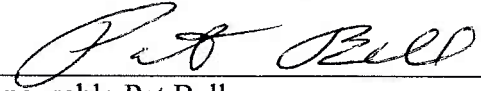
36. Subject to the scope of this Agreement, and the outcome of those discussions, the Squamish Nation will support the strategic land use zones in the Sea to Sky LRMP as amended by this Agreement.
37. The Parties agree that operational consultation and, if necessary, accommodation, are still to be undertaken on a project-by-project basis or in respect of any specific decisions or sites where it would otherwise be required under law and further the Province agrees that the Squamish Nation support of the strategic land use zones in the Sea to Sky LRMP under this agreement will not be construed as support for, agreement with, or accommodation of any specific project or any future action or decision by the Crown, which could infringe on aboriginal rights and title in a particular area.
38. The Parties agree they will undertake a Crown lands development process, and that this agreement is not to be construed as resolving issues related to transfers, alienations or other changes in use of Crown land for development purposes.
39. In this agreement, references to Squamish Nation social, cultural, and ceremonial uses, cultural and heritage resources, or traditional renewable resource harvesting activities refers to those uses as claimed by the Squamish Nation and does not constitute agreement by the Province regarding the specific nature of Squamish Nations claims.
40. The Parties may mutually agree in writing to add additional areas to the list of Cultural Sites in Schedule G from time to time.
41. Other than as expressly indicated in this Agreement, this Agreement does not create, recognize, define, deny, limit or amend any of the rights or responsibilities of the Parties.
42. This Agreement with the Squamish Nation does not create, recognize, define, deny, limit or amend any of the rights or responsibilities of any other aboriginal group.
43. This Agreement does not abrogate, limit or derogate from any aboriginal rights or aboriginal title of the Squamish Nation.
44. This Agreement will not limit any position either Party may take in present or future negotiations or any legal proceedings, except in relation to this agreement.
45. Nothing in this Agreement affects the ability of the Province to respond to any exceptional or emergency circumstances

The Parties have reached this Agreement on the 26 day of July, 2007.

Signed on behalf of
the Squamish Nation by

Signed on behalf of
Her Majesty the Queen in Right of
the Province of British Columbia by


Chief Bill Williams
Squamish Nation Band Council


Honourable Pat Bell
Minister of Agriculture and Lands

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Schedule A

Sea to Sky LRM
Squamish Nation
Traditional Territory
and
Area of Agreement

- Area of Agreement
- Squamish Nation Territory Boundary
- Area subject to further discussions
- Sea-to-Sky LRM Boundary
- BC Parks and Protected Areas
- Indian Reserves
- Municipalities



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**Schedule B: Map – Squamish Nation Kwékwayex Kwelháynexw
(Wild Spirit Places) in Area of Agreement**

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Schedule B

Squamish Nation Kwayatsut
Kwayex welh-aynexws ta
skwxw7mesh temixw
(Wild Spirit Places of
the Squamish Nation)
in Area of Agreement

- Wild Spirit Places
- Area of Agreement
- Municipalities
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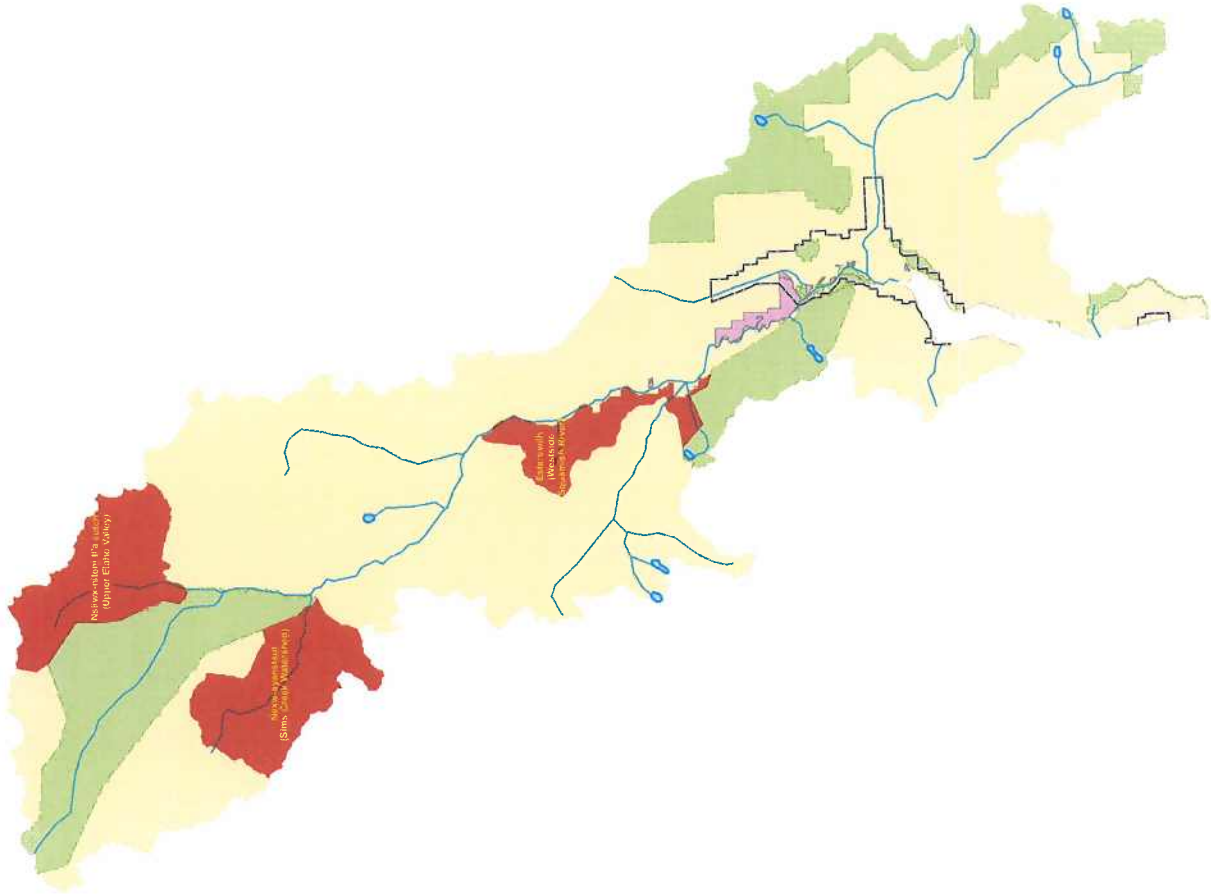
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Schedule C: Map 1 – Nsíiyxnitem tl'a sútich (Upper Elaho Valley) Land Use Zones

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Schedule C: Map 1

Nsiwix-item ti'a sutch
(Upper Elaho Valley)
Land use Zones

- Special Cultural Management Area
- Conservancy
- Wildland
- BC Parks and Protected Areas



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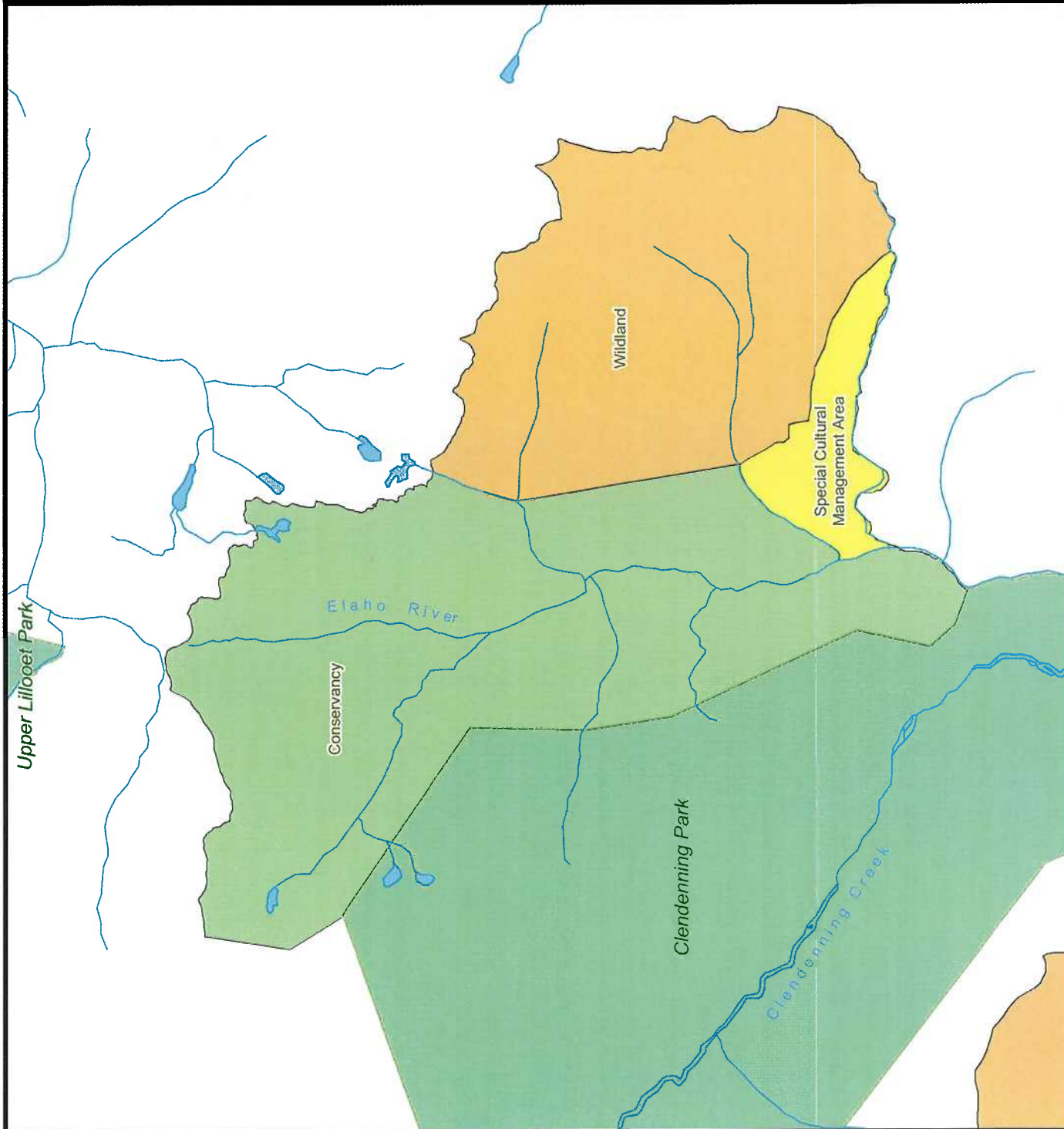
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Schedule C: Map 2 – Nexw Áyantsut (Sims Creek) Land Use Zones

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Schedule C: Map 2

Nexw-ayanstut
(Sims Creek) Land Use Zones

- Special Cultural Management Area
- Wildland
- BC Parks and Protected Areas



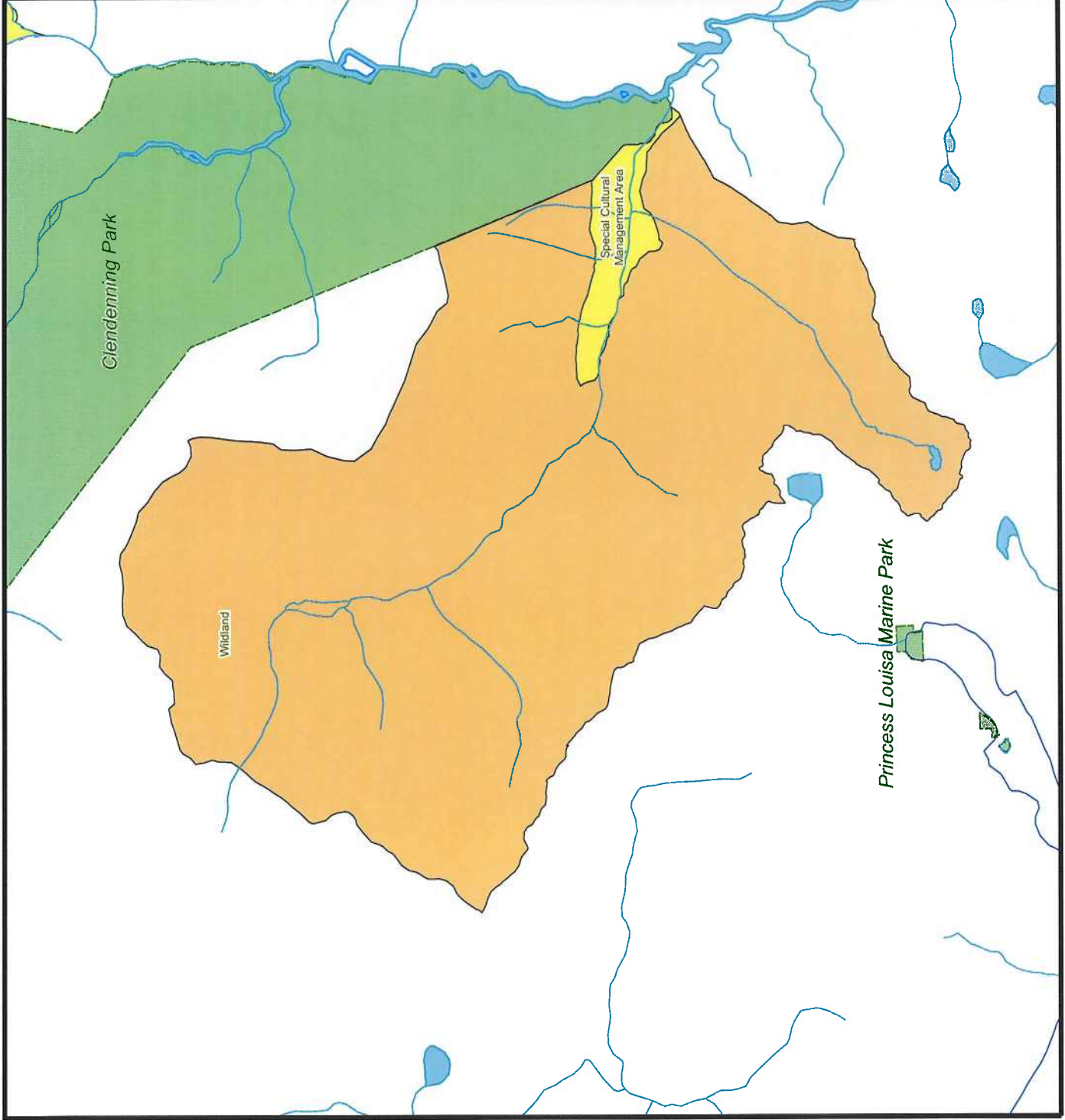
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Schedule C: Map 3 – Estétiwilh (West Side Squamish River) Land Use Zones

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Schedule C: Map 3

Esté-tiwilth
(West Side Squamish River)
Land Use Zones

- Conservancy
- Special Cultural Management Area
- Indian Reserves
- BC Parks and Protected Areas



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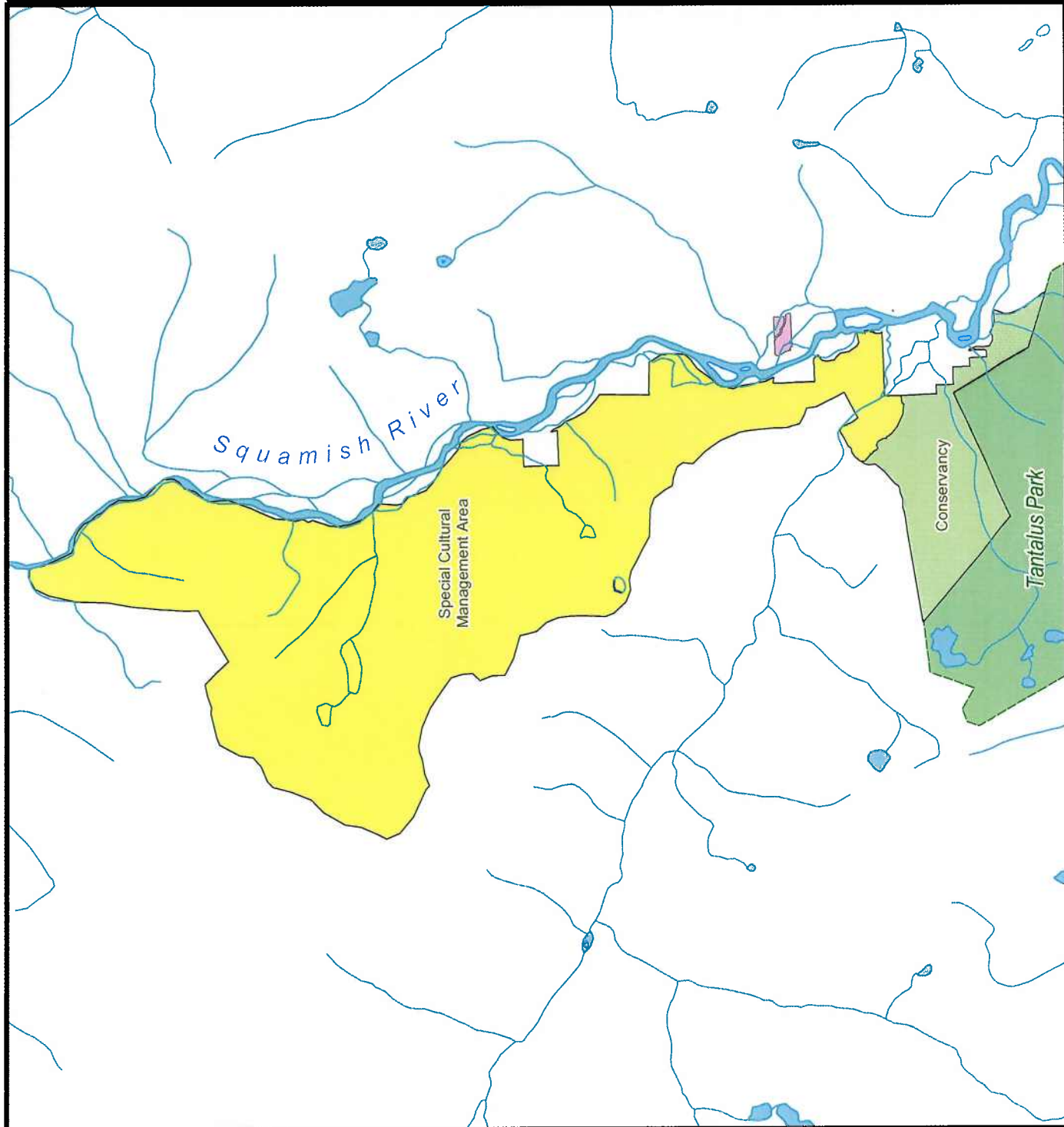
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Schedule D: Kwékwayex Kwelháynexw ta Skwxwú7mesh Temixw Conservancy Management Direction

Table 1. Conservancy Management Direction

MANAGEMENT INTENT
<p>Within the <u>Kwékwayex</u> <u>Kwelháynexw</u> ta <u>Skwxwú7mesh</u> <u>temixw</u> , the primary management intent is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the areas for the benefit, education and enjoyment of present and future generations. • Maintain resources that provide for the continuation of Squamish cultural activities and traditional renewable resource harvesting activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gathering traditional Squamish foods; - gathering plants used for medicinal and ceremonial purposes; - hunting, trapping, and fishing; - cutting selected trees for ceremonial or artistic purposes; - conducting, teaching or demonstrating ceremonies of traditional, spiritual or religious significance; - seeking cultural or spiritual inspiration; and, - construction and use of shelters (such as camps and longhouses) essential to the pursuit of the above activities. • Enable sustainable economic development activity compatible with the Squamish Nations social, cultural and ceremonial uses and where appropriate to the zoning and management directions. • Enable other compatible uses, as appropriate to the social, cultural and ceremonial uses of the Squamish Nation, the zoning and management directions.
OBJECTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and maintain the biological diversity and natural environments within the zone, including wildlife habitat values and low elevation riparian ecosystems. • Preserve and maintain resources that provide opportunities for social, ceremonial and cultural uses by the Squamish Nation. • Protect and enhance the integrity of the Squamish Nations' cultural and heritage resources, including sacred sites. • Maintain current levels of low intensity backcountry recreational and tourism use. • Increase opportunities for the Squamish Nations' participation in commercial recreation enterprises and tourism operations.
IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial logging, mineral exploration and development and hydroelectric power generation, and other commercial development, are not permitted in this zone. • Roads are not permitted in this zone. • Hunting and angling are permitted throughout these zones except where prohibited under the

<p>Wildlife Act and other relevant legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational use will be monitored and steps taken to manage the type, amount and location of activities where, in the opinion of the Parties, aesthetic, cultural and/or ecological values are being negatively impacted. • Lodges and facilities are not permitted within these zones except for Squamish Nation cultural purposes. • Non-motorized commercial recreation activities compatible with Squamish Nation social, cultural, and ceremonial uses are permitted. • Motorized access and use is not permitted except for the pre-existing tenures noted below. • The Province and Squamish Nation will enter into a collaborative management agreement for Conservancies, which provides for shared decision making for these areas, and provides for the joint development of a detailed management plan for each conservancy zone that addresses management and decision-making structures and allowable uses and activities. • The Squamish Nation may produce plans or documents for the conservancies that address unique Squamish Nation interests in the conservancies in order to guide the development of conservancy management plans.
EXISTING TENURES
IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Self-propelled (non-motorized) recreation tenures will be retained. b) Existing commercial recreation which is motorized in nature or requires motorized access will continue and will be reviewed by the Parties during the management planning process in which it may be either be extended, amended, or excluded based on whether the use is compatible with the management intent for the zone. c) Other existing land tenures will be retained with the condition that there is not expansion of the tenure.

Schedule E: Kwékwayex Kwelháynexw ta Skwxwú7mesh temixw Wildland Management Direction

Table 1. Wildland Management Direction

MANAGEMENT INTENT
<p>Within the <u>Kwékwayex</u> Kwelháynexw ta Skwxwú7mesh temixw, the primary management intent is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the areas for the benefit, education and enjoyment of present and future generations; • Maintain resources that provide for the continuation of Squamish cultural activities and traditional renewable resource harvesting activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gathering traditional Squamish foods; - gathering plants used for medicinal and ceremonial purposes; - hunting, trapping, and fishing; - cutting selected trees for ceremonial or artistic purposes; - conducting, teaching or demonstrating ceremonies of traditional, spiritual or religious significance; - seeking cultural or spiritual inspiration; and, - construction and use of shelters (such as camps and longhouses) essential to the pursuit of the above activities. • Enable sustainable economic development activity compatible with the Squamish Nations social, cultural and ceremonial uses and where appropriate to the zoning and management directions. • Enable other compatible uses, as appropriate to the social, cultural and ceremonial uses of the Squamish Nation, the zoning and management direction.
OBJECTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and maintain the integrity of the Squamish Nations' cultural and heritage resources, including sacred sites. • Conserve and maintain resources that provide opportunities for social, ceremonial and cultural use by the Squamish Nation. • Maintain the integrity of ecological systems, including high value habitats for wildlife. • Maintain opportunities for natural/wilderness backcountry recreation and tourism use, as appropriate to the zone. • Increase opportunities for the Squamish Nations' participation in commercial recreation enterprises and tourism operations. • Allow subsurface resource development subject to recognition and accommodation of Squamish environmental, social and cultural values.
IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION
<p>a) All development activities within Wildland Zones will be undertaken in a manner that is compatible with the cultural interests and values of the Squamish Nation.</p> <p>b) Commercial timber harvesting and hydroelectric power generation, including "run-of-the-river" IPPs</p>

are not permitted in these zones.

- c) The exploration and development of mineral, aggregate, dimension stone, oil and gas and geothermal resources is permitted within Wildland Zones.
- d) Exploration for minerals, aggregates, dimension stone, oil and gas and geothermal resources must use low impact methods such as foot and aerial access during early stages of exploration.
- e) Maintenance of existing roads for access to existing mineral tenures will be permitted with the intent of decommissioning the roads when the tenure expires or access is no longer required.
- f) No new road construction will be permitted for forestry or early exploration.¹ If no feasible alternative is available road access for subsurface development may be considered, subject to consultation with the Squamish Nation, and if appropriate, accommodation.
- g) Backcountry recreation activities (commercial and non-commercial) are permitted throughout Wildland Zones.
- h) Non-motorized commercial recreation activities compatible with Squamish Nation social, cultural, and ceremonial uses are permitted. Motorized commercial access and use is not permitted except for the pre-existing snowmobile tenure located on the Pemberton Icefield, which will continue until its expiry date and at the time of renewal of the tenure the Province and Squamish Nation will review the tenure to determine the future of the tenure.
- i) Hunting and angling are permitted throughout these zones except where prohibited under the Wildlife Act and other relevant legislation.
- j) Commercial recreation lodges and facilities or recreation lot leases are not permitted in this zone.²
- k) Cabins or facilities to be used for First Nation cultural purposes may be permitted.
- l) Recreation tenures will not be granted over all trails of significant cultural and heritage value to the Squamish Nation, including the Bug Lake trail. Consult with the Squamish Nation prior to approving recreation tenures on trails in the Sims Creek or Elaho valley watersheds. Recreation tenures will not be granted over trails of significant cultural and heritage value such as the Bug Lake Trail.

¹ Early stage exploration is defined as activities that do not require a permit and includes the following: prospecting using hand tools; geological/geochemical surveying; airborne geophysical surveying; ground geophysical surveying without the use of exposed, energized electrodes; hand trenching without the use of explosives; or establishment of exploration grid lines that do not require the felling of trees.

² Facility refers to structures built for overnight accommodation.

Schedule F: Special Cultural Management Area Management Direction

Management Directions

This Document outlines the management intent and operational guidelines for forest management in Special Cultural Management Areas (SCMAs). Special Cultural Management Areas are proposed sub zones within Wild Spirit Places where some forestry activity will be permitted subject to strict forest management practice guidelines that fully protect the Squamish Nation cultural values and ecological integrity of these areas. This Management Direction applies to the following SCMA's:

- Nsi'iyxnit'el'á sútich (Upper Elaho) WSP
- Estétiwilh (Westside Squamish) WSP
- Nexw Áyantsut (Sims) WSP

General Forest Management Guidelines

Within 12 months of signing this agreement, ILMB will advertise, and seek to establish under the Land Act, legal objectives to implement these guidelines. Following establishment of those objectives, all forest harvesting approvals under the Forest and Range Practices Act in the SCMA's will be required to be consistent with those objectives.

The legal objectives will require preparation of a more detailed SCMA plan, that is consistent with the guidelines outlined here. The forest licensee will be encouraged to develop this plan jointly with Squamish Nation. Otherwise the plan will be developed collaboratively by the Squamish Nation and British Columbia (as represented by the Integrated Land Management Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands).

The plan will be forwarded for approval to the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB). ILMB will consider establishment of the objectives of the plan as legal objectives under the Land Act. Any objectives that are approved will then be binding upon approvals under the Forest and Range Practices Act.

The SCMA forest management plan will purposefully establish higher standards for forest management than currently directed by the Forest and Range Practices Act to ensure adequate conservation of the cultural, spiritual, and environmental values in these areas. The standards and criteria for stand and watershed level management outlined in *Forest Stewardship Council Regional Certification Standards for British Columbia* will be the benchmark for comparison of the plan and the SCMA plan will meet or exceed these standards and criteria.³

The SCMA forest management plan will treat all SCMAs as High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) with a full assessment of the values undertaken prior to forest development activity, consistent with the *FSC-BC Checklist for Assessment of High Conservation Values and Identification of HCV Forests*.⁴

The SCMA forest management plan must also be in compliance with additional forest management guidelines as outlined herein.

³ Forest Stewardship Council. October 2005. Forest Stewardship Council Regional Certification Standards for British Columbia. Main Standards.

⁴See FSC. October 31, 2005. p. 104-115.

The SCMA plan will seek to define the desired future condition of the forest and the results that forest operators must achieve. In order to facilitate establishment of the SCMA forest management plan the plan will develop objectives that are consistent with the "Guide to Writing Resource Objectives and Strategies".

Licensees will be encouraged to submit all harvesting applications that must be submitted to the Ministry of Forests concurrently to the Squamish Nation.

Access Management

No new roads are to be constructed in SCMA's for the purpose of forestry. All new roads in CMAs are considered subsurface resource access roads for the purposes of this Agreement.

All harvesting is to be done by helicopter except where harvesting is feasible from existing roads within an area defined in the SCMA Management Plan.

Wildlife Management

The SCMA Forest Management Plan shall include measures to protect rare, sensitive or threatened species consistent with section 6.2 of the FSC BC Regional Standards. These measures will be in addition to those that would normally be implemented under provincial policy. For further certainty, the SCMA Forest Management Plan shall establish protective reserves for the following species of management concern:

- Mountain Goats
- Grizzly Bears
- Bald Eagles
- Salmon (see Riparian Management below)
- Marbled Murrelets
- Black-tailed Deer:

Riparian Management

The SCMA Forest Management Plan must meet or exceed minimum riparian reserve and riparian management zone protection standards under the *Forest Stewardship Council Regional Certification Standards for British Columbia*.⁵

Forest licensees will undertake a riparian assessment that includes:

- Inventory and classification of hydrologic features
- Identify riparian assessment units and riparian issues
- Assemble inventory information and define riparian assessment unit characteristics
- Complete riparian assessments and rank riparian management area priorities
- Develop riparian design (reserves, management zones, strategies, measurable
- Steps that will be taken to Implement and monitor effectiveness.

For further certainty and due to the sensitivity, ecological importance, biodiversity values, general fish and wildlife habitat value, and cultural importance, the entire floodplain on the west side of the Squamish R within or adjacent to Estétiwih WSP shall be protected from forest harvesting.

⁵ See FSC. October 31, 2005. Table 3. p.94.

Visual Quality Objectives

The Minister of Agriculture and Lands will recommend that a Retention Visual Quality Objective (VQO) be established. Retention VQO means human caused alterations are visible but not evident from viewpoints located along the Squamish and Elaho FSR.

Silvicultural Systems

All blocks will use a Variable Retention Silvicultural System (VRSS). As long as prescriptions are consistent with VRSS, silviculture should:

- Maintain high or very high levels of retention depending on watershed risk and site objectives
- Result in harvest block shape and retention that is informed by local natural disturbance characteristics
- Distribute reserves/stand level retention to maintain representation of rare and at-risk ecosystems

Licensees will undertake a cultural assessment prior to harvesting and involve the services of a cultural advisor from the Squamish Nation as part of the assessment. Licensees will be encouraged to have a cultural advisor from the Squamish Nation on site during harvest activity.

Old Growth

For further certainty, no logging of old growth forest will be permitted in the Nsiyxnitem tl'a sútich WSP Special Cultural Management Area

Schedule G: Map – Cultural Sites, Village Sites, Cultural Training Areas and Wildlife Focus Areas

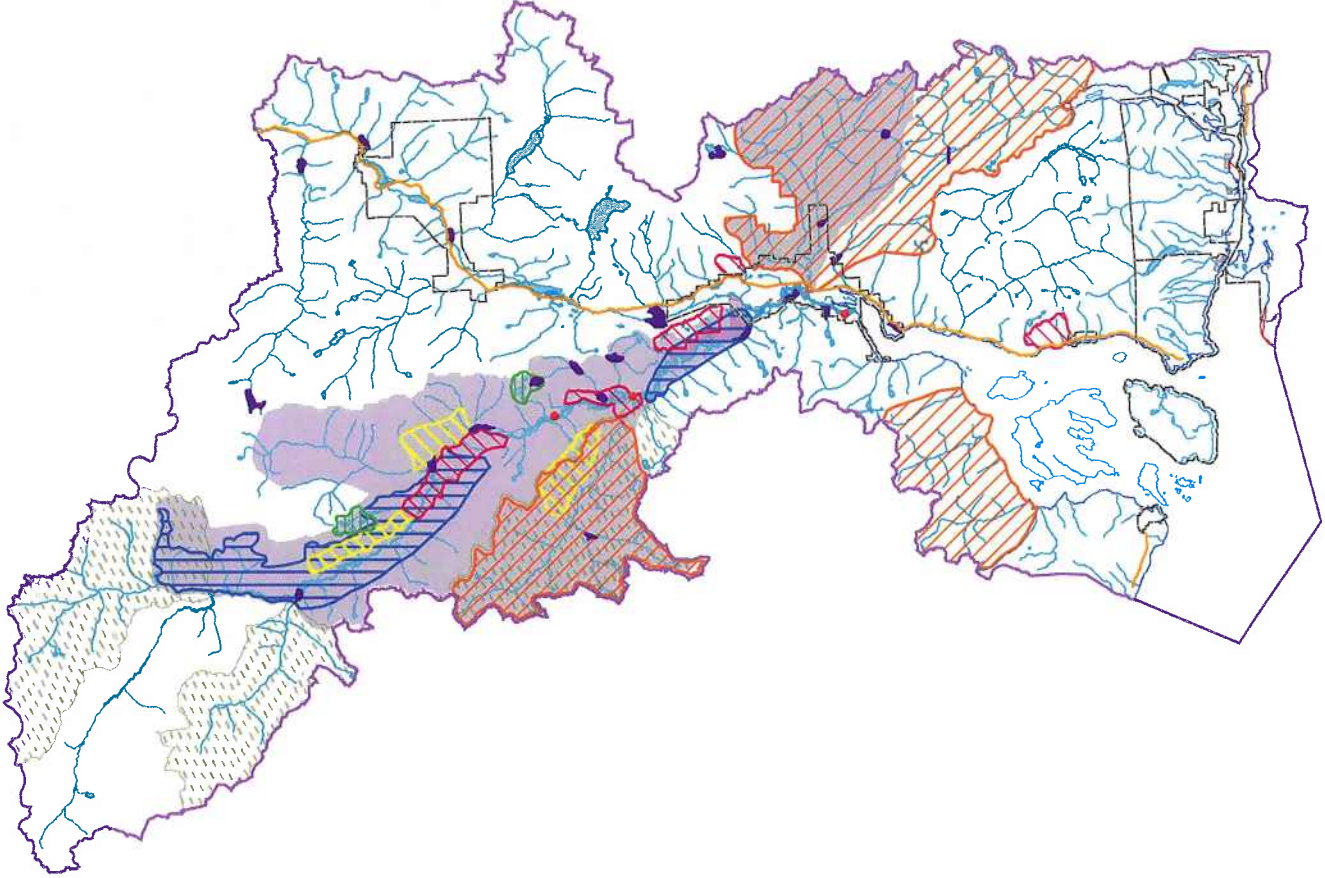
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Siiyamin ta Skwxw7mesh
(Cultural Sites)
Uxwumixw (Village Sites)
Skowumish7uh Shewayelh
(Cultural Training Areas)
and Wildlife Focus Areas

- Squamish Village Sites on Crown Land within Area of Agreement
- Cultural Sites
- Cultural Training Areas
- Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area - Fur Animals
- Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area - Grizzly
- Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area - Moose
- Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area - Goat
- Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area - Elk
- Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area - Deer
- Squamish Nation Territory Boundary
- Indian Reserves
- Municipalities
- BC Parks and Protected Areas



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Schedule H: Siiyamín ta Skwxwú7mesh (Cultural) Sites, Úxwumixw (Village) Sites and Snewáyelh (Cultural Training) Areas

Table 1: Siiyamín ta Skwxwú7mesh (Cultural) Sites Management Direction

MANAGEMENT INTENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain natural and aesthetic conditions within cultural sites that are conducive to spiritual and cultural inspiration. • Maintain resources that provide for the continuation of Squamish cultural activities and traditional renewable resource harvesting activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gathering traditional Squamish foods; - gathering plants used for medicinal and ceremonial purposes; - hunting, trapping, and fishing; - cutting selected trees for ceremonial or artistic purposes; - conducting, teaching or demonstrating ceremonies of traditional, spiritual or religious significance; - seeking cultural or spiritual inspiration; and, - construction and use of shelters (such as camps and longhouses) essential to the pursuit of the above activities. • Enable other compatible uses, as appropriate to the social, cultural and ceremonial values of the sites.
OBJECTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and maintain resources that provide opportunities for social, ceremonial and cultural uses by the Squamish Nation. • Protect and maintain the integrity of the Squamish Nations' cultural and heritage resources, including sacred sites. • Limit commercial backcountry recreational and tourism use.
IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Commercial logging will not be permitted in cultural sites, save and except for the harvest of existing planned blocks and for forest health. b) Existing roads for access to existing and planned forest cutblocks will be permitted with the intent of decommissioning the roads when access is no longer required, unless the route is required to maintain access to areas beyond the site. c) No new Crown land tenures will be allocated within the cultural sites. d) In the event that new applications for Land Act dispositions arise in areas adjacent to cultural sites, the Province and the applicants will consult with the Squamish Nation to discuss and assess potential impacts of the application on the cultural values of the sites in order to avoid any negative impacts. e) Projects of provincial significance that cannot be practically relocated may be permitted in cultural

<p>sites, subject to consultation and accommodation.</p> <p>f) Existing Land Act tenures and associated infrastructure (e.g. pipelines, hydro power lines) will be grand parented or amended (where possible) to mitigate impact to the cultural sites.</p> <p>g) For cultural sites located within protected areas (e.g. Provincial Parks) the park management planning process will seek to align special management zones with the cultural sites boundaries.</p> <p>h) No new road construction is permitted for forestry or early subsurface resource exploration. If no feasible alternative is available, road access for subsurface resource development may be considered, subject to consultation with the Squamish Nation, and if required, accommodation. Activities will seek to minimize cumulative impacts and mitigate or reduce disturbance to Squamish Nation cultural sites by maximizing the use of existing infrastructure.</p> <p>i) Management direction will be created to ensure that subsurface resource exploration and development activities seek to conserve the integrity of First Nation cultural and heritage values.</p>
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Table 2: Úxwumixw (Village) Sites Management Direction

OBJECTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve archaeological, cultural and heritage resources. • Enable other compatible uses, as appropriate to the social, cultural and ceremonial values of the sites.
IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION
<p>a) Maintenance of existing roads for access to existing and planned forest cutblocks will be permitted with the intent of decommissioning the roads when access is no longer required, unless the route is required to maintain access to areas beyond the site.</p> <p>b) No new Crown land tenures will be allocated within the village sites.</p> <p>c) In the event that new applications for Land Act dispositions arise in areas adjacent to village sites, the Province and the applicants will consult with the Squamish Nation to discuss and assess potential impacts of the application on the cultural values of the sites in order to avoid any negative impacts.</p> <p>d) Projects of provincial significance that cannot be practically relocated may be permitted in village sites, subject to consultation and accommodation.</p> <p>e) Existing Land Act tenures and associated infrastructure (e.g. pipelines, hydro power lines) will be grand parented or amended (where possible) to mitigate impact to the village sites.</p> <p>f) Subject to confirmation of village site boundaries, additional implementation direction may be agreed to by the Squamish Nation and the Province.</p>

Pursuant to the general intent of the management objectives for these areas, Table 3 details the specific tools and direction, which are intended to apply to each site.

**Table 3: Síiyamín ta Skwxwú7mesh Cultural sites and Village sites
Implementation Tools**

SITE NAME	MANAGEMENT TOOLS					IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION	PROCESS PROVISIONS
	Land Act Sect. 16	Land Act Sect. 17	Within Park Boundary – Special Management Area	Land use Objectives to Prohibit Commercial Logging	Conditional Acquisition Reserve		
Browning Lake		✓	✓	✓	✓	Park management plan for Murrin PP will align boundaries and clarify management direction for the site as a special management area.	
Cloudburst Mountain	✓		N/A	N/A	✓		
Fries Creek			✓	N/A	✓	Park management plan for Brackendale Eagles PP will align boundaries and clarify management direction for the site as a special management area.	
Indian River		✓	N/A	TBC	TBC		Final management direction to be confirmed after consultation with First Nations.
Elaho – Squamish	✓		N/A	✓	✓		
Green Lake North		✓	N/A	TBC	TBC		Final management direction to be confirmed after consultation with First Nations.
Lower High Falls Creek	✓		N/A	✓	✓		
Raffuse Creek	✓		N/A	✓	✓		
Sims-Elaho Confluence	✓		N/A	✓	✓		
Monmouth Creek	✓		N/A	✓	✓		
Mid Cheakamus		✓	N/A		✓		Province will not issue new residential leases. Renewal of existing leases will be subject to consultation and accommodation with First Nations.
Shovelnose	✓		N/A	✓	✓		

SITE NAME	MANAGEMENT TOOLS					IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION	PROCESS PROVISIONS
	Land Act Sect. 16	Land Act Sect. 17	Within Park Boundary – Special Management Area	Land use Objectives to Prohibit Commercial Logging	Conditional Acquisition Reserve		
Creek							
Squamish River West	✓		N/A	N/A	✓		
Stawamus Creek	✓		✓	N/A	✓	Park management plan for Stawamus Chief PP will align boundaries and clarify management direction for the site as a special management area.	
Tatlow Creek	✓		N/A	✓	✓		
Lower Soo River	✓		N/A	✓	✓		
Tricouni Meadows	✓		N/A	N/A	✓	Wildland management direction will also apply as this area is in a wildland zone.	
Upper Cheakamus River			N/A		TBC		Parties will assess available options for managing this site and seek to reach agreement in phase 2 of G2G discussions. Final management direction to be confirmed after consultation with First Nations.
Upper High Falls Creek	✓		N/A	✓	✓		
Upper Mamquam		✓	N/A	TBC	TBC		Final management direction to be confirmed after consultation with First Nations.
Upper Soo River		✓	N/A	N/A	TBC	Wildland management direction will also apply as this area in wildland zone.	Final management direction to be confirmed after consultation with First Nations.
Mamquam Lake			✓	N/A	N/A	Park management plan for Garibaldi PP will align boundaries and clarify management direction for the special management area.	
P'uy'am	✓		N/A	N/A	TBC		

SITE NAME	MANAGEMENT TOOLS					IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION	PROCESS PROVISIONS
	Land Act Sect. 16	Land Act Sect. 17	Within Park Boundary – Special Management Area	Land use Objectives to Prohibit Commercial Logging	Conditional Acquisition Reserve		
Yelhi'xw	✓		N/A	N/A	TBC		
Ats'a'n	TBC	TBC	N/A	TBC	TBC		Overlap with municipal land. Management direction will be determined pending discussion with District of Squamish.

TBC – to be confirmed

N/A – not applicable

The Province acknowledges the Squamish Nation desire to have special management for two Skwxwúmesh7úlh Snewayelh Areas – Squamish Nation cultural training areas: Tricouni Lakes and Blanca Lakes.

Table 4: Skwxwúmesh-úlh Snewayelh (Squamish Nation Cultural Training Areas) Management Direction

MANAGEMENT INTENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain natural conditions that are conducive to spiritual and cultural inspiration. • Maintain resources that provide opportunities for the continuation of Squamish cultural activities and traditional renewable resource harvesting activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ gathering traditional Squamish foods; ○ gathering plants used for medicinal and ceremonial purposes; ○ hunting, trapping, and fishing; ○ cutting selected trees for ceremonial or artistic purposes; ○ conducting, teaching or demonstrating ceremonies of traditional, spiritual or religious significance; ○ seeking cultural or spiritual inspiration; and, ○ construction and use of shelters (such as camps and longhouses) essential to the pursuit of the above activities. • Enable other compatible uses, as appropriate to the social, cultural and ceremonial values of the area and to the zoning and management direction.
OBJECTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect lands and resources for social, ceremonial and cultural uses by First Nations. • Protect the integrity of First Nations' cultural and heritage resources, including sacred

sites.

- Protect and maintain the biological diversity and natural environments of the Skwxwú7úlh Snewayelh Areas, including wildlife habitat values.
- Maintain opportunities for public backcountry recreation, as appropriate to the zone.
- Enable Squamish Nation commercial recreation and tourism activities appropriate to the zone.

IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION

- a) These areas are located in the Wildland Zone. Commercial logging and hydroelectric development are prohibited. Mineral exploration and development is permitted but exploration for minerals, aggregates, dimension stone, oil and gas and geothermal resources must use low impact methods such as foot and aerial access during early stages of exploration.
- b) No new road construction is permitted for forestry or early exploration but if no feasible alternative is available road access for subsurface resource development may be considered, subject to consultation with the Squamish Nation, and if required, accommodation.
- c) Maintenance of existing roads for access to existing mineral tenures will be permitted with the intent of decommissioning the roads when the tenure expires or access is no longer required.
- d) Maintenance of existing roads to provide adequate access to the Skwxwú7mesh-úlh Snewayelh Areas is permissible.
- e) Low impact, non-motorized recreation activities are permitted in Skwxwú7mesh -úlh Snewayelh Areas.
- f) Motorized recreation use is not permitted in Blanca Lakes Snewayelh area.
- g) Motorized commercial recreation is not permitted in Tricouni Lakes area, unless agreed to by the Squamish Nation and the Province through a commercial recreation zoning process.
- h) Leases for cabins or any other similar structures and any licenses of occupation which include authorization for such structures will not be permitted in Skwxwú7mesh -úlh Snewayelh Areas, unless for Squamish cultural purposes.
- i) Hunting and angling are permitted throughout the Skwxwú7mesh- úlh Snewayelh Areas, except where prohibited under the Wildlife Act and other relevant legislation

Schedule I: Commercial Recreation and Zoning

The proposed recommendations in Table 1 consider the direction provided by LRMP, while accommodating the recommended access zones provided by the Squamish First Nation. Figure 1 displays the recommended zones as summer and winter recreation use including air access.

Zone descriptions

Zone code	Recreation type	Acceptable Uses
RA1	Non-motorized recreation uses	Self-propelled activities such as hiking, biking, skiing, and mountaineering. In summer roads may be used to access these areas but motorized activity is not allowed beyond roads. Development of new trails is to be approved through a permitting process.
RA1a	Non-motorized recreation uses with aerial transport	Self-propelled activities such as hiking, biking, skiing, mountaineering. Aerial transport may be used for drop-off and pick-up as per commercial recreation management plans.
RA2	Shared - combination of uses	Shared use based on a temporal or seasonal arrangement between motorized and non-motorized users, tenure holders and the responsible agency. Transport as appropriate to the management direction in the shared use agreement between stakeholders, tenure holders and agencies that share responsibility for management.
RA3	Motorized recreation	All types of motorized and non-motorized recreation uses and air or ground transport using motorized vehicles. Activity allowed on existing roads and trails. Development of new motorized trails approved through a permitting process to prevent access to environmentally sensitive areas.

Table 1. Recommended changes to the summer and winter backcountry recreation zones

Name	G2G Proposed Winter Zone	G2G Proposed Summer zone	Direction for existing uses
Echo Lake	RA1a	RA1a (only off road is restricted)	Allow existing heli-hiking tenure as a non-conforming use. Prohibit the expansion of existing tenures, or granting of new motorized tenures. Only off road activity in summer is restricted.
Ashlu West	RA1a	RA1a	Access via IPP road should be controlled. Allow existing commercial use and prohibit expansion of existing tenures or new motorized tenures.
North Ashlu	RA1a	RA1a	Allow existing commercial use and prohibit expansion of tenures or new motorized tenures.
South Ashlu	RA1a	RA1a	Allow existing commercial use and prohibit expansion of tenures or new motorized tenures.
Estétiwilh (west Side Squamish) SCMA	RA1	RA1	Allow existing use (RA-1a). Expansion of existing or new motorized recreation tenures are to be prohibited.
Estétiwilh (West Side Squamish) Conservancy	RA1	RA1	Conservancy management plan will determine direction.
Nsiyxnitem tl'a sútich (Elaho) WSP	RA1	RA1	Allow existing use (RA-1a). Expansion of existing or new motorized recreation tenures are to be prohibited.
Elaho alpine headwaters	RA1a	RA1a	Allow existing commercial use and identify acceptable heli landing site locations for existing CR and prohibit expansion of tenures or new motorized tenures.
North Sims	RA1a	RA1a	Heli access is acceptable for non-commercial recreation purposes, but the issuance of licences for

Name	G2G Proposed Winter Zone	G2G Proposed Summer zone	Direction for existing uses
			commercial recreation purposes should be discouraged, specifically for the development of staging areas for backcountry hiking near park boundary.
South Sims	RA1	RA1	Any proposed hiking tenures to exclude the SFN trail area into Bug Lake.
Blanca Lakes buffer	RA2	RA1a	No motorized commercial recreation but maintain public use in the area. Area will be shared based on an alternating seasonal use agreement.
Blanca Lakes Core	RA1	RA1	No motorized commercial recreation tenures or motorized public recreation in the area.
Tricouni Lakes buffer	Unresolved	Unresolved	Ensure no new motorized Commercial recreation tenures. Squamish interests to be resolved through a separate process.
Cloudburst Mtn	RA1	RA1	Allow existing summer use (RA-1a). Expansion of existing or new motorized recreation tenures are to be prohibited.
Mamquam East	RA1	RA1	Existing roads available for access.
Mamquam Lake South	RA1	RA1	Existing roads available for access.
Sky Pilot Mountain	RA1a	RA1a	Allow existing commercial use and prohibit expansion of tenures or new motorized tenures. Reassess existing CR tenure at renewal.
Brohm	Unresolved	Unresolved	Squamish Nation interests to be addressed through a separate process
Callaghan - WSP (partial)	RA1	RA1	Allow existing heli skiing and access trail to lodge. The existing snowmobile route through Callaghan Provincial Park to be decommissioned when the Brandywine route is completed.

Name	G2G Proposed Winter Zone	G2G Proposed Summer zone	Direction for existing uses
Callaghan-Rainbow Mountain	RA1	RA1, RA1a	Allow existing commercial motorized use and prohibit expansion of commercial motorized tenures or new motorized tenures.
Lower Soo	RA1	RA1	Allow existing commercial motorized use and prohibit expansion of commercial motorized tenures or new motorized tenures.
Mt. Currie	RA1a	RA1	Allow existing commercial motorized use and prohibit expansion of motorized tenures or new motorized tenures.

Figure 1: Commercial Recreation Zoning Map

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Commercial Recreation Zoning

- Recommended Zones**
- Non-motorized recreation (RA1)
 - Non-motorized recreation with air access (RA1a)
 - Temporal shared use (RA2)
 - Unresolved
 - Squamish Nation Territory Boundary
 - Municipalities
 - Parks and Protected Areas



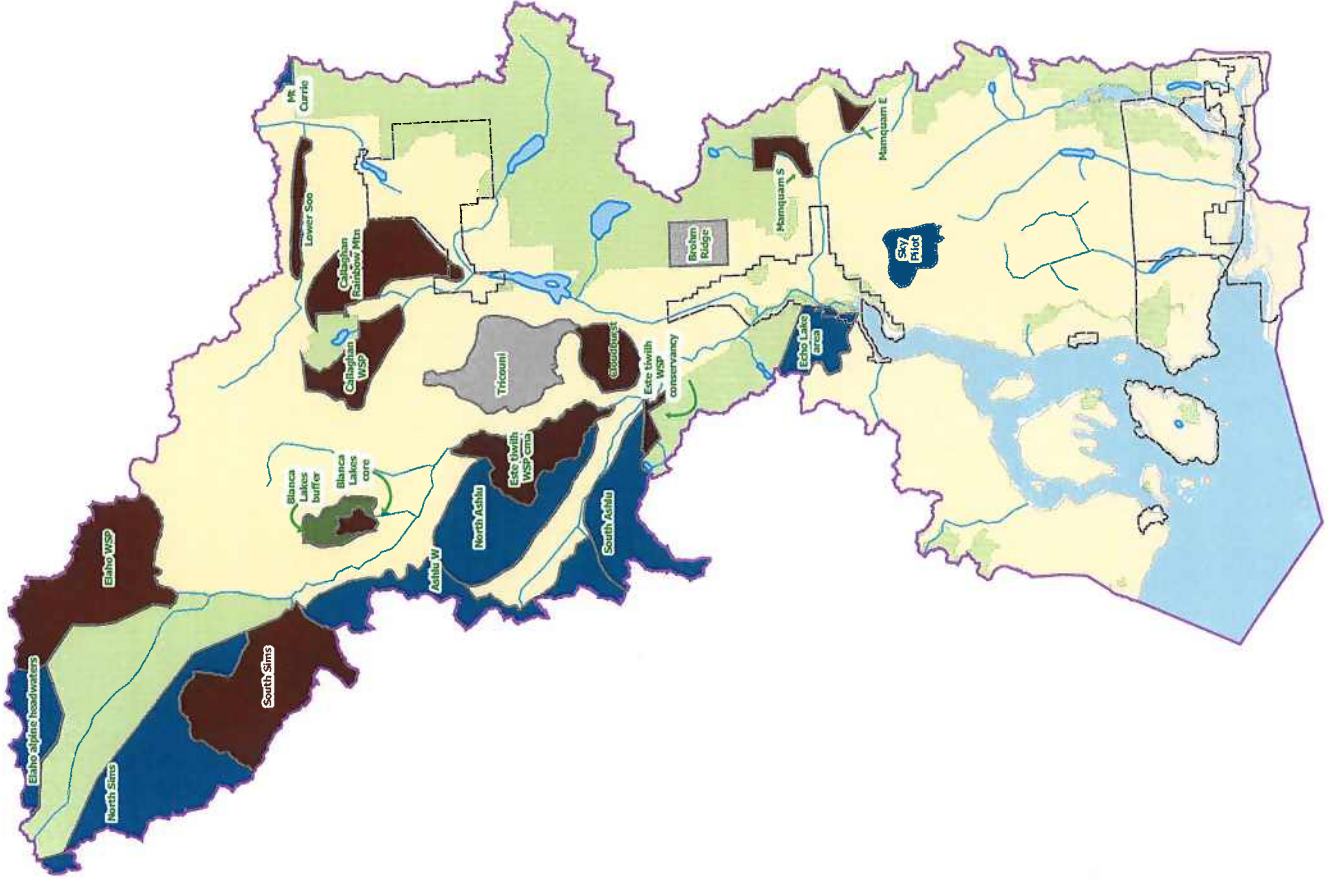
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Schedule J: Wildlife Focus Areas Management Intent

Squamish Nation has identified "Wildlife Focus Areas" shown in Schedule G. These areas have been mapped by the Squamish Nation for the following five wildlife species: deer, moose, elk, mountain goat, and grizzly bear. In addition, the Squamish have identified two Fur Animal Reintroduction Areas for a number of furbearing species.

These areas were identified by Squamish Nation as important habitat areas for these species or as areas with special importance for Squamish Nation members for hunting or other cultural activities associated with these species.

Recognizing the importance of these areas to Squamish Nation, the following Management Objectives will be included in the final Sea to Sky LRMP.

Table 1. Wildlife Focus Areas Management Direction

Species	Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area(s)	Management Intent	Implementation Actions	Timing
Deer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elaho-Squamish confluence (3236 ha) 2. Buck Mountain – High Falls (1417 ha) 3. Lower Squamish adjacent to IR 4 (1724 ha) 4. Brohm Ridge (528 ha) 5. Deeks Creek area (1279 ha) 	To manage Deer populations in order to maintain and, where possible, enhance Squamish Nation hunting opportunities for social, cultural and ceremonial purposes provided conservation needs have been met.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee will be established to discuss management of Deer and other species. <p>A preliminary terms of reference for the Advisory Committee, to be completed and agreed to by all parties, is outlined in Section 3.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee established and operative in 2007/2008.
Moose	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upper Elaho River (4031 ha) 2. Lower Squamish River (2148 ha) 	To manage Moose populations in order to maintain and, where possible, enhance Squamish Nation hunting opportunities for social, cultural and ceremonial purposes provided conservation needs have been met.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee will be established to discuss management of moose and other species. <p>A preliminary terms of reference for the Advisory Committee, to be completed and agreed to by all parties, is outlined</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee established and operative in 2007/2008.

Species	Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area(s)	Management Intent	Implementation Actions	Timing
			<p>in Section 3.</p> <p>2. Moose habitat will be maintained and enhanced through modified forest harvesting practices as described in the Moose Management Plan for TFL 38.</p>	
Elk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mamquam (57, 261 ha) 2. Ashlu (26,672 ha) 3. West Howe Sound (19,995 ha) 	To expand the provincial elk reintroductions within the Squamish Territory in order restore naturally occurring populations, and, provided conservation needs have been met, to provide future opportunities for Squamish Nation hunting for social and ceremonial purposes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Environment to complete initial phase of regional elk reintroduction program by completing stocking of the Indian and upper Squamish/Ashlu Rivers. 2. Any assessment of the potential for further reintroductions of elk in the Squamish Territory to be undertaken in the context of local, regional and provincial objectives and in consultation with the proposed Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee. 	1. 2007/2008 and ongoing
Mountain goat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lower Ashlu (3072 ha) 2. Upper Squamish (2446 ha) 3. Lower Elaho (1955 ha) 	To manage Mountain Goat populations in order to maintain and, where possible, enhance Squamish Nation hunting opportunities for social, cultural and ceremonial purposes provided conservation needs have been met.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee will be established to discuss management of Mountain Goats and other species. A preliminary terms of reference for the Advisory Committee, to be completed and agreed to by all parties, is outlined in Section 3. 	1. Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee established and operative in 2007/2008.
Grizzly bear	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sims (22,119 ha) 2. Elaho 	To maintain/ increase grizzly bear populations and, if conservation status allows, create	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee will be established to discuss management of Grizzly 	1. Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee established and

Species	Squamish Nation Wildlife Focus Area(s)	Management Intent	Implementation Actions	Timing
	(33,638 ha) 3. Ashlu (34,104 ha)	opportunities for hunting for social, cultural and ceremonial purposes.	Bears and other species. A preliminary terms of reference for the Advisory Committee, to be completed and agreed to by all parties, is outlined in Section 3. 2. The Squamish Nation and Ministry of Environment will work together on conservation of Grizzly Bears within Grizzly Bear Recovery Areas within the Squamish Territory according to a larger Grizzly Bear Management Plan. 3. These three focus areas will be captured in the Grizzly Bear recovery strategy that is under development. 4.	operative in 2007/2008. 2. Ministry of Environment and the Squamish Nation to agree on a collaborative process for managing conservation efforts within Grizzly Bear Recovery Areas within Squamish Territory.
Furbearers ⁶	1. Mamquam (28,807 ha) 2. Elaho Headwaters (113,015 ha)	To maintain or increase furbearer populations.	1. Ministry of Environment to assess availability of resources and, if possible, will work with the Squamish Nation to develop a wildlife management plan for furbearers within Squamish Territory. 2. Resource developers to include management strategies to maintain furbearer habitat when operating in this area.	1. A furbearer management plan to be commenced if/when resources are available.

⁶ Furbears refers to species trapped for fur such as Snowshoe Hare, American Marten, Lynx, and Fisher.

Process for Collaborative Wildlife Management

The Province and the Squamish Nation agree to participate in a Wildlife Advisory Committee to collaboratively address fish and wildlife-related issues within a defined geographic area within the Sea-to-Sky LRMP plan area, which will include the Squamish Territory. The scope and mandate of the committee will include:

Mandate:

- Provide opportunity for First Nations to engage in a collaborative management process.
- Provide opportunity for third party groups with interests in fish and wildlife to be engaged on the committee and in proposing management recommendations.
- Develop recommendations for allocations, regulations and fish and wildlife management issues within the Sea-to-Sky LRMP plan area, which will include the Squamish Territory.
- Identify areas of common ground with respect to the interests in fish and wildlife.
- Encourage the sharing of information among the participants.
- Assist members in reaching a common understanding of the existing rights and interests of all parties.

First Nations participation

- First Nations and the Ministry of Environment will develop a process for co-chairing the committee, which may involve a rotating chair, joint chair or other process to be defined in the Terms of Reference.
- First Nations participation is considered complementary to government-to-government relationships, and does not abrogate or derogate existing aboriginal rights.
- First Nations may choose to have issues specific to its interests resolved on a government-to-government basis outside of the Committee.
- First Nations will maintain open communication with their membership as to the management recommendations brought forward at the Advisory Committee.

Membership

- All First Nations in the Sea to Sky LRMP area (Squamish, Lil'wat, Tsleil- Waututh, In-SHUCK-ch) will be invited to participate;
- Stakeholder groups, including consumptive users such as hunters and anglers (i.e. local Fish and Game clubs), trappers, and guide outfitters will be invited to send a representative, to a maximum membership of five stakeholder representatives.
- Ministry of Environment staff appointed to participate as Advisory Committee members. Other Ministry of Environment managerial and technical staff may be invited to provide technical expertise but will not participate as members.

General parameters

- The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee will address the following:
 - Fish and wildlife harvest management (First Nations, resident and non-resident guided hunting, trapping) to include harvest levels, regulations, allocations and harvest sharing of all pertinent species (within the context of aboriginal rights).
 - Habitat conservation and management
 - Inventory information and needs – identify priorities.

- Issues affecting harvest opportunities– access, animal relocation (including problem animals), and other uses such as wildlife viewing, etc.
- Further topics may be identified during development of the Terms of Reference, to be developed and ratified by all Advisory Committee members.
- Ministry of Environment is committed to a participatory approach to decision-making at the operational level with more of an advisory role for broader issues related to provincial policy.
- Exclusive harvesting rights will not be entertained; the end goal of this process is a shared harvest that is prioritized based on:
 1. Conservation needs;
 2. First Nations harvest for food, social, cultural and ceremonial purposes; and
 3. Other harvest allocations.
- Advisory Committee members have a responsibility to be “solution-orientated” in their deliberations. The Committee will seek consensus agreement on issues. Consensus is defined as “agreement that all members can either support or not have strong opposition to”.
- As part of developing the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee, members will develop protocols for conflict resolution and for elevating issues where conflicts are unable to be resolved at the Committee level.
- Recommendations from the Committee will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment for consideration. Recommendations will be seriously considered, especially where there is a consensus of the committee. However, recommendations will not fetter statutory decision makers. If the decision maker does not agree with the recommendations of the Committee it will follow a process to be laid out in the Terms of Reference.
- Participation on the Committee is voluntary. Committee members are expected to participate on an ongoing basis and to undertake discussions in good faith and in a manner that is respectful of the opinions and interests of other members.