

Nootka Coastal Resource Use Plan

Area Designations

INTRODUCTION

Area Designations identify areas suitable for specific types of existing and potential uses of land and water within the plan area. Each designation provides a general description to guide regulatory and non-regulatory decisions by Crown agencies involved in land use allocation and regulation. The following area designations indicate the general land and resource activities, and uses that would be emphasized within defined boundaries. The designations do not specifically address the degree of development intensity. Generally, area designations are spatially separate in order to avoid conflicts among other users and/or to realize greater overall economic, social, or environmental potential. In some circumstances, compatible activities can occur and an area will have suggested primary and secondary uses designated.

In keeping with the Terms of Reference for the Nootka Coastal plan, these area designations are intended to guide the long-term use, development and integrated sustainable management of the coastal lands and resources of Nootka Sound.

It is important to note that the designations will not alter the statutory authority or responsibility of government agencies, or the rights associated with legally-established land uses.

PLAN AREA

The plan area includes all of the waters, shoreline and inter-tidal area of Esperanza Inlet and Nootka Sound including a shoreline fringe extending 200 m upland of high water or to the 40 m elevation, whichever is encountered first. Adjacent Crown upland areas which specifically affect management issues in the study area will be considered.

AREA DESIGNATIONS

- Conservation**
 - These areas have particular value for the conservation of natural resources or contain significant environmental and heritage features. Management emphasis in these areas is for the conservation of:
 - heritage/cultural sites/areas
 - sensitive fish/wildlife habitats (eg. estuaries, kelp beds, colonies, haulouts)
 - marine sensitive areas
 - physical features (eg. sea caves, waterfalls etc.)
 - Proposals for land use development in these areas would be considered based on their impacts on the specific conservation values identified in the designated area.
- Recreation - Public**
 - These areas would provide for the development and preservation of public recreational opportunities. These areas contain landscapes and features that provide for education, appreciation and enjoyment of a remote coastal setting. Activities that would be emphasized are those compatible with remote coastal conservation and enjoyment as follows:
 - public recreation sites (eg. Forest recreation sites)
 - protected public anchorages and boat havens
 - recreational fishing areas
 - non commercial wilderness trail development
 - non commercial wildlife viewing sites
 - non commercial wilderness recreation
- Recreation - Commercial**
 - These areas would provide for the development of commercial recreational opportunities. These areas would contain landscapes and features that provide for appreciation and enjoyment of a remote coastal setting. Activities that would be emphasized are those compatible with remote coastal conservation and enjoyment as follows:
 - commercial wilderness recreation sites and trails
 - eco-tourism opportunities (wilderness guiding, wildlife viewing)
- Aquaculture**
 - These areas would provide for development of aquaculture activities including floating and shore based physical structures associated with operations. Activities that would be emphasized would be:
 - shellfish culture
 - marine plant culture
 - finfish culture
- Industrial and Commercial**
 - These areas would provide for resource industry infrastructure related to storage, processing, production and shipment. Activities that would be emphasized would be:
 - forest harvesting related uses such as log handling, storage and associated upland infrastructure
 - commercial marine transportation landings, anchorage and carrier routes
 - loading facilities, associated docks and breakwaters
 - processing facilities and docks
 - industrial resource extraction including mineral, oil and gas exploration and development
 - infrastructure to support air travel
- Rural Development**
 - These areas would provide sites for the development of a limited scale of residential or tourist/recreational related commercial facilities. Activities such as permanent and/or seasonal residential use including float homes, service and tourist/commercial uses including, resorts, lodges, moorage and commercial recreation facilities would be emphasized.
- Community Development**
 - These areas are intended to accommodate significant residential, commercial, institutional and industrial uses. These areas include the established communities and anticipated growth areas. All activities in support of and necessary to the development and continued viability of coastal communities would be emphasized.
- General**
 - These areas have potential for the full range of acceptable resource uses. Proposals for developments in these areas would be reviewed on an application basis, the review to include a full assessment of suitability of the proposed use.

SECONDARY DESIGNATIONS

Colour shows the primary focus for the unit as well as as secondary focus if applicable

- rp - Recreation - Public
- rc - Recreation - Commercial
- c - Conservation
- a - Aquaculture
- i - Industrial and Commercial
- d - Rural Development
- s - Community Development

OTHER DESIGNATIONS

- Private land
- Provincial Parks
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Plan Boundary
- Unit Boundary
- Shoreline
- Major Highway
- Other Roads

DATA SOURCE

Nootka Coastal Plan Report (2001)

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