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Southern Strait of Georgia NMCA Feasibility Study

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1. COMMUNICATIONS

Feasibility Study Information Binders

Information Binders are now in your communities. The binders are available for viewing at the following locations:

- Brentwood Bay: Brentwood Bay Library
- Duncan: Duncan Public Library
- Galiano: Islands Trust Office – *Coming Soon*
- Mayne: Mayne Island Community Library
- Mill Bay: South Cowichan Library
- Nanaimo: Nanaimo Harbourfront Library
- Pender: Pender Island Library
- Richmond: Richmond Public Library
- Salt Spring: Salt Spring Island Library
- Saturna: Eddie Reid Memorial Library
- Sidney: Sidney Public Library
- Sidney: Gulf Island National Park Reserve Office
- Steveston: Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site
- Vancouver: Vancouver Public Library, Downtown
- Vancouver: Parks Canada Office at Library Square
- Victoria: Parks Canada Office on Broughton

Contents include, the NMCA Act, Newsletters, NMCA Policy, *Sea to Sea to Sea* – Canada's NMCA System Plan, and Feasibility Study Reports. If you have suggestions for content, please let us know.

Website

New information is available in the “Learn More” section including consultation summaries from 2005 and 2006 consultation sessions: www.pc.gc.ca/straitofgeorgia

Parks Canada Discovery Centre

Check out the Parks Canada Discovery Centre at BC Experience (the former Crystal Garden) in Victoria. Experience some of BC's most amazing places – our national parks, national historic sites and proposed national marine conservation areas.

2. CONSULTATIONS

New Consultation Report Available

The *Follow-up Report to Marine Mixer Participants* was sent on August 22, 2006. This reports answers questions raised at the marine mixers. Please contact us for a copy.

Summer Festivals

Parks Canada staff participated at Paddlefest, Saturna Lamb Bake, Mayne Fair and Pender Island Fair. If you are on Salt Spring for the Fall Fair, September 16-17, drop by our booth to say hi.

First Nations Consultation

There is a parallel consultation process in place to engage First Nations that have interests in the study area. Staff are working with several First Nations to cooperatively build community consultation processes so that First Nations values and interests associated with marine resources can be openly discussed and incorporated into the feasibility study. The first community open house for Sencot'en Alliance member nations was held in July, hosted by the Tsawout First Nation.

Speaker Series - October

Stop by the Vancouver Public Library to hear Tom Tomascik, Parks Canada's Senior Marine Advisor, discuss how science supports marine conservation initiatives. NMCA staff will have a table in the room with our newsletters and other information.

Deep Understanding: Join Parks Canada scientists in exploring the marine realm

October 17

12.10pm – 1.00pm

Vancouver Public Library (Alma Van Dusen & Peter McKay rooms)

350 West Georgia Street

On the Road with DFO - November

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is holding a series of multi-issue consultations across BC. Parks Canada is teaming up with DFO for open houses at two venues: Vancouver and Nanaimo. Drop by and pick-up our latest communications material and talk to us about the activity analysis work we are doing.

Nanaimo

November 6

6.00pm – 8:00pm,

Dorchester Hotel (70 Church St)

Vancouver

November 16

6.00pm – 8.00pm

VanDusen Botanical Garden (5251 Oak St)

For more information about DFO consultations check out their website:

www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/consultations/consult_e.htm

3. SPORT FISHING ADVISOR

Christopher Bos is our newly hired Sport Fishing Advisor for the NMCA feasibility study. His principal task is to assist Parks Canada, DFO and British Columbia to consult with the sport fishing community on the proposed NMCA. Mr. Bos has extensive knowledge of the local fishing waters and has been very active in the southern Vancouver Island sport fishing community. He is a member of the Sport Fishing Advisory Board (SFAB) as Chair of the Victoria Local Committee, Vice-Chair of the South Coast Committee, and

as a member of the Main Board. Mr. Bos is also very active as a volunteer in several fisheries management and conservation initiatives as President of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association and as a member of the BC Wildlife Federation, Victoria's Amalgamated Conservation Society in Victoria and the Sidney Anglers Association. He also takes a lead role in organizing the Family Fish Day activities on southern Vancouver Island.

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