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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 10:47 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; McKendry, Colleen FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs)
Attachments: 24_2015.pdf

Congrats to the three of you for completing a much-needed piece of work!

Sincerely,
Brent

From: Wipond, Karen J FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 1:02 PM
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Subject: FW: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs)

FYI—attached are the conservation land regulations for West Coast which we have discussed in several past C.L. calls. Thanks to Tom Reid, Sean Pendergast and Colleen McKendry for all their work in moving these to completion.

Karen

From: McKendry, Colleen FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
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Subject: FW: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs)

It's official!

Colleen

From: Pedersen, Carrie-rae FLNR:EX
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To: Wipond, Karen J FLNR:EX
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Subject: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs)

Good afternoon, please find the attached regulation under the *Wildlife Act* and distribute as necessary.

Many thanks.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF
FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS

Wildlife Act

Ministerial Order No. M 038

I, Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, order that

- (a) the Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulation, B.C. Reg. 196/99, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 1,
- (b) the Public Access Prohibition Regulation, B.C. Reg. 187/2003, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 2, and
- (c) the Wildlife Management Area Use and Access Regulation, as set out in the attached Appendix 3, is made.

DEPOSITED

February 16, 2015

B.C. REG. 24/2015

February 12, 2015

Date



*Minister of Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations*

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Wildlife Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 488, ss. 108 (2) (b) and (4) and 109 (1) (b) and (2)

Other: *O.I.C. 732/99; M256/2003*

February 5, 2015

R/65/2015/97

APPENDIX 1

- 1 Section 29 of Schedule 1 to the Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulation, B.C. Reg. 196/99, is repealed and the following substituted:*

Green Mountain Wildlife Management Area

- 29 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-27A.

- 2 Section 49 of Schedule 1 is repealed and the following substituted:*

Willow Creek Conservation Area

- 49 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-48A.

- 3 Section 50 of Schedule 1 is repealed and the following substituted:*

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area

- 50 Effective year round, in those portions of M.U. 1-5 and M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-48B.

- 4 The following sections are added to Schedule 1:*

Lazo Marsh – North East Comox Wildlife Management Area

- 92 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-81.

Tofino Mudflats Wildlife Management Area

- 93 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-82.

Cluxewe Wildlife Management Area

- 94 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-83.

Quatse River Wildlife Management Area

- 95 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-84.

Cowichan Estuary Conservation Area

- 96 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-4 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-85.

Somenos Marsh Conservation Area

- 97 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-4 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-86.

Nanaimo River Estuary Conservation Area

- 98 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-87.

Buttertubs Marsh Conservation Area

- 99 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-88.

Dudley Marsh Conservation Area

- 100 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-89.

Coal Creek and Fanny Bay Conservation Area

- 101 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-90.

Millard Creek Conservation Area

- 102 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-91.

Salmon River Estuary Conservation Area

- 103 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-10 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-92.

5 *The following maps are added to Schedule I:*

Map No. 1-27A

Map No. 1-48A

Map No. 1-48B

Map No. 1-81

Map No. 1-82

Map No. 1-83

Map No. 1-84

Map No. 1-85

Map No. 1-86

Map No. 1-87

Map No. 1-88

Map No. 1-89

Map No. 1-90

Map No. 1-91

Map No. 1-92.

APPENDIX 2

- 1 The Public Access Prohibition Regulation, B.C. Reg. 187/2003, is amended by adding the following sections:*

No camping in designated conservation areas

- 11** A person commits an offence if the person enters a conservation area described in Schedule 1 in order to do one or both of the following:
- (a) remain overnight;
 - (b) set up a tent or other shelter.

No campfires in designated conservation areas

- 12** A person commits an offence if the person enters a conservation area described in Schedule 2 in order to do one or more of the following for a recreational purpose:
- (a) light an open fire;
 - (b) fuel an open fire;
 - (c) use an open fire.

No dogs in designated conservation areas

- 13** A person commits an offence if the person enters a conservation area described in Schedule 3 with a dog.

Dogs must be on leash in designated conservation areas

- 14** A person commits an offence if the person enters a conservation area described in Schedule 4 with a dog that is not
- (a) under the direct control of a person, and
 - (b) restrained by a leash not longer than 2 metres.

- 2 The following Schedules are added:*

SCHEDULE 1

NO CAMPING

Buttertubs Marsh Conservation Area

- 1** Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-1.

Coal Creek and Fanny Bay Conservation Area

- 2** Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-2.

Cowichan Estuary Conservation Area

- 3** Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-4 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-3.

Dudley Marsh Conservation Area

- 4 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-4.

Millard Creek Conservation Area

- 5 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-5.

Nanaimo River Estuary Conservation Area

- 6 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-6.

Salmon River Estuary Conservation Area

- 7 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-10 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-7.

Somenos Marsh Conservation Area

- 8 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-4 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-8.

Willow Creek Conservation Area

- 9 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-9.

SCHEDULE 2

NO CAMPFIRE

Buttertubs Marsh Conservation Area

- 1 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-1.

Coal Creek and Fanny Bay Conservation Area

- 2 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-2.

Cowichan Estuary Conservation Area

- 3 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-4 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-3.

Dudley Marsh Conservation Area

- 4 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-4.

Millard Creek Conservation Area

- 5 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-5.

Nanaimo River Estuary Conservation Area

- 6 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-6.

Salmon River Estuary Conservation Area

- 7 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-10 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-7.

Somenos Marsh Conservation Area

- 8 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-4 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-8.

Willow Creek Conservation Area

- 9 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-9.

SCHEDULE 3

NO DOGS

Buttertubs Marsh Conservation Area

- 1 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 3-1.

SCHEDULE 4

DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH

Coal Creek and Fanny Bay Conservation Area

- 1 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-1.

Cowichan Estuary Conservation Area

- 2 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-4 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-2.

Dudley Marsh Conservation Area

- 3 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-3.

Miliard Creek Conservation Area

- 4 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-4.

Nanaimo River Estuary Conservation Area

- 5 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-5.

Salmon River Estuary Conservation Area

- 6 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-10 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-6.

Somenos Marsh Conservation Area

- 7 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-4 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-7.

Willow Creek Conservation Area

- 8 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-8.

3 *The following maps are added to Schedule 1:*

Map No. 1-1
Map No. 1-2
Map No. 1-3
Map No. 1-4
Map No. 1-5
Map No. 1-6
Map No. 1-7
Map No. 1-8
Map No. 1-9 .

4 *The following maps are added to Schedule 2:*

Map No. 2-1
Map No. 2-2
Map No. 2-3
Map No. 2-4
Map No. 2-5
Map No. 2-6
Map No. 2-7
Map No. 2-8
Map No. 2-9 .

5 *The following map is added to Schedule 3:*

Map No. 3-1 .

6 *The following maps are added to Schedule 4:*

Map No. 4-1
Map No. 4-2
Map No. 4-3
Map No. 4-4
Map No. 4-5

Map No. 4-6
Map No. 4-7
Map No. 4-8.

APPENDIX 3

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA USE AND ACCESS REGULATION

Contents

- 1 No camping in designated wildlife management areas
- 2 No campfires in designated wildlife management areas
- 3 No dogs in designated wildlife management areas in March or April
- 4 Dogs must be on leash in designated wildlife management areas

SCHEDULE 1 – NO CAMPING

SCHEDULE 2 – NO CAMPFIRE

SCHEDULE 3 – NO DOGS IN MARCH OR APRIL

SCHEDULE 4 – DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH

No camping in designated wildlife management areas

- 1 A person commits an offence if the person enters a wildlife management area described in Schedule 1 in order to do one or both of the following:
 - (a) remain overnight;
 - (b) set up a tent or other shelter.

No campfires in designated wildlife management areas

- 2 A person commits an offence if the person enters a wildlife management area described in Schedule 2 in order to do one or more of the following for a recreational purpose:
 - (a) light an open fire;
 - (b) fuel an open fire;
 - (c) use an open fire.

No dogs in designated wildlife management areas in March or April

- 3 A person commits an offence if the person enters a wildlife management area, or a portion of a wildlife management area, described in Schedule 3 with a dog
 - (a) on or after March 1, and
 - (b) on or before April 30in any calendar year.

Dogs must be on leash in designated wildlife management areas

- 4 (1) A person commits an offence if the person enters a wildlife management area described in Schedule 4 with a dog that is not
 - (a) under the direct control of a person, and
 - (b) restrained by a leash not longer than 2 metres.
- (2) This section does not apply to a person who enters the wildlife management area in order to engage in lawful hunting.

SCHEDULE 1

NO CAMPING

Cluxewe Wildlife Management Area

- 1 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-1.

Lazo Marsh – North East Comox Wildlife Management Area

- 2 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-2.

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area

- 3 Effective year round, in those portions of M.U. 1-5 and M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-3.

Quatse River Wildlife Management Area

- 4 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-4.

Tofino Mudflats Wildlife Management Area

- 5 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-8 as shown on the attached Map No. 1-5.

SCHEDULE 2

NO CAMPFIRE

Cluxewe Wildlife Management Area

- 1 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-1.

Lazo Marsh – North East Comox Wildlife Management Area

- 2 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-2.

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area

- 3 Effective year round, in those portions of M.U. 1-5 and M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-3.

Quatse River Wildlife Management Area

- 4 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-4.

Tofino Mudflats Wildlife Management Area

- 5 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-8 as shown on the attached Map No. 2-5.

SCHEDULE 3

NO DOGS IN MARCH OR APRIL

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area – portions

- 1 The following portions of the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area:
 - (a) the intertidal zone, from the mean high water mark to the mean low water mark, contained within the area located from that point of land at the end of Doehle Avenue extending in an easterly direction for approximately 2.5 km to the mouth of the Englishman River;
 - (b) the intertidal zone, from the mean high water mark to the mean low water mark, contained within the area located from that point of land at the end of Seacrest Place extending in an easterly direction for approximately 3.5 km to the mouth of French Creek;
 - (c) the intertidal zone, from the mean high water mark to the mean low water mark, contained within the area located from that point of land at the end of Seacroft Road extending in a westerly direction for approximately 2 km to the mouth of the Little Qualicum River.

SCHEDULE 4

DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH

Cluxewe Wildlife Management Area

- 1 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-1.

Green Mountain Wildlife Management Area

- 2 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-2.

Lazo Marsh – North East Comox Wildlife Management Area

- 3 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-3.

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area

- 4 Effective year round, in those portions of M.U. 1-5 and M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-4.

Quatse River Wildlife Management Area

- 5 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-5.

Tofino Mudflats Wildlife Management Area

- 6 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-8 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-6.

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From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Wilton, William FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX; Barr, Larry FLNR:EX; Hadway, Sharon L FLNR:EX; MacDermott, Jerry FLNR:EX; Henigman, Margaret FLNR:EX; Telfer, Kevin FLNR:EX; Chatwin, Trudy FLNR:EX; McClaren, Erica L ENV:EX; McConkey, Darryn J FLNR:EX; MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Procter, Chris FLNR:EX; Iredale, Francis FLNR:EX; Clermont, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED
Attachments: 24_2015.pdf

FYI – After 2 years Tom Reid and I finally got the conservation lands and WMA regulations through a Ministerial Order. It has taken a while and a lot of frustration but we finally got it done. Should be much easier for COS to enforce the issues that arise within these lands now with respect to camping, dogs off leash and motorized vehicles.

Many thanks to all involved!!

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Senior Wildlife Biologist | Fish & Wildlife Section

From: McKendry, Colleen FLNR:EX
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To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Cc: Wipond, Karen J FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED

Here's the pdf with the maps (thanks to Carrie-rae for assembling)

Colleen

From: Pedersen, Carrie-rae FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 12:17 PM
To: Wipond, Karen J FLNR:EX
Cc: McKendry, Colleen FLNR:EX; Fradley, Adria N FLNR:EX
Subject: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED

Good afternoon, please find the attached regulation (with maps) under the *Wildlife Act* and distribute as necessary.

Many thanks.

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From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:29 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Wildlife Management areas changes. News Release.

Sean can you or the Public Relations dept put out a news release to our local paper The paper is the PQB News out of Parksville

Regards
s.22

On 2015-02-18, at 3:11 PM, s.22 wrote:

Thank you Sean. Lets hope the Town of Qualicum Beach gets the signs changed before the end of the No Dogs on beach until the brant migration season is over.
Thanks again for letting me know this is now in effect.

Best Regards
s.22

On 2015-02-18, at 3:06 PM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX wrote:

Hi s.22 . I would like to let you know that the Conservation Land and WMA Regulation (Wildlife Act R65) is now in effect. You can report infractions to the RAPP line. Bylaws should be soon to follow suit. Here is the piece you are most interested in I believe...

4 (1) A person commits an offence if the person enters a wildlife management area described in Schedule 4 with a dog that is not

- (a) under the direct control of a person, and
- (b) restrained by a leash not longer than 2 metres.

(2) This section does not apply to a person who enters the wildlife management area in order to engage in lawful hunting.

This would apply to the entire PQWMA at all times of the year from now on. There is also a Regional managers order in effect this year that prevent dogs period From March 1 to April 30. After this year the Regulation will prevent dogs at any time in that same window from within the described areas.

I hope this is what you were looking for.

Cheers,
Sean Pendergast RPBio
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From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 3:45 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Dogs "off leash" in Wildlife Management areas
Sean, just checking in to see if any progress is being made regarding Regulations requiring dogs to be on leash and under control on the beach below Eaglecrest. If the regional Managers Order requires no dogs on the beach from March 1 to April 30 then why can't Orders be put in place requiring on leash at all other times ?

I have asked the Town of Qualicum Beach what they are doing and they told me almost 2 years ago there would be signage forthcoming. This has yet to materialize.
It is very unpleasant having dogs tearing around and unaware owners doing nothing to control their animals. Yesterday I saw a pair of black labs go after a Bald Eagle who was eating a fish at the waters edge. Wish I had a video to show you that is really happening.
Please let me know the status of the possible regulation change.

Best regards

s.22

On 2014-07-07, at 10:25 AM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX wrote:

Hi s.22

As you know things move slowly in government especially when it comes to regulations. We are in the final stages of completing a package that will create a year round regulation that prevents the use of Conservation lands and WMA's by dogs off leash. We are finalizing maps and wording, with legal counsel at this time. I will let you know when it is completed.

By the way, there was a Regional Managers Order in effect between March 1 and April 30 that bans all dogs on the beach during those times.

Keep in touch.

Cheers,

Sean Pendergast R.P.Bio

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From: s.22

Sent: Sunday, July 6, 2014 8:39 AM

To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX

Subject: Re: Dogs "off leash" in Wildlife Management areas

Sean, is this proposal to have dogs on a leash after the Brant season still in the works on the beach below Eaglecrest ?

I have tried to get the Town of Qualicum Beach on board but they seem to be waiting for the Ministry.

I find it incongruous that within the same Wildlife Management area some areas required a leashed dog yet in other areas they can run wild. Why not have the whole area as a "On Leash at all Times" requirement.

Please let me know where this proposed change in the regulations stand at the moment.

Thanks

s.22

On 2014-04-07, at 11:13 AM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX wrote:

Hi s.22 , you may as keep emailing me. I get pretty bogged down and forget to update. We have had to take a different route for the regulation changes but they are in the works. They won't be active at the previously thought time but we are hoping for summer.

So I can't be more definitive.

Cheers,

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From: s.22

Sent: Sunday, April 6, 2014 12:16 PM

To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX

Subject: Re: Dogs "off leash" in Wildlife Management areas

Hi Sean, I am like a bad penny, I just don't go away. Any more news on the regulation changes so the Wildlife Management area below Eaglecrest will be "on leash at all time when dogs are allowed on the beach.

Regards

s.22

On 2014-01-31, at 9:28 AM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX wrote:

Hi s.22

We are working on it at this point. We have had to pursue the regs in a different manner but we are still hopeful that they will be in effect for this spring. I will file this note as another example of why it needs to go through.

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From: s.22

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 2:13 PM

To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX

Subject: Re: Dogs "off leash" in Wildlife Management areas

Hi Sean, I am still keen on the progress of getting the beach below the Eaglecrest housing complex legislated an "on leash" at all times. I witnessed a dog chasing after two eagles that were feeding on a fish carcass today. Please let me know .

s.22

s.22

On 2013-10-11, at 3:21 PM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX wrote:

We have high hopes that the regulation will go through. The next step will be increasing enforcement in the area. I will let you know, or check back in Feb/March to know if it was approved.

I wondered if that was you. Hope things are going well up there. s.22
s.22

Cheers,
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From: s.22
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 3:09 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Dogs "off leash" in Wildlife Management areas

Thank you Sean for your response. Please keep me in the loop if the regulations are passed requiring dogs to be "on leash" on the Eaglecrest Beach which as you are aware is part of the Parksville/Qualicum Management Area.

Regards

]s.22

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On 2013-10-11, at 12:28 PM, Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX wrote:

Good morning s.22

I have been asked to respond to your inquiry regarding authorities under the Wildlife Act and the Parksville Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. As you have indicated the Province is currently in discussions with the Town of Qualicum regarding the beach below Eaglecrest and whose laws take precedence regarding dogs off leash.

Currently the beach area in front of the Eaglecrest development is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations under the *Wildlife Act*. The *Wildlife Act* provides extensive authorities to the Ministry for the management of Wildlife Management Areas including: *Section 4(4) – permission required for use of land and resources within a WMA; Section 7(4) – regional manager orders and prohibitions; Section 8 – Right of Action; Section 79 (2)(a) officer power to kill a dog at large in a WMA, Section 108(2)(b) and Section 109 (1)(b) – authority to enact regulations pertaining to use and occupation of a WMA*

As you are aware, the area in front of Eaglecrest (and all other areas within the WMA) currently has signs indicating how the Ministry is managing the area to minimize disturbance and damage to fish and wildlife habitat. The current posted signs indicate that motorized vehicles, camping and fires are prohibited within the WMA and that dogs are to be leashed. Furthermore, under the authority of *Section 7(4)* the Ministry seasonally closes areas of the Wildlife Management Area to all dogs (on or off leash) to protect migratory birds that stage in the WMA from March 1st to April 30th.

It is our understanding that the Town of Qualicum Beach has enacted a bylaw (649-2009) that has designated portions of the WMA as "off-leash dog areas". While the Ministry currently does not have a regulation in place under *Section 109(1)(b)* that requires dogs to be on leash in this area, we are in the process of creating a

regulation to address this. This new regulation would require dogs to be on leash year round in the WMA. These changes, if enacted, are expected to take effect in the spring of 2014. I hope that this answers your inquiry at this time. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

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From: s.22

Sent: Monday, October 7, 2013 4:29 PM

To: Fish and Wildlife FLNR:EX

Subject: Dogs "off leash" in Wildlife Management areas

I would like to know whose laws take precedent in the case of the Parksville/Qualicum Wildlife Management area where Qualicum allows "off leash" dogs on the beach below Eaglecrest yet it appears by your signs that the dog must be "on leash".

I walk this beach regularly and help clean up garbage and flotsam and continually see unleashed dogs charging up to bird flocks as well as people.

These dogs are not under direct control or discipline on the owners.

Qualicum has said they are asking you for clarification. I quote:" Town staff are communicating with staff from the Ministry of Environment and are awaiting clarification regarding the Ministry signage".

Please have the appropriate employee in the Nanaimo Ministry of Environment office contact me please. for clarification of this issue.

s.22

Wildlife Act:

Dogs hunting game

78 A person commits an offence if the person causes or allows a dog to hunt or pursue

- (a) wildlife or an endangered species or threatened species, or
- (b) game, except in accordance with the regulations.

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Wilton, William FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX; Barr, Larry FLNR:EX; Hadway, Sharon L FLNR:EX; MacDermott, Jerry FLNR:EX; Henigman, Margaret FLNR:EX; Telfer, Kevin FLNR:EX; Chatwin, Trudy FLNR:EX; McClaren, Erica L ENV:EX; McConkey, Darryn J FLNR:EX; MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Procter, Chris FLNR:EX; Iredale, Francis FLNR:EX; Clermont, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED
Attachments: 24_2015.pdf

FYI – After 2 years Tom Reid and I finally got the conservation lands and WMA regulations through a Ministerial Order. It has taken a while and a lot of frustration but we finally got it done. Should be much easier for COS to enforce the issues that arise within these lands now with respect to camping, dogs off leash and motorized vehicles.

Many thanks to all involved!!

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Senior Wildlife Biologist | Fish & Wildlife Section

From: McKendry, Colleen FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 12:45 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Cc: Wipond, Karen J FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED

Here's the pdf with the maps (thanks to Carrie-rae for assembling)

Colleen

From: Pedersen, Carrie-rae FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 12:17 PM
To: Wipond, Karen J FLNR:EX
Cc: McKendry, Colleen FLNR:EX; Fradley, Adria N FLNR:EX
Subject: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED

Good afternoon, please find the attached regulation (with maps) under the *Wildlife Act* and distribute as necessary.

Many thanks.

Carrie-rae Pedersen | Legislation and Policy Coordinator | Strategic Initiatives and Legislation | Corporate Initiatives
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
2nd Fl 780 Blanshard St | PO Box 9352 Stn Prov Gov | Victoria BC V8W 9M1
Phone: 250 387-7070 | Fax: 250 953-3603
7:30 am – 3:50 pm

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Wipond, Karen J FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:24 PM
To: FLNR Conservation Lands P
Cc: FLNR Conservation Lands S; Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX; Wipond, Rob FLNR:EX; Ritchie, Chris FLNR:EX
Subject: Wildlife Act R772 (WMA Consolidation) Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED

Hi all:

Just providing some additional information and links for the conservation Lands-related regulatory changes distributed previously. The new regulations and amendments to existing regulations will eventually be consolidated under the Wildlife Act regulations in BC Laws but for now they are available as indicated below. The associated WMA (PDF) boundary maps (and related spatial data), will continue to be located only on the ftp site indicated (and available in plan and tube where described). Rick Deegan is our contact for these maps.

1) Consolidation of the WMA designation regulations under one regulation and schedule:

Copy of WMA designation regulation (this document will eventually show up as a new regulation under the Wildlife Act):

http://bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/oic/oic_cur/m015_2015

Copies of the associated WMA boundary maps (PDF) as well as the related spatial data is stored on an ftp site with GeoBC (Rick Deegan is the contact):

<ftp://ftp.geobc.gov.bc.ca/sections/outgoing/dss/WMA>

2) West Coast Conservation Land regulations (this document will eventually show up as a new regulation and amendments to some existing regulations under the Wildlife Act).

http://bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/oic/OIC_CUR/m038_2015

cheers,
Karen

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2015 3:42 PM
To: Norris, Scott ENV:EX; Diederichs, Ron FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED

I would say yes but would have to look into whether it was intended to cover the air column as well as the ground. Sending an email to Karen would be good I think.

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Senior Wildlife Biologist | Fish & Wildlife Section

From: Norris, Scott ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2015 3:23 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Diederichs, Ron FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED

Hi Guys

Do you guys have an opinion on my question below?

s.15

Do you guys support this? Do you want me to provide the context and you send the email to Karen?

The individual does not seem to be stopping the activity despite the warnings...

Thanks,
Scott

Sergeant Scott Norris | Conservation Officer Service | 250 746-1208

From: Norris, Scott ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 9:41 AM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; York, Ben A ENV:EX; Newton, Mike C ENV:EX; Diederichs, Ron FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Wildlife Act R65 (WMA Regs) UPDATED

Hi Guys

Can someone confirm if this would apply to a motorized paraglider flying around at 300 feet elevation above the conservation area?

Our guy was back last night flying around Cowichan Bay...he does not take off or land in the conservation area though.

Thanks,
Scott

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Debbie Tardiff <DTardiff@parksville.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 10:45 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Voicemail from Feb 17th

Tom,
With thanks! We did sort it out. Some residents were posting that dogs were banned on Parksville beach as of February 1, not realizing the dates are different for Rath Trevor. I'll make a note for next year and then get the info out to residents in good time.

Cheers,

Deb Tardiff - City of Parksville - 250 954-3073

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX [<mailto:Thomas.Reid@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: March-10-15 10:34 AM
To: Debbie Tardiff
Subject: FW: Voicemail from Feb 17th

Hi Debbie,

My emails were not working properly yesterday and I wanted to make sure that you received this message.

Thanks.

Tom

Thomas Reid, Manager
Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program
2080 Labieux Road, Nanaimo BC V9T 6J9
Tel: 250-751-3218
Fax: 250-751-3103

Partners in Conservation



From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2015 1:38 PM
To: 'Debbie Tardiff'
Subject: Voicemail from Feb 17th

Hi Debbie,

My apologies for not responding earlier to your voicemail re: PQB WMA closure area dates. I s.22 s.22

The dates for the "no dog" closures in the PQ B WMA are March 1 to April 30th. BC Parks (at Rath Trevor Park) has a closure in place from Feb 1 to April 15th for dogs on the beach at Rath Trevor.

We also have regulations in place that dogs must be on leash year round within the PQ B WMA as well.

Thanks.

Tom

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 9:21 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails

Hey, Thomas –three questions:

1. Do you mean there are no dogs March 1 to April 30? Your current designation (April 1 to March 30) would mean you could have dogs on the beach on March 31, but no other days.
2. is there any chance we could add a byline below this directive to help explain why (protect nesting/migrating birds etc.)? I feel like that would increase compliance. Maybe:
“This closure is necessary to protect nesting and migrating birds during a critical phase in their life cycle.”
Please amend that statement to make it more accurate, though. I am just going from memory.
3. Would you be OK with me indicating on the sign that the beach is part of the Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area.

Cheers,
Logan Wenham
Senior Public Affairs Officer
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: (250) 953-3675
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- Townes Van Zandt (To Live is to Fly)

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 8:52 AM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails

It would be good if they were either 12x12 or 12x18.

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 8:51 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Sure – what size and dimensions do you need so they can design them accordingly?

Cheers,
Logan Wenham
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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 8:50 AM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Thanks Logan.

We have also had a request from the COS to develop signs that say "NO DOG's on BEACH April 1 to March 30th". Any chance you can get the design template completed as soon as possible?

Tom

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 3:10 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; McCulloch, Mike FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Here's a print ready one provided by graphics.

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 2:39 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; McCulloch, Mike FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Looks good to me.

Steve – can we please proceed with the order for these signs now? I would like to have the expense invoiced/coded prior to the year end.

Tom

Thomas Reid, Manager
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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 8:39 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; McCulloch, Mike FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Hi guys:

Graphics made the changes – how does this look?
Logan Wenham

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 12:38 PM
To: McCulloch, Mike FLNR:EX; Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Thanks Mike.

Logan please confirm the colours are correct – thanks.

Thomas Reid, Manager
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From: McCulloch, Mike FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 12:31 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Logan,

Your proposed changes look reasonable.
MPM

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**Mike McCulloch**

Anadromous Fisheries Specialist | Fish & Wildlife Section  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations | West Coast Region  
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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 12:28 PM
To: McCulloch, Mike FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Can you follow up with Logan?

Thomas Reid, Manager
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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 12:26 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails
Hi Tom:

I was just going through email and saw I never responded to this note. My apologies!

This looks mostly fine, except for three minor changes.

- Replace "December 31st to May 1st" with "December 31 to May 1" (we don't use the post-script).
- Change "BC Sport fishing synopsis" to "Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis" (correct name for the document)
- Delete reference to DFO/freshwater salmon opportunities*

*If there is a reason we need to reference DFO, call me and we can discuss but I am assuming they are responsible for their own fishing regulation signs.

Also, I will need to quickly run it through our graphics shop to ensure the colours are all standardized. It looks correct, but better safe than sorry. We can actually design these for you in future – you don't need to find graphic design help for these kind of standard signs.

Cheers,

Logan Wenham

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX

Sent: Friday, March 6, 2015 2:48 PM

To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails

Hi Logan,

This sign has been requested to be placed by Mike McCulloch along the Englishman River in the PQ-B WMA – the text is his wording as well (see below).

My field operations coordinator (Steve Godfrey) designed the sign following your template and utilizing our version of Adobe Illustrator.

Tom

Thomas Reid, Manager

Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program

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From: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX

Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 2:33 PM

To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; McCulloch, Mike FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails

Simple like this? What do you guys think...no map?

--Steve G

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX

Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 11:31 AM

To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX

Subject: FW: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails

Can you make the other template work that Logan sent along in our Adobe program?

Thomas Reid, Manager

Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program

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From: McCulloch, Mike FLNR:EX

Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 3:31 PM

To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX

Cc: Ackles, Steve W ENV:EX; Silvestri, Scott FLNR:EX

Subject: Englishman River Notice for signs near the lower WMA trails

The Sign could read:

- The Englishman River is currently closed to angling from Englishman River Falls Park downstream to Top Bridge Park (at the end of Allsbrook Road) between December 1st and May 31st. This regulation is in place to protect steelhead trout.
- Where open to fishing, anglers may only use single barbless hooks, may NOT use bait and all wild trout and char must be released at all times.
- Please refer to the current BC sport fishing synopsis for additional information and DFO for freshwater salmon opportunities.

Call 1 877 952 RAPP if you observe Poachers or polluters. GET LOGO. Five signs should do.

Cheers,

MPM

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**Mike McCulloch**

Anadromous Fisheries Specialist | Fish & Wildlife Section

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 8:10 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Dogs off leash in ERE- Abusive Dogowner

Sounds good Tom- thanks for the advice.

Hopefully that information will be included on the posted signs. We should plan a media blitz in local papers as well.

s.22

----- Original Message -----

From: Thomas G FLNR Reid:EX <Thomas.Reid@gov.bc.ca>;
To: s.22 Ron Diedrichs <ron.diedrichs@gov.bc.ca>;
Cc: s.22
Sent: Wed, 29 Apr 2015 15:31:23 -0600 (MDT)
Subject: RE: Dogs off leash in ERE- Abusive Dogowner

Hi s.22

Thanks for sending this along. I have forwarded your information to the Conservation Officer Service. In the future inwould recommend calling the provincial enforcement line as well as filling out the on line form. This is found at:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/rapp/form.htm>

Moving forward we will be working to update our new signs that highlight the regulations for our conservation areas.

Tom

Sent from my iPhone using Mail+ for Outlook<http://taps.io/mailplus>

From: s.22

Sent: 2015-04-29, 12:51 PM

To: Ron Diedrichs

Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX, s.22

Subject: Fw:Dogs off leash in ERE- Abusive Dogowner Hello Ron, I had a very upsetting and unpleasant encounter with an extremely abusive dog owner down at the Englishman River Estuary last Sat. April 25 approx. 1130 hrs.

I was cutting Scotch Broom near the viewing platform/bench near the foreshore of the estuary. All of a sudden, an unleashed s.22 came running past me followed in quick succession by 2 more unleashed s.22 They were wet from swimming in the adjacent estuary and running around completely uncontrolled. I encountered the male owner of the dogs shortly thereafter, where we exchanged brief pleasantries. I then mentioned that this was a leashed area and that his dogs should be controlled and on a leash in a very pleasant and non confrontational manner. The dog owner then went completely ballistic-telling me to "F*** off" and that he had been coming down here for 25 yrs. and who was I to tell him what to do. I explained that I was the s.22

and he continued to call me names with every 2nd word "F*** You" and you're an idiot, asshole, etc.etc. I eventually wondered off and said, " Have a good day " and he just yelled more obscenities.

I decided to walk back to the main parking lot where he might have parked his vehicle and bumped into a local resident

s.22

s.22

We were standing together in the parking lot talking about this incident when the 3 dogs came running down the trail and went to this s.22 van. The dog owner then came up and opened the doors to the van and let the dogs in. I took this photo of the van just before they drove off.

So, I would like this incident followed up and the individual charged with allowing his 3 dogs to run off leash in this leashed area of the Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area.

If you need the name of the local resident who witnessed his dogs off leash and getting into this van or additional details and information regarding this incident, please let me know.

Regards.

s.22

From: s.22

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 10:59 AM

To: s.22

Subject: Abusive Dogowner

[X]

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Draft P-QBWMA Regulation Notice

Yes 115 for violation

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Senior Wildlife Biologist | Fish & Wildlife Section

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 12:38 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Draft P-QBWMA Regulation Notice

Can you confirm the fine amount?

Thomas Reid, Manager
Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program
2080 Labieux Road, Nanaimo BC V9T 6J9
Tel: 250-751-3218
Fax: 250-751-3103

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 12:37 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Draft P-QBWMA Regulation Notice

I am good with the fine if the COS and CE folks want it. No problem. Same for the reg quote.

Let me know when you have the amount confirmed and I'll start getting it put together.

RE: Will ask about brochures and get back to you. We don't usually approve these, as they tend to be 'caught in time' but there are occasions. Give me a call and fill me in on what the pressing need is and I can enquire.

Logan Wenham
Senior Public Affairs Officer
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: (250) 953-3675

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 12:29 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Draft P-QBWMA Regulation Notice

Thanks for this Logan.

Our wanting to put the fine amount and the reference to the regs is from a request from the COS and other C&E staff.

On another note, are you staff able to design a brochure that discusses the conservation lands in the West Coast Region and the allowable uses/regulations? We would like to have this as a potential hand out at some of our high use areas and to have it available at Front Counter here in Nanaimo. I probably have the funding for the printing costs.

Tom

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Draft P-QBWMA Regulation Notice

Let me know when you have something final on the fine front and I will flip over to GCPE Graphics to design. I don't believe in other WMAs we've quoted the specific regulation or put the fine amount though, you may just want to stick with the 4 things you can't do. Thoughts?

Also, you don't need to design the signage – we've got folks who can turn that around pretty quick once you know what you are saying.

Cheers,

Logan Wenham
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From: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 12:11 PM

To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Draft P-QBWMA Regulation Notice

Hi All,

Here's a quick draft mocked up to refer to the new regulations under the Wildlife Act complete with the RAPP info and the blue +yellow. These ones are for P-QBWMA – mostly in response to the many complaints about dogs of leash (as well as some camping and fires). We'll need to double check the fine amount as well.

-- Steve

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Wildlife Management Area Use and Access Regulation

Hello Mike, thank you for the information, but I have to say it wasn't what I wanted to hear. I am very surprised and have to say I would think the vast majority of dog owners in this area would be unaware of the restriction. Just about everyone is aware of the March-April prohibition, but not that leashes are needed the rest of the time.

s.22

From: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 2:24 PM
To: s.22
Cc: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: Wildlife Management Area Use and Access Regulation

Hello s.22

The information regarding the Wildlife Management Area Use and Access Regulation can be found at the following internet site:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/24_2015

I have cut and pasted some of the key information for. Essentially the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area has a period when it is closed to dogs and the rest of the year dogs must be on leash.

If you have any further information please feel free to contact me, contact information is at the very bottom of this email.

Thanks,
Mike

Wildlife Act

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA USE AND ACCESS REGULATION

Note: Check the Cumulative Regulation Bulletin 2014 and 2015
for any non-consolidated amendments to this regulation that may be in effect

No dogs in designated wildlife management areas in March or April

3 A person commits an offence if the person enters a wildlife management area, or a portion of a wildlife management area, described in Schedule 3 with a dog

(a) on or after March 1, and

(b) on or before April 30

in any calendar year.

Dogs must be on leash in designated wildlife management areas

4 (1) A person commits an offence if the person enters a wildlife management area described in Schedule 4 with a dog that is not

(a) under the direct control of a person, and

(b) restrained by a leash not longer than 2 metres.

(2) This section does not apply to a person who enters the wildlife management area in order to engage in lawful hunting.

Schedule 3

No Dogs in March or April

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area – portions

1 The following portions of the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area:

(a) the intertidal zone, from the mean high water mark to the mean low water mark, contained within the area located from that point of land at the end of Doehle Avenue extending in an easterly direction for approximately 2.5 km to the mouth of the Englishman River;

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Schedule 4

Dogs Must Be on Leash

Cluxewe Wildlife Management Area

1 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-1.

Green Mountain Wildlife Management Area

2 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-5 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-2.

Lazo Marsh-North East Comox Wildlife Management Area

3 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-3.

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area

4 Effective year round, in those portions of M.U. 1-5 and M.U. 1-6 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-4.

Quatse Estuary Wildlife Management Area

5 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-13 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-5.

Tofino Mudflats Wildlife Management Area

6 Effective year round, in that portion of M.U. 1-8 as shown on the attached Map No. 4-6.

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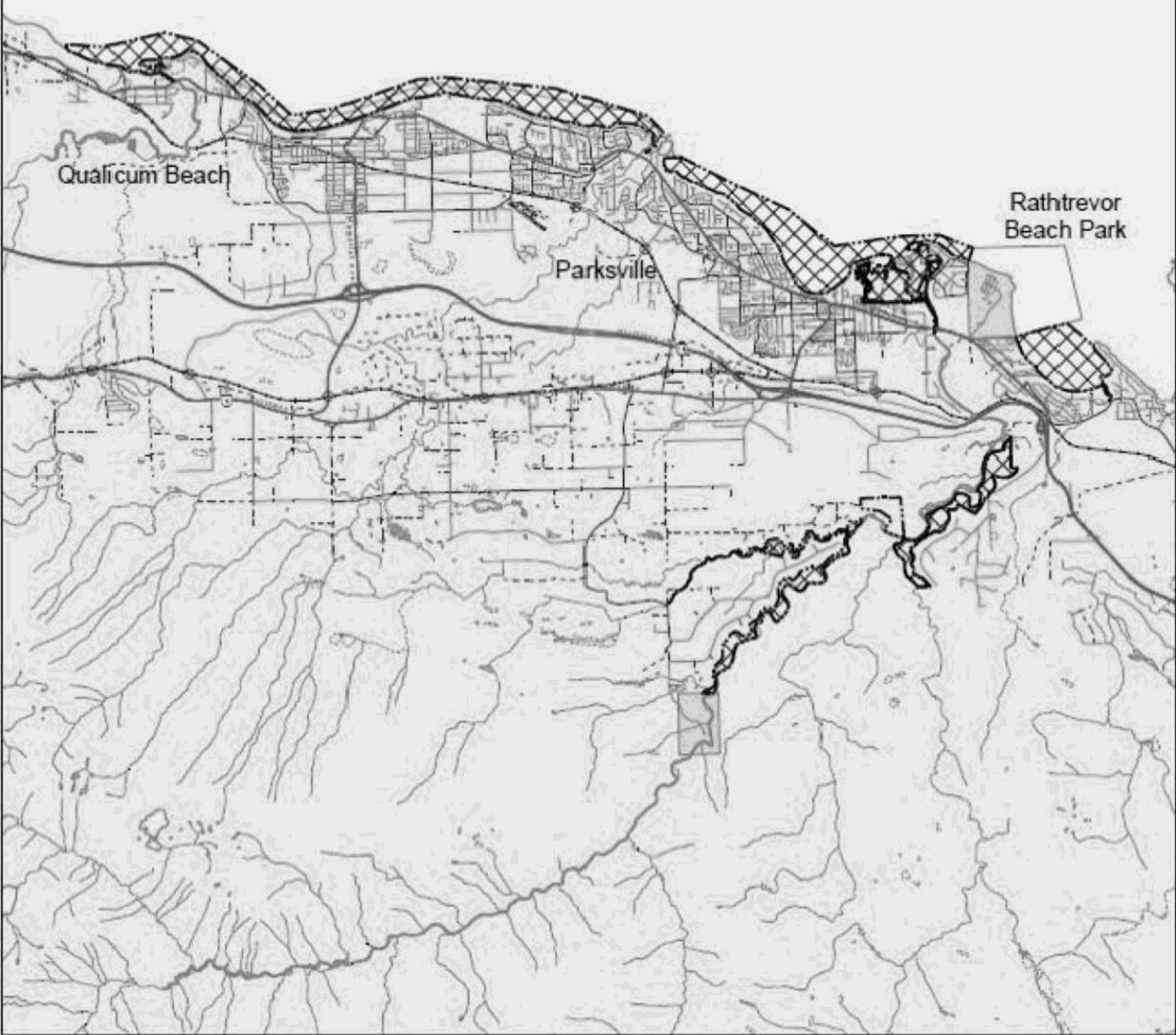
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Map No. 4-4
Parksville-Qualicum Beach
Dogs On Leash Area

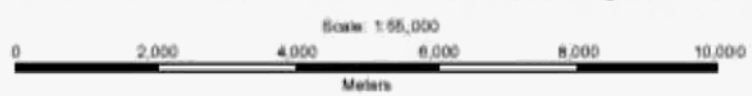
Strait of Georgia



Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area



-  Wildlife Management Area
-  Dogs On Leash Area



Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 6:17 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Beach at Eaglecrest

Hi Logan,

See Ben's comments below. More specifically the regulation falls within Ministerial Order M038 under the wildlife act - not sure we require that level of detail though...

-- Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Karn, David GCPE:EX; Bell, Danielle L GCPE:EX; Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX; Sterling, Troy ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Beach at Eaglecrest

Tom or Sean can speak to the management rationale. I can give you the legal piece.

Note that it is the year round leash requirement that will cause the most issues, NOT the 2 month dog-on-beach ban to protect Brant in early spring. I suspect bird protection is only one part of the rationale. Timing-wise, it probably makes sense to do it now when beach and estuary use is increasing. A heavy tourist influx in the summer may warrant a second release. The entirety of the Parksville-Qualicum WMA is urban and heavily used by dog owners as an off-leash area.

The prohibition is found in the Wildlife Management Area Use and Access Regulation made under the Wildlife Act. Technically, penalties prescribed by the Act are fines up to \$50 000 and/or 6 months in jail. Realistically, the enforcement tool of choice will likely be a Provincial Voluntary Penalty Ticket for \$115. Officers would also have the authority to make seizures of property used in the commission of the offence or even destroy a dog found chasing wildlife. Obviously, this would be an extreme measure in exigent circumstances and not one likely to be used. I suspect that part need not be publicized. Conservation Officers would be the primary enforcement agency.

I believe there may already be draft signage. Sean or Tom would be able to send that along.

Sergeant Ben York
Central Island Zone/ Conservation Officer Service/ Ministry of Environment 2080-A Labieux Road Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9
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-----Original Message-----

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 2:15 PM

To: York, Ben A ENV:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX
Cc: Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Beach at Eaglecrest

Hi all:

I can help put together some signs for you to educate the public and will also look into an information bulletin. I am guessing this is time sensitive to migratory birds or no? I'd like any media release to time with that for best positive impact.

What is the authority/fine for having your dog off a leash?

Cheers,

Logan Wenham
Senior Public Affairs Officer
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: (250) 953-3675

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-----Original Message-----

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 3:59 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX
Cc: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Beach at Eaglecrest

I will wait for Logan's (and maybe David's) input, but the COS does have the ability to do proactive media contacts if necessary. In this instance however, I would prefer the release be joint since the resource management decision and rationale is FLNR's. As we discussed Tom, we will need to show a compliance continuum if we are to effectively enforce this in the future. Media and signage is the first step.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX
Cc: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; York, Ben A ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Beach at Eaglecrest

Thanks for sending this Sean.

Logan and/or Ben - how can we coordinate a media advisory/press release regarding our regulations for the area.

We are also going to need to get some signs made up by your shop as well Logan. Perhaps we can discuss next week if you are available?

Tom

From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 3:48 PM
To: Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Beach at Eaglecrest

FYI

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Senior Wildlife Biologist | Fish & Wildlife Section

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Beach at Eaglecrest

Sean, the new requirement of Dogs on leash" in Wildlife Management area on the beach below Eaglecrest home area needs to be put into the PQB news paper. We had our grandchildren on the beach today and within 100 metres of us there was 11 dogs running unleashed . We stayed by the shore line and two dogs came running up to our grandchildren and one lifted its leg and peed on the children's beach toys. Disgusting !
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I asked the Town of QB about posting signage and was told this was not their responsibility. Then whose is it ?

Have a nice long weekend

s.22

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2014 11:46 AM
To: 'kim@parksvillechamber.com'; 'Deb Kennedy'
Cc: Chapman, Drew ENV:EX; Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX; York, Ben A ENV:EX; 'Greg Klimes'; Diederichs, Ron FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Brant

Hi Kim and Deb,

My apologies for not responding earlier to this message.

The management of disturbance to not only migratory black brant but other fish and wildlife in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area is complex and is one that has a great deal of resources allocated to it. For years the management partners in the area including the Province (BC Parks, Regional Fish and Wildlife, Ecosystems, Conservation Officer Service), Canadian Wildlife Service (Research), The Nature Trust of BC, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Vancouver Island University RMOT Program have worked cooperatively to address this issue.

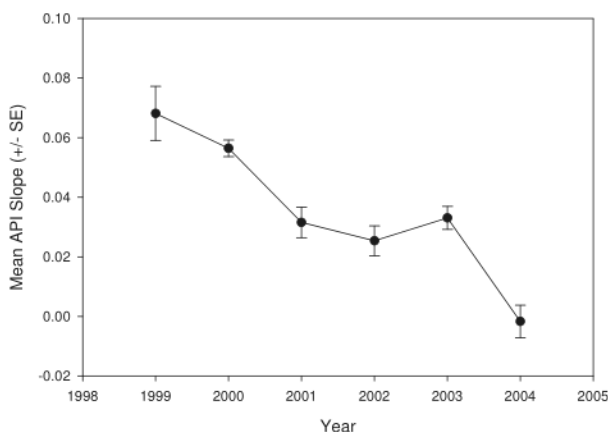
Please find below a summary/effectiveness assessment of the work completed to date and the tremendous results we have achieved cooperatively with these organizations.

PROJECT: Strait of Georgia Black Brant Conservation Project – An assessment of public education and enforcement action on the condition of migratory Black Brant in the Parksville Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
Performance Measure(s): 1. Improved physical condition of migratory black brant within PQ WMA; 2. Reduced disturbance to migratory birds in WMA; 3. Increased voluntary compliance with Wildlife Act Closures.

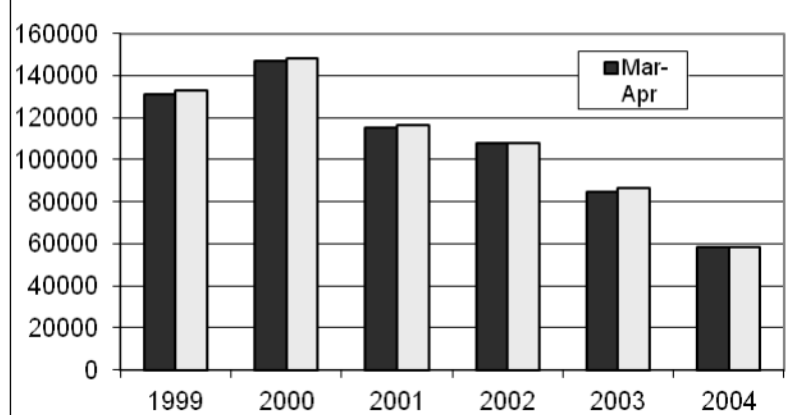
Effectiveness Monitoring:

Summary: Since the mid to late 1990's, Environment Canada (CWS) has been monitoring the health of migratory Pacific Black Brant on the Pacific Flyway (via the Abdominal Profile Index – a measure of fat reserves). A key area for migratory brant to rest and feed on their northward migration is the Parksville Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area as the area is home to critical habitat required by migratory birds and provides high quality food sources (e.g sea lettuce, eel grass, herring roe). In the late 1990's it was noted that the API index in banded black brant was consistently falling year over year as were the overall numbers of brant and brant goose days in the PQ B WMA area (see figures below).

Mean API Slope vs. Year



PQ Brant Goose-days vs Year, 1999-2004

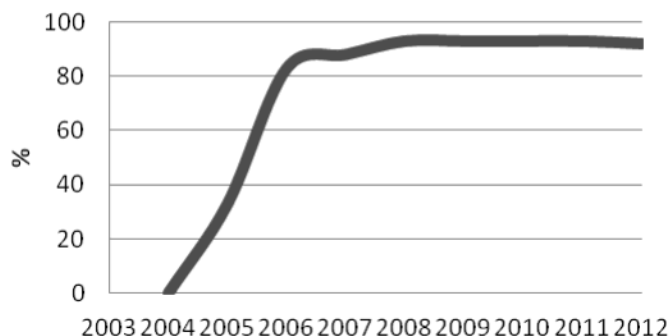


In response to this trend, CWS and Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program undertook a series of studies (1997-2003) to determine the cause of the decline. These studies found that human disturbance in the PQB WMA among the highest recorded in the world for black brant. Beginning in 2003 and today, the management partners coordinated the:

- implementation of Wildlife closures to protect migratory critical portions of the WMA, enforcement action from the Conservation Officer Service;
- development of public education materials including brochures and signage;
- creation of a partnership with Vancouver Island University Resource Management Program for monitoring of the closure and to conduct public outreach.

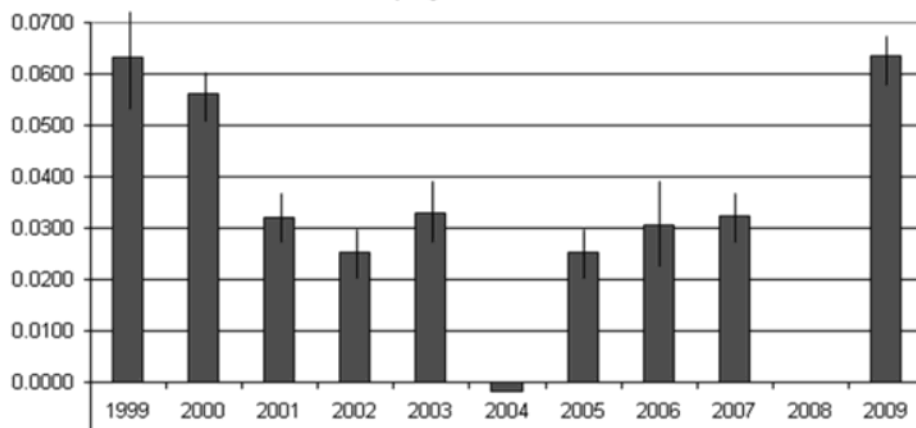
Surveys following the implementation of the conservation measures identified above found overwhelming evidence that the condition (API score) and numbers of migratory black brant (bird use days) improved. Similarly, public attitudes and compliance with the closures dramatically changed (see figures below).

Conservation Measures % Compliance



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Brant API Rate vs Year, PQ 1999-2009
Spring Mean +/- SE



In 2014 we entered the 10th year of our cooperative management of this issue. The Black Brant Conservation Brochure was updated and additional signs were installed at all access points to the closure areas.

In terms of enforcement and monitoring the Vancouver Island University students committed over 100 person days over 33 patrol days to this project. These students monitored all of the closure areas and provided the public with information regarding the closures and the importance of the Parksville Qualicum Beach WMA. The students interacted

with over 1,700 individuals during this time; many of whom were in the closure areas and voluntarily complied following receipt of the information provided by the students.

With regards to direct enforcement actions (e.g. non-voluntary compliance), the Conservation Officer Service issued 1 compliance ticket and 7 warnings.

Moving forward, annually we reassess the effectiveness of our program (signage, outreach, individuals engaged, patrol numbers). One of the challenges that we continually face is how to effectively engage visitors to the area via the resorts and and/or their interactions at the Visitor Center.

Kim – if the Parksville Chamber and/or Visitor Center has the capacity to engage the resorts and provide information to all visitors about the closure's that would be very helpful.

Perhaps we can arrange a meeting in the Fall to discuss these opportunities to further assist us in meeting our conservation objectives.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Tom

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Fax: 250-751-3103

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From: Kim Burden [<mailto:kim@parksvillechamber.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 3:58 PM
To: Deb Kennedy
Subject: Brant

I trust this year's festival went well, we certainly saw considerable traffic through the Visitor Centre focused on the Festival.

I continue to be amazed at the dogs on the beach issue, I witnessed several off leash incidents and we have had several calls at the VC reporting problems at Parksville Bay and Rath Trevor Beach. The sign placement at Parksville Bay does not seem to have much effect and there is zero enforcement.

Do you have a contact at the Ministry that I could touch base with for next year to see if we can find some better solutions?

Kim Burden
Executive Director

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 2:41 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: REVIEW/APPROVE: IB on dog leashes in the PQBWMA
Attachments: parksville_qualicum_beach_wma3m.pdf; 24_2015.pdf

Thanks for this Logan.

From my perspective this should be good for now with regards to the PQB WMA. We do have seasonal full dog closures in March and April but we do not need to confuse the public with that right now.

I have attached a map for reference purposes along with the entire reg package and associated maps (hopefully it is not too big!).

We may need a few more of these to be developed for some of our other high use areas that have the same regulations in place such as Lazo Marsh NE Comox WMA.

I would think the draft bulletin should go through Mike Stalberg next.

Tom

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:18 PM
To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: REVIEW/APPROVE: IB on dog leashes in the PQBWMA

Hi guys:

Sorry for the delay on this - it is a bit crazy around here of late. Attached is a first draft of a proposed Information Bulletin for your review/approval. If there are specific areas only that are closed, let me know. I am assuming these prohibitions are throughout the WMA, but if not please advise.

Once you are happy with it, I will move it up - I am guessing to Larry?

Two additional things:

1. I have your sign copy in with our graphics department to make it pretty/get it approved. I'll get back to you when they have a proof for your review.

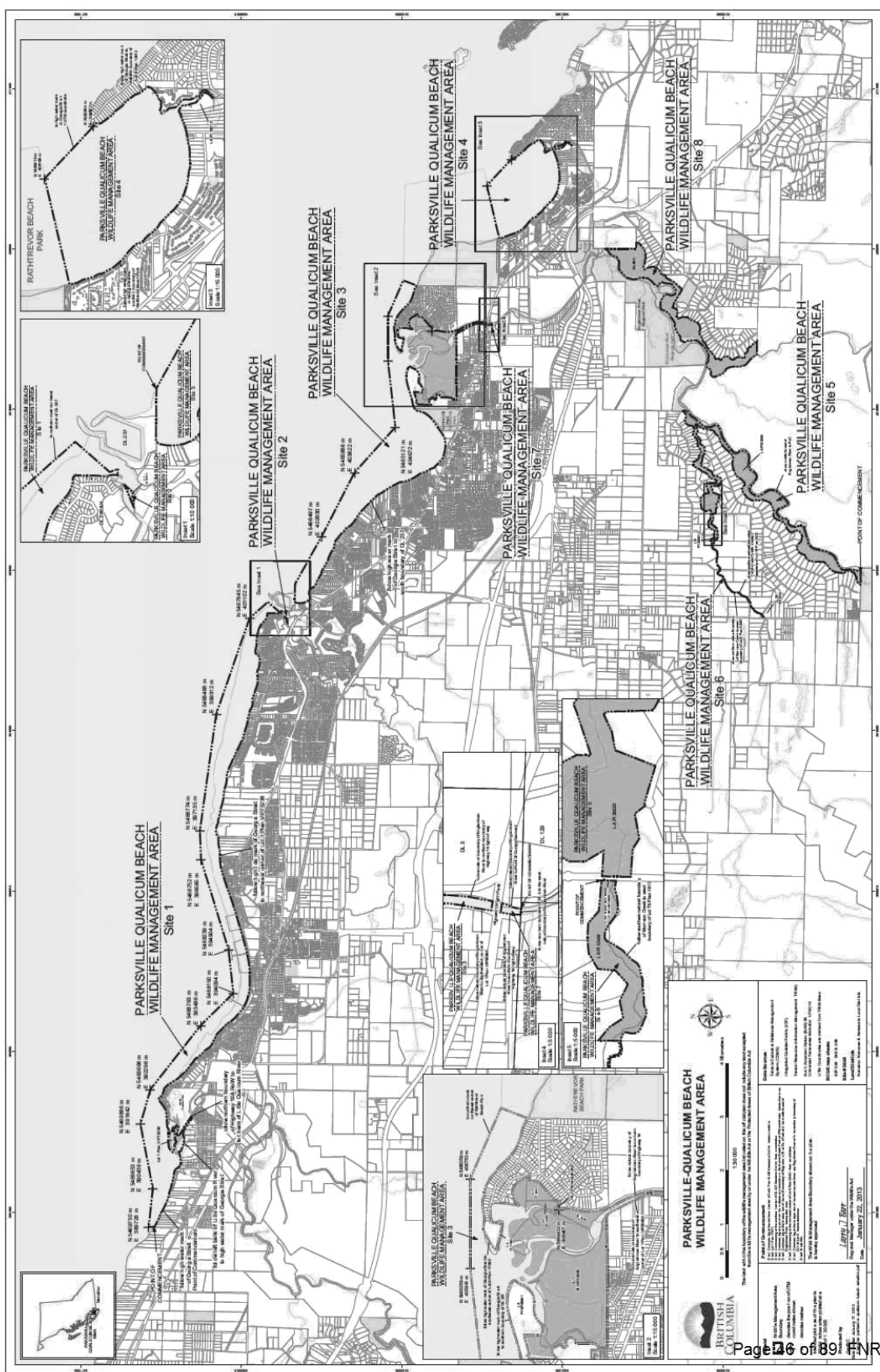
2. If you have a good map of the WMA that would be a helpful graphic to include with the IB so people know exactly where it is. I've noted this in the attached.

s.22 : I am also ccing my manager, Sharon Dean, in case you need anything in my absence.

Cheers,

Logan Wenham
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Phone: (250) 953-3675

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 2:54 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: REVIEW/APPROVE: IB on dog leashes in the PQBWMA
Attachments: IB_PQBWMA_dogs on leash_draft1.docx

Hi Mike:

I am working with Tom Reid on an Info bulletin (and some supportive signage) letting people know to keep their dogs on leashes in the Parksville-Qualicum Beach WMA. Tom thought you should review as well before I move it to Larry, so I attach it for you.

Sign is still with our graphics shop, so nothing to review on that front yet.

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 5:22 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX; Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Beach at Eaglecrest May 29th

FYI – hopefully we get something posted soon

From s.22
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 1:02 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Beach at Eaglecrest May 29th

Sean, we were at the local Eaglecrest beach today and within a 100 metres on either side of us there was 17, yes 17 unleashed dogs running . We saw several dogs defecate and their owners walked away for the tide to take care of it...discussing and totally irresponsible.

People from other areas are bring their dog to Eaglecrest beach because they are under the impression that the beach is a "off leash " area. The three beach access points along Butterball Dr were full of cars from people bring their dogs to the beach.

I have asked Qualicum Beach to post signs that dogs must be leashed but yet again they referred me to the Ministry of Environment. Who is responsible for the signage and enforcement of this regulation of no unleashed dogs in the Wildlife Management area ? (Conservation Land and WMA Regulation (Wildlife Act R65) I have asked that the Town of QB or the Ministry put an article into the local PQB news paper about the change in the Regulations. Nothing yet has yet to appear. The Tourist information Centres in Parksville and QB should also be told that the Eaglecrest beach is not an "off leash " beach.

Regards

s.22

May 15, 2015

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 12:22 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Sign (and last minute IB addition)
Attachments: IB_PQBWMA_dogs on leash_draft3_TR_addition.docx; Maps of order.pdf

Hi Logan,

Attached is the additional information we discussed for the IB.

In looking at the maps I have for the seasonal closure areas we may need to do some work on them. They are air photo based and would probably not translate well to these signs. I can ask GEOBC to make closure maps that we can include on a sign but this may take some time.

I would recommend we go with the original signs and the IB (with the seasonal information identified). We can then get signs made up with the maps once we receive a good file for printing. I have attached the maps I have along with the description of the area for reference purposes as well below.

Let me know what you think.

SCHEDULE3

No DOGS IN MARCH OR APRIL

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area – portions

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Tom

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 11:08 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Sign (and last minute IB addition)

Hi Tom and Sean:

I have the attached IB approved through ADM level and we now just need to work to release it concurrently with sign installation.

On that note, attached is the latest sign proof, including the “no dogs” time frame. In order to avoid confusion and keep the message consistent, I added messaging into the IB to cover that additional closure (it is in track changes so you’ll see what’s new). So questions for you guys:

1. Any concerns with the additional language in the IB?
2. Is the sign OK on your end with the new language?
3. Assuming we are OK on 1 and 2, what kind of timeline are we looking at for sign installation?

Cheers,

Logan Wenham
Senior Public Affairs Officer
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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MAP #1



MAP #3



Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA signs - latest

OK – I'll put a bow on this one, get you a print-ready version and get to work on the other one, leaving a space for the maps when they arrive.

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:12 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA signs - latest

I can live with this one for sure. Sorry for the confusion re: the regulation language; I agree we don't need to cite it.

Tom

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:11 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA signs - latest

I think we should stick with one sign to cover all the bases. I have gone with symbols in the past, but I don't have a symbol for "keep dogs on leash" that is super-clear so went with text from the get-go.

You agreed in our last conversation that it made sense to leave the regulation citation off, so I had it removed. I don't think citing a regulation is all that helpful to informing the public and it is clearly official with the blue/yellow format at logo, etc.

Can you live with this one, with the understanding that the only other one we are designing will be the variant for the beaches with seasonal dog closures?

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:06 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA signs - latest

Looks fine from my end.

Question – do you also make signs with symbols that show the regulations as well?

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:04 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: PQB WMA signs - latest

Here's the latest sign – does this work for you in the “no seasonal closures” areas while we wait for Rick's maps for the other signs?

If so, I'll get a print-ready version mocked up.

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INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release
[release number]
June nn, 2015

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Dogs must be on leash in Wildlife Management Area

PARKSVILLE – Residents enjoying the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area are reminded to follow restrictions now in place that require all dogs to be on a leash.

The regulations are necessary to protect wildlife, particularly birds which suffer stress and lose critical energy reserves when chased by dogs. Fires, camping and motorized vehicles are also prohibited in the Wildlife Management Area.

The prohibitions were established through the Wildlife Management Area Use and Access Regulation made under the Wildlife Act. While most fines levied tend to be a Provincial Voluntary Penalty Ticket of \$115, violators can be subject to a penalty of up to \$50,000 and/or 6 months in jail for more serious offences.

The Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area was first established in 1993. It was last enlarged in 2013 to include a five-kilometre stretch of riparian habitat along the Englishman River which will help sustain a sensitive steelhead trout fishery and protect community water supplies.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations works to maintain and restore the province's ecological diversity of fish and wildlife species and their habitats. One way the ministry meets these goals is through the management of the province's various types of conservation lands, including the establishment of wildlife management areas under Section 4 of the Wildlife Act. This designation gives the ministry additional tools to manage the land and associated land uses.

To view a map of the Parksville-Qualicum Wildlife Management Area, visit: [LINK](#)

Comment [WL61]: Picture link to be added later

Contacts: Media Relations
Ministry of Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations
250 356-5261

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 1:52 PM
To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Hi Mike – s.22
PQB-WMA?

Are you available to assist with media calls about our “dogs on leash” signs for the

Cheers,

Logan Wenham
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From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 1:41 PM
To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

s.22 if anything comes up.

Sean Pendergast RPBio
Senior Wildlife Biologist | Fish & Wildlife Section

From: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 1:18 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Hi Logan,

I’m confident that everything will be in order for installation on Friday. I’ve just been told the aluminum will arrive tomorrow and that the signs will be ready for pick up by mid-Wednesday.

--Steve

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 12:57 PM
To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

I am good to go on our end for this Friday, July 10 IF I can get a contact if I receive media questions. Mike – are you available this Friday?

Cheers,

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To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

That will likely work – I'll confirm at my end. Are you confident all will be ready for Friday?

Sean – can you do media on this if asked on Friday?

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From: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 12:56 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Hi Logan -

I just learned that the signs have been printed, but the sign guys are waiting on the aluminum to mount them to – it *should* be in by later this afternoon and would be about a half day turnaround from there.

If we could push the install date back to Friday that would give us plenty of time. Would this work on your end?

Thanks,
--Steve G

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 12:38 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Hi Logan,

Steve will follow up with you on the sign schedule; it sounds like it will be this week (Thursday/Friday).

With regards to the potential for interview questions, not being a “government employee” I am not too sure if I would be the best person to speak to government regulations. Perhaps Sean?

Tom

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Hi Steve, et al:

Are you guys still a go for July 8 sign install? If so I'll queue up approvals of the Information Bulletin at my end.

Tom – if we get any media enquiries, are you comfortable giving a short interview on why it is important to leash your dogs, etc.?

Cheers,

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From: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Hi Logan,

Just confirmed with our sign shop – we plan to install 30 signs on July 8th throughout the P-QBWMA. How does that sound at your end? It would be no problem to adjust this by a day or two if need be.

Regards,
--Steve G

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 10:14 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Thanks, Tom. I will include Nanaimo and Parksville.

Steven – because I need to get permission for a release time on my end, I need a couple of days' notice as to when the signs are going up (i.e. – “they are already up” or “they are going up today” both won't work).

Let me know when you have a date!

Cheers,

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 9:41 AM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: WMA signs

Hi Logan,

I have cc'd Steven Godfrey on this email as he will communicate directly with you regarding the installation dates.

With regards to media I think distributing it to Nanaimo wouldn't hurt.

Thanks.

Tom

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Hi Tom – any news on installation dates? Also on IB media distribution (i.e. – should I include Nanaimo).

Cheers,

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Probably – I'll look into that.

Lazo Marsh would be Courtney/Comox media. For Parksville should I include Nanaimo in media distribution? Do folks in Parksville read Nanaimo newspapers?

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Thanks Logan.

I am wondering if we could get something similar for Lazo Marsh WMA as well - including the IB. The regs are the exact same as are the issues.

Tom

Sent from my iPhone using **Mail+ for Outlook**

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: 2015-06-16, 3:41 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs
The signs are designed to be: 17.7165 inches (45 cm) wide x 23.622 inches (60 cm) high.

So roughly 18" x 24"

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 3:20 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

Pedestrian.

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 3:19 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

These are signs for pedestrian traffic, correct – not vehicle traffic?

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 3:19 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: WMA signs

What is the recommended sizing?

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 12:47 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: WMA signs

Hi Tom:

As discussed, here are the final signs. Once you have an installation day, let me know and I will try to coordinate the release to match up.

Cheers,

Logan Wenham
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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2015 12:05 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA closure maps

Excellent. So let me know when, and if, you need the sign versions of the maps done.

Rick

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2015 11:36 AM
To: Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA closure maps

Perfect! Thanks!

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From: Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA closure maps

Sorry Logan, I misunderstood what this map was being used for. Here you go with a media map. I am assuming your second bullet meant to say "Replace "Brant Closure areas" in the description key with "No Dogs – March 1 to April 30"".

Rick

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2015 10:03 AM
To: Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX

Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA closure maps

Almost, but not quite. I love that map format for when we eventually do closure signs – so yes to that eventually.

Right now, I need a single map of the full area (no pull outs) to include with our media release about leashes. So just like what you sent but:

- No pull out map, since right now we are not putting the maps on signs – that may come later.
- Remove “Brant Closure areas” in the description key with “No Dogs – March 1 to April 30”
- Remove “You are Here” bullet.

Thanks!

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From: Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA closure maps

Hi Logan. Is this along the lines of what you were thinking about? If you are happy with this, then I will produce maps for the other two closure areas.

Rick

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From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2015 8:00 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA closure maps

Thanks, Tom – Rick – can you update the legend as per below?

Thanks again!

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2015 9:16 PM
To: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX; Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: PQB WMA closure maps

Hi Logan,

Yes you are reading the map correct. The red areas are those areas closed to dogs from March 1 to April 30th.

I agree with your other suggestion as well.

Cheers,

Tom

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:07 PM
To: Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA closure maps

Hi Rick:

Sorry for the delay on this – your map is OK, but the Brant closure area is confusing vis a vis our ‘dogs on leash’ item – are the red areas the areas where no dogs are allowed from March 1 – April 30?

If so, can we get a similar map with the border of the whole WMA as shown – but in the key put “Wildlife Management Area (dogs must be on leash)” and then the red part labelled “No dogs allowed March 1 – April 30”

First though – Tom – am I reading this correct?

If we can pull this together by tomorrow noon I’d like it to be uploaded with the News Release on Friday morning.

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From: Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 1:19 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: PQB WMA closure maps

Hi Tom/Logan. Here is a draft of one of the closure maps. Let me know what you think and how we can change it to better fit what you had in mind. Following this same pattern, there would be a second map for the centre closures and a third for the western most closure. Tom, your example maps did not indicate "No Dogs" for this area, so I have left it off, but would include it on the closure areas for the other two maps.

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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 10:23 AM
To: Deegan, Rick FLNR:EX
Cc: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Subject: PQB WMA closure maps

Hi Rick,

Thanks for helping out with this. Below is the description of the closures as found in the regulations. Also attached are some associated maps.

Let me know if you need anything else. I have cc'd Logan on this email as he can speak to size restrictions for the signs.

Thanks.

Tom

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area – portions

1 The following portions of the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area:

(a) the intertidal zone, from the mean high water mark to the mean low water mark, contained within the area located from that point of land at the end of Doehle Avenue extending in an easterly direction for approximately 2.5 km to the mouth of the Englishman River;

(b) the intertidal zone, from the mean high water mark to the mean low water mark, contained within the area located from that point of land at the end of Seacrest Place extending in an easterly direction for approximately 3.5 km to the mouth of French Creek;

(c) the intertidal zone, from the mean high water mark to the mean low water mark, contained within the area located from that point of land at the end of Seacroft Road extending in a westerly direction for approximately 2 km to the mouth of the Little Qualicum River.

Thomas Reid, Manager
Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program

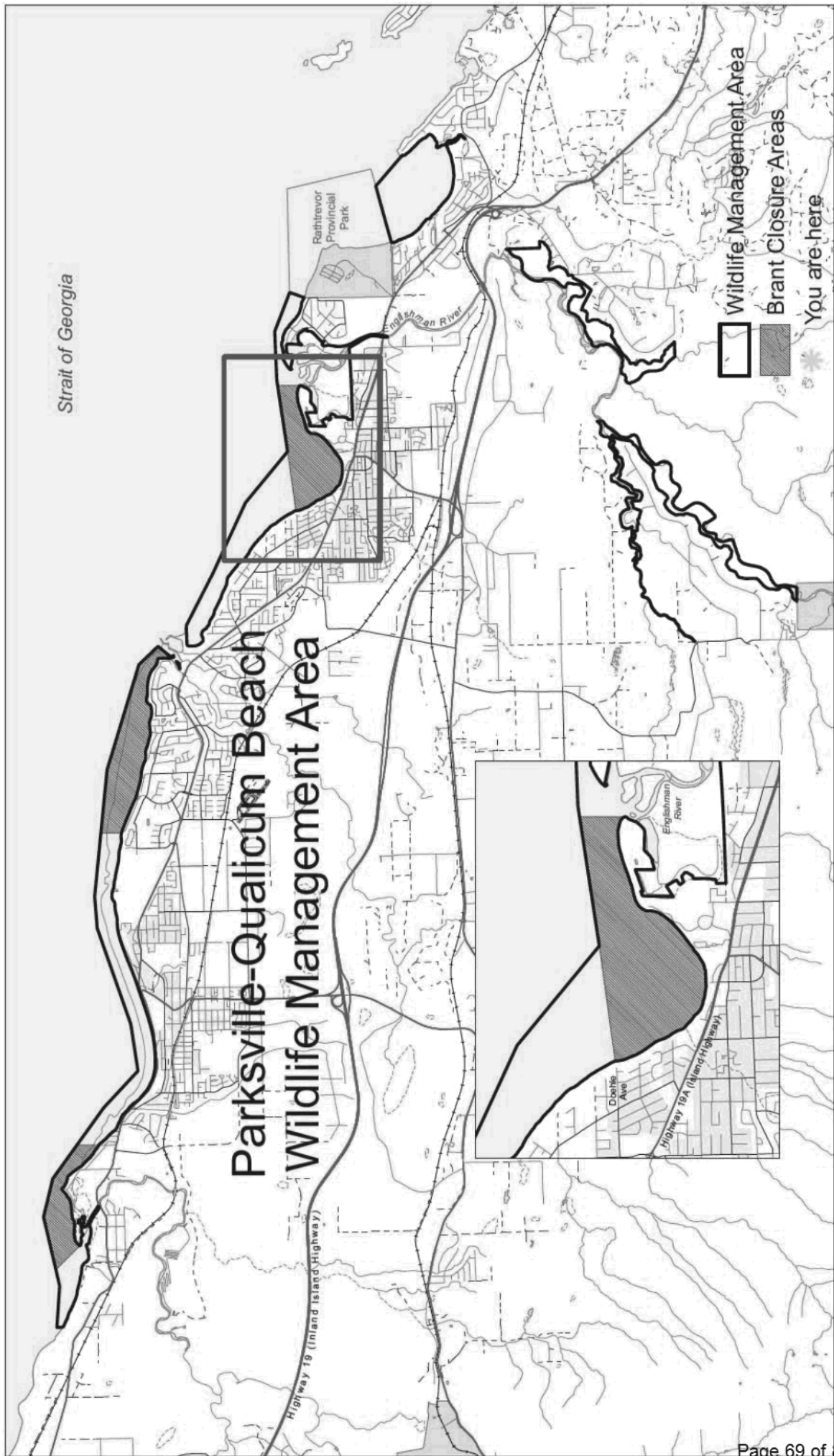
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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Diederichs, Ron FLNR:EX
Subject: Fw: squatter camps in PQBWMA

Fyi.

From: Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:19 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; York, Ben A ENV:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Sterling, Troy ENV:EX
Subject: RE: squatter camps in PQBWMA

FYI,
CO STERLING and I attended on 2015-07-14 and told them they had until 15-07-17 @ 1600 hrs to vacate.
Also note we provided advice to the 7 dog owners with dogs off leash in the WMA.

Conservation Officer Stuart Bates

Central Island Zone/ Conservation Officer Service/ Ministry of Environment
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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 3:10 PM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Cc: Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: squatter camps in PQBWMA

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From: ls.22
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 3:07 PM
To: 'mary beil'; 'Craig Reid'; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: 's.22'
s.22

Subject: squatter camps on Nature Trust Property

As of noon today there are two tents at the Cedar tree location (aka. Yellow tent) on Nature Trust Property as well as a new tent set up on Nature Trust Property on the river bank north of the trail leading from the City's Green way field at north end. Garbage is now visible along the river and in the Green Way Field. As well, Bob observed on the campers from the Yellow Tent site defecating in the Green way where it adjoins my property and/or s.22 property. I am heading back there with my camera. This is definitely getting out of hand. I am calling the COS as Tom recommends.

s.22 is calling the Health Dept.

Cheers,

s.22

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:37 PM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Compliance continuum requirements for PQB WMA

I am not too sure regarding the media interest but I do know we received some phone calls last week and this week from people seeking some further information. Much of the response has been positive.

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX; Sterling, Troy ENV:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Compliance continuum requirements for PQB WMA

Perfect, thanks Tom. Any media interest or public feedback yet?

Cheers
Ben

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:19 PM
To: York, Ben A ENV:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX; Sterling, Troy ENV:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Compliance continuum requirements for PQB WMA

Hi Ben,

My apologies but there was a PR piece that came out last Friday coinciding with the sign installation that I forgot to include you on; distributed via the BC Gov website, media outlets and other social media platforms. Here is the link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/dogs-must-be-on-leash-in-wildlife-management-area>

Cheers,

Tom

From: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:12 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Cc: Bates, Stuart A ENV:EX; Sterling, Troy ENV:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Compliance continuum requirements for PQB WMA

Hi Tom,

A month or so ago, we discussed the implementation of the WMA Access regs and the need for public education prior to escalating enforcement. While I was off on leave, I noted the new signs posted at access points. This is a good start

(although the signage could have been a little more specific about penalties and enforcement; but still good). However, I've yet to see any media coverage or press releases on the new(-ish) regulations. This is a critical piece in the compliance continuum and our enforcement efforts are hampered without it (judges often ask how the public was supposed to know...). Signage alone is not adequate for a new restriction.

We have received a few complaints about dogs already and as Stuart told you, they encountered a number of non-compliant dog owners while addressing the illegal camping issue yesterday. What he didn't tell you was some of the dog owners didn't think the new signage applied to them (no idea why). I'm sure beach fires will start again after the fire ban is lifted.

With our current wildfire enforcement role and regular high season wildlife conflict work, we do not have the time to do soft compliance/education like we do during the Brant closure. I doubt you guys do either. Without the general public education/engagement piece in place, we are stuck between a rock and a hard place. Soooo...

Can you please re-visit this matter with your GCPE liaison and get some local press coverage on the restrictions and rationale? I'm sure you could throw a CO contact on there for further comment as well (right Dave K.?)

Thanks in advance,
Ben

Sgt. Ben York | Central Island Zone
Conservation Officer Service | Ministry of Environment | 250-751-3163

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:41 PM
To: Don Marshall
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Luke Sales; York, Ben A ENV:EX; Diederichs, Ron FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Don,

Thanks for your message.

The signs were installed by my program last week in conjunction with a public release from the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The media release can be found at this link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/dogs-must-be-on-leash-in-wildlife-management-area>

In terms of enforcement of the regulations the Conservation Officer Service and the Natural Resource Officers of the Province of BC are responsible. It is unfortunate the RAPP line is providing misleading information in this regard. I will follow up directly with the COS.

Tom

From: Don Marshall <bylaw@qualicumbeach.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Diedderichs.Ron@gov.bc.ca; Luke Sales
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Thomas,

Can anyone in the Provincial Government please advise me who installed these signs within the past two weeks? I am receiving several calls regarding who is enforcing these regulations about dogs on the beach and several of the callers, and myself, have called the staff at the number provided but the RAPP line staff do not know anything about these signs and have advised me that they will not enforce dogs off leash in this area. As the Conservation Officers will not enforce, can you please advise who will be so we can refer our many callers to someone who can answer their questions.

Thank you,

Don Marshall
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From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX [mailto:Thomas.Reid@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: October 11, 2013 1:11 PM
To: Don Marshall
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Don,

Thanks for your inquiry.

The Ministry has recently sent a letter to the Town of Qualicum Beach CAO Mark Brown clarifying the Ministry's administrative control management over the area in question – please see attached.

Sincerely,

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From: Don Marshall [mailto:bylaw@qualicumbeach.com]
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2013 11:58 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Tom & Steve,

I am following up on the attached email that was sent to Drew Chapman back in August of this year. Drew had mentioned that the two of you now look after this WMA so I am just following it up.

In August of this year, The Town's Deputy CAO, was advised by someone over the phone that " *The Ministry may be taking the position that because our beach has been designated as a Wildlife Management Area dogs are not permitted off leash.*" Mr. Marsh had requested that if this was in fact the Ministry's position, he would like it in writing.

The Town was considering changing our signage in this area as the beach in the Eaglecrest area is designated as an "off leash area" all year long, except during March and April every year, when dogs are not permitted on the beach at all, even on leash in cooperation with the Brant migration period.

Can you please provide any updates on this matter as we continue to get inquiries from the public and the Town would also like to proceed with installing new, appropriate signage if possible.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter,

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From: Chapman, Drew ENV:EX [<mailto:Drew.Chapman@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: August 26, 2013 9:46 AM
To: Don Marshall
Cc: s.22 Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Don,

BC Parks is no longer looking after the PQBWMA. I have cc'd Tom Reid and Steve Godfrey that look after the WMA and they can address your concerns. Thank you
Drew

*Drew Chapman
Ministry of Environment
BC Parks
Arrowsmith Area Supervisor
ph 250-954-4607
fax 250-954-4610*



From: Don Marshall [mailto:bylaw@qualicumbeach.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 11:46 AM
To: Chapman, Drew ENV:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Drew,

The Town of Qualicum Beach is inquiring about the possibility of altering, or removing, the Ministry of Environment signs that are located in the Wildlife Management Area on Butterball Drive and Seacrest Place in the Eaglecrest area of Qualicum Beach.

The issue is that the town is receiving an increase in complaints because these signs conflict with Town Bylaws.

The main concern is that these signs show a dog on a leash so some people view this as "all dogs must be on a leash". The concern for the town is that these beaches are designated "off leash" all year except March 1 – April 30 each year at which time dogs are not permitted to be on any beach in the Town in cooperation with the Brant migration.

Another issue is that these signs also depict "no fires" on the beach. This also conflicts with our bylaws as beach fires are permitted, except during a fire ban of course. The signs that are causing the confusion is shown below



Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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From: Chapman, Drew ENV:EX [<mailto:Drew.Chapman@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: May 26, 2011 8:14 AM
To: s.22
Cc: Don Marshall
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

s.22 s.22
Dear

My apologies for not responding earlier as I have been out of the office and if I have confused issues here. There is no regulation that states dogs must be on a leash for this area. We encourage pet owners to have their dogs on a leash for the protection of the wildlife and other people. If the municipality has a bylaw for an "off leash area", then that bylaw would be in effect. If there was a closure under a provincial or federal statute (regulation) then that would supersede the bylaw.

Hopefully that clarifies the issue.

Thank you

*Drew Chapman
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From: s.22
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 9:16 AM
To: Chapman, Drew ENV:EX

Cc: Don Marshall
Subject: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Drew. I was forwarded this email from the Town's Bylaw Enforcement Officer who I supervise. Are you saying in this email that dogs must be on a leash at all times on the beach? The Town has designated some areas on the beach within Town boundaries as off leash areas. And if this leash at all times is correct would you please provide the legislative reference that applies? I am not referring to closure and/or Brant times. Please advise as soon as possible as a resident is now requesting that the Town act on your email and enforce the leash issue. Thank you.

s.22

"Keep Kwalikum Secondary School in Qualicum Beach"

-----Original Message-----

From: Chapman, Drew ENV:EX [<mailto:Drew.Chapman@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: May-20-11 8:13 AM
To: 's.22'
Cc: Reid, Thomas G ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Wildlife Managment Area Waterfront Park Qualicum Beach

Hi s.22

I was forwarded your email to respond to regarding dogs in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area.

Pets are allowed on the beach if they are on a leash in the WMA except for when the closure is posted for the Brant geese (February thru April). In some areas there may be closures posted from time to time to ensure water quality protection as well as protection of wildlife. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you

Drew Chapman
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Parks & Protected Areas Division
Arrowsmith Area Supervisor
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fax 250-954-4610

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 5:42 PM
To: Ackles, Steve W ENV:EX
Cc: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Steve,

These regulations have been put in place by the Province for the WMA - with my programs assistance. The best number for inquiries would be to the regional fish and wildlife section.

Thanks for following up.

Tom

From: Ackles, Steve W ENV:EX
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Cc: York, Ben A ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Tom,
Do you have a public information phone number for Natures trust so the ECC can forward public inquiries?
Thanks
Steve
Conservation Officer
Port Alberni
B.C.

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 7:34 AM
To: Ackles, Steve W ENV:EX
Subject: Fw: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Steve,

Fyi. I forwarded this on to Ben but see that ^{s.22}

Tom

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:41 PM
To: Don Marshall
Cc: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX; Luke Sales; York, Ben A ENV:EX; Diederichs, Ron FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Don,

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 5:49 PM
To: Henigman, Margaret FLNR:EX; Roden, Jacqueline FLNR:EX
Cc: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Qualicum Beach signs put up about Wildlife Management Area

Hi everyone,

The Conservation Land Management Program (which includes FLNRO, CWS, The Nature Trust and Ducks Unlimited) worked with FLNRO public affairs, the Fish & Wildlife Section with support from the COS in designing the signs and coordinating the installation which was completed Friday July 10th. Accompanying the installation was an information bulletin and media advisory issued by the Province - please see the following link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/stories/dogs-must-be-on-leash-in-wildlife-management-area>.

Tom

From: Henigman, Margaret FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 10:17 AM
To: Roden, Jacqueline FLNR:EX
Cc: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX; Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Qualicum Beach signs put up about Wildlife Management Area

I believe this was work that The Natures Trust was doing on our behalf. The RAPP line should be aware of it since it references the Wildlife Act. They should not be referring this to the local bylaw officer.

From: Roden, Jacqueline FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:09 PM
To: Henigman, Margaret FLNR:EX
Cc: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: Qualicum Beach signs put up about Wildlife Management Area

Hi Maggie,

Not sure if you can help me with determining who put up the signs around beach access in Qualicum Beach about no dogs on beach or campfires. The sign is a Provincial Gov't sign with the RAPP line given to report all violations. Apparently the RAPP line does not know anything about this and has been referring callers to the Bylaw officer in Qualicum. Can you tell me if you know who would have put those signs up? The By-law officer who called is Don Marshall, 250-927-0776 (Cell) and the email would be bylaw@qualicumbeach.ca. Let me know if this is something you can help me with or if you know who else would be authorized to put up signs about the Wildlife Management Area in Qualicum.

Thanks,

Jacqueline Roden

Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

103 - 2100 Labieux Rd.

Nanaimo, BC V9T 6E9

Jacqueline.Roden@gov.bc.ca



Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 216520 RE: "Dogs must be on leash in Wildlife Management Area"

-----Original Message-----

From: Wenham, Logan GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Cc: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX; Clarke, Brennan GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: "Dogs must be on leash in Wildlife Management Area"

Hi Tom and Sean:

We have received an enquiry on the leash requirement for P-QB WMA from a resident in the area (see below). I'm sending it along to you guys to determine next steps re: getting back to her.

Our media desk guy, Brennan, will alert the writer that we've sent it to the FLNRO regional office in Nanaimo and provide the general office number (250 751-3100) if they'd like to follow up on status.

Sonia - not sure how this dovetails to correspondence unit protocols, so I am ccing you as well.

Logan Wenham
Senior Public Affairs Officer
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: (250) 953-3675

To live is to fly, low and high,
So shake the dust off of your wings, and the sleep out of your eyes;
- Townes Van Zandt (To Live is to Fly)

-----Original Message-----

From: ^{s.22}
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Clarke, Brennan GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: "Dogs must be on leash in Wildlife Management Area"

Hello.

I haven't heard back from anyone on this yet. Perhaps you're very busy right now. I'd like to know that you have received my original message.

Could you fire me back an email just to let me know that you received this?

Thank-you

s.22

On 2015-07-20 13:41^{s.22} wrote:
> Hello.
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> I'm contacting you because your contact information was (mostly) found
> on the press release from July 10th, 2015 entitled "Dogs must be on
> leash in Wildlife Management Area". I appreciate that you will likely
> not be able to answer all of these questions, but I hope that you can
> direct me to someone that can.

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> I belong to a community forum that discusses issues relevant to the
> Parksville Qualicum Beach community (including RDN electoral areas E,
> F, G and H as well as the Town of Qualicum Beach and City of
> Parksville, plus Lasqueti Island). When someone posted a photo of the
> new signs that were found on the beach in the Qualicum area, it
> resulted in over 130 posts. After some phone calls to the Town of
> Qualicum Beach and RAPP line, we're still unclear on a number of
> points.

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> These questions are in regards to a press release from July 10, 2015
> (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2015FLNR0174-001056>) that announces
> new restrictions requiring dogs to be on leash at all times within the
> WMA.

>

> Were management partners and/or the community consulted or informed
> about this change? According to reports from other members in our
> community forum, the Town of Qualicum Beach didn't seem to know
> anything about this until people starting calling to ask for
> clarification on the signs that were put up along the beach. This
> would seem to indicate that management partners weren't consulted or
> advised about this in advance of the press release.

>

> There is no mention in the WMA plan (2003) of a need to restrict dogs
> to being on leash at all times in the WMA. What specifically lead to
> the implement of this restriction at this time?

>

> If these restrictions were implemented as a result of complaints from
> residents, shouldn't the rest of the community have been consulted
> prior to its implementation?

>

> Who is supposed to enforce this restriction? The press release
> mentions fines for violations, but who exactly is supposed to issue
> these fines? A member of our forum called the number on the sign (the
> RAPP number), and spoke with a conservation officer that knew nothing
> of the sign or the regulations and said that any issues with dogs
> would be under the authority of the town... which is only applicable
> to those parts of the beach in the WMA that actually fall within the
> City of Parksville or Town of Qualicum Beach.

>

> What education or publicity is planned to explain to the community the
> *need* for this new restriction?

>

> I appreciate your assistance with this matter. Our community is
> generally supportive of the need to have our local beaches be
> completely dog-free during the critical brant migration season, but
> this new restriction appears to have taken folks by surprise. Without

> enforcement and/or some kind of education program to explain the
> importance of this new restriction, I'm not confident it will be
> respected.
>
> Thank-you
>
s.22

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Ackles, Steve W ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 3:48 PM
To: Ito, Miwa ENV:EX
Cc: York, Ben A ENV:EX; Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Phone enquiry re: dog on leash sign on Johnstone rd, Parksville

Hi Miwa,
I will get this one , but future calls for information regarding signage and regulation within the Parksville Wildlife Management Area should go to Sean Pendergast in Fish and Wildlife in Nanaimo office.
All reports of violations should go to the RAPP line.

Steve Ackles
Conservation Officer
Port Alberni
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 30, 2015, at 3:41 PM, Ito, Miwa ENV:EX <Miwa.Ito@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Steve,
s.22 left a message on my voice message regarding a big dog on leash sign at the end of Johnstone rd, Parksville.
s.22 and all sudden that sign was there and she doesn't think it's necessary. She would like to know why the sign was put and what is the background.
Can you respond? I am not sure if it should go to city? If so please advise I will forward this to city contact or advise s.22
Thanks,
Miwa
Miwa Ito
Program Assistant
Conservation Officer Service
Ministry of Environment
Tel: 250 356.9234 | Email: Miwa.Ito@gov.bc.ca

Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 9:58 AM
To: 'bylaw@qualicumbeach.com'
Cc: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Don,

Our crew will be in the area today to update some of the existing P-QBWMA signs along the waterfront in Qualicum and at the access points on Judge's Row. This will include adding the new regulatory signs which explicitly state that dog's must be on a leash in writing (as opposed to the current signs which show an image of a leashed dog). Please let me know if there is an access point you feel requires a sign to be put up which we have missed.

Regards,
--Steve Godfrey

Steven Godfrey, Field Operations Coordinator
Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program
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-----Original Message-----

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 12:32 PM
To: Godfrey, Steven FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Dog's on the Beach

Fyi. See question about signs below.

Thomas Reid, Manager
Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program
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Fax: 250-751-3103

Partners in Conservation

-----Original Message-----

From: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 12:32 PM
To: 'Don Marshall'
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Hi Don,

Attached is the official map of the Parksville Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area.

With regards to the signage (or lack thereof) at the points you have mentioned I have forwarded it on to our field operations staff to follow up with.

Earlier this year Maggie Henigman and I met with staff from the Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville and the RDN to discuss the WMA. While we discussed several items relating to the foreshore (e.g. development, DP's, shoreline construction) we also spoke of the regulations that were in development at that time. Both the Town and the City of Parksville expressed an interest to enact by-laws similar to the WMA regulations (e.g. dogs on leash, no dogs March 1 - April 30th) once they were finalized. Just curious to know if this is something that would still be considered in your area.

Thanks.

Tom

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Partners in Conservation

-----Original Message-----

From: Don Marshall [<mailto:bylaw@qualicumbeach.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Reid, Thomas G FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Dog's on the Beach

Tom,

Thank you for this, at least we will have some answers now. I did have another questions from a caller asking why the signs were placed on Seacrest & Butterball only and not along all beach access areas in QB, such as Judges Row, Hall Road and the main beach area. They mentioned that the entire beach in all areas was in the wildlife management area. Is this true?

Thanks again,

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From: Kumar, Sangita FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Barr, Larry FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Regulations regarding dogs in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area, CLIFF 216520

Yes thank you Larry. He sent me a copy of his response and I've updated CLIFF accordingly.

From: Barr, Larry FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:24 AM
To: Perzina, Vinka V FLNR:EX
Cc: Kumar, Sangita FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Regulations regarding dogs in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area, CLIFF 216520

Just letting you know that Ron responded directly.

Cheers

Larry Barr P. Agr.

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From: Diederichs, Ron FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:51 AM
To: 's.22
Cc: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Jones, Mark FLNR:EX; Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX
Subject: Regulations regarding dogs in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area, CLIFF 216520

Dear s.22

Thank you for your recent inquiry with regards to the Parksville Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area (PQB WMA) and the recent press release entitled "Dogs must be on leash in Wildlife Management Area". As I am responsible for Conservation Lands in the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNR), I have been asked to respond to your enquiry on behalf of Minister Steve Thomson.

The Parksville Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area protects over 30 kilometres of coastal intertidal, estuarine and riparian habitats and was designated under the Wildlife Act in 1993. Throughout the year this unique habitat complex supports over 250 different species of birds, several large and small mammals (including bears, cougar, Roosevelt elk), amphibians and reptiles, all species of Pacific salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout, as well as several important species of forage fish including herring.

Following designation of the PQB WMA in 1993, the Province of BC installed signage throughout the area which included both interpretive as well as boundary/regulatory signage. This included signs indicating that dogs must be on leash. In 1995 a management plan was developed for the area which was further updated in 2003. Both of these documents identify the substantial impact that off-leash dogs cause throughout the year on the fish, wildlife and ecosystems found within the Wildlife Management Area and recommended improving regulatory and interpretive signage throughout the area. The Province and our partners in the Vancouver Island Conservation Land Management Program have actively worked on implementing these recommendations since 1995 and have invested heavily in installing interpretive, boundary and regulatory signs throughout the area. We continue to work with local communities and stewardship groups in raising awareness of the values and importance of the WMA.

With regards to the questions you have raised, these are not new restrictions, rather they are regulations that have been put in place to provide our Compliance and Enforcement staff improved means of enforcing the management guidance that has been in place since the creation of the Wildlife Management Area in 1993. In an effort to bring greater awareness to the Wildlife Management Area and the regulations pertaining to the WMA, the Province recently replaced and updated the signs to our new standard. A press release was issued to raise awareness of the importance of the WMA throughout the year to fish and wildlife and to re-emphasize these long standing restrictions. As mentioned above, the Conservation Officer Service and our Natural Resource Officers will be enforcing the regulations/restrictions within the Wildlife Management Area.

Through our on-going management of the PQB WMA, we continue to inform the public and other levels of government of the importance of the area for fish and wildlife. This has taken the form of updating our interpretive signs, producing general WMA brochures and producing brochures specific to Black Brant that are distributed during peak migration by Vancouver Island University students and staff. We also support community stewardship group activities, assist with targeted neighbourhood “door hangar” campaigns directing people to more information and support the annual Brant Wildlife Festival.

Thank you again for your inquiry regarding the Parksville Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. If you would like further information regarding the remarkable biodiversity of the area or have any further questions regarding its management please contact me directly at this email address or by phone.

Sincerely,

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