

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
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INFORMATION NOTE**

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ISSUE: Possible boundary amendment to Ts'il?os Park (in the title area); to support Minister attendance at the Tsilhqot'in and BC Leadership Table meeting on January 28, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

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A similar extension/amendment to Ts'il?os Park boundaries was considered in the past as a Goal 2 extension (Map attached). Both Ts'il?os Park and the upper Chilko River are in title area.

There are a number of existing private properties along the north side of the Chilko River, which are excluded from both the Title Land and the boundaries proposed in the Goal 2 extension. Many of the properties belong to commercial operators who operate lodges, angler guiding, and provide for bear viewing opportunities in the upper Chilko River area.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed expansion to Ts'il?os may cause challenges and may not resolve all perceived issues with human activities in the Chilko River area. BC Parks would have additional resourcing and staffing requirements, and would have the same policy, legislative, and operational challenges as with other parks in title area. For example, issuance of PUPs in title area parks has been delayed in the past and uncertainties have arisen about public access to parks in the tribal area.

The *Parks Act* does not provide all authorities needed to manage the human activities in the Chilko River area. For example, federal legislation, such as the *Navigable Waters Act*, affords some of the other necessary authorities.

In addition, a detailed long term vision for provincial parks in the title area (beyond agreements such as the Memorandum of Understanding) has not been completely formulated and may be a prerequisite to make such an extension/park amendment a success as it would provide necessary certainty.

Relations with tourism operators in the north Chilko Lake area have been strained and the amendment to Ts'il'os Park boundaries may have a large effect by introducing new requirements associated with holding PUPs which would be necessary to operate in the upper Chilko River.

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SUMMARY

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This proposed park expansion could result in the same policy, legislative, and operational challenges as with other parks in title area. The *Park Act* does not provide all authorities/jurisdiction needed to manage human activities along the Chilko River. Tourism operators in the area may not support the park expansion.

Attachment: Tsi'il'os Park Goal 2 Addition Map

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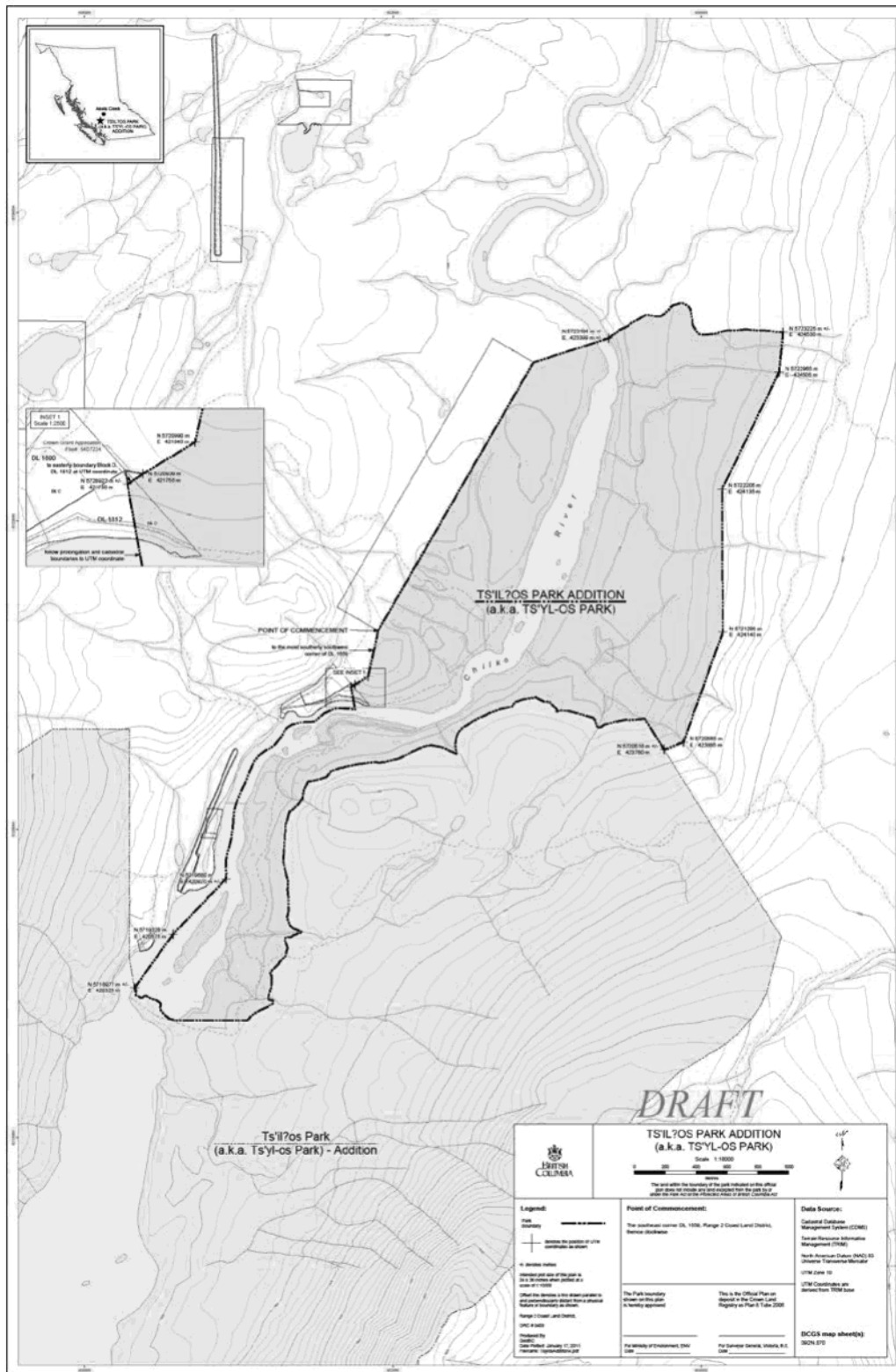
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**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
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BULLETS**

January 17, 2019

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SUBJECT: Meeting with Minister Selina Robinson, on January 28, at 5pm, to discuss rodenticides and cosmetic pesticides.

BULLET RESPONSE:

- Rats can pose a risk to human health from the potential spread of disease, and can have damaging effects on the environment by feeding on native plants and animals.
- Rodenticides to control rats are one tool in a suite of options, including mechanical traps and preventative measures, to manage infestations.
- ENV relies on Health Canada's scientists to conduct health and environmental reviews to ensure that pesticides allowed for use in Canada will not cause unacceptable risk to people and the environment.
- Health Canada recently completed a re-evaluation of several rodenticide active ingredients, and as a result imposed new label restrictions and risk mitigation measures to help protect non-target wildlife species.
- Under the new requirements, only certified applicators and farmers may use commercial second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides that pose the greatest risk to wildlife. Outdoor uses of some formulations are now prohibited.
- BC's Integrated Pest Management Regulation (IPMR) has additional requirements for using rodenticides on public land: they must be applied by a licenced operator with certified staff; baits may only be deployed in secure, labelled bait stations; and IPM principles must be used when making pest management decisions to avoid unnecessary use.
- Ministry staff stay current on potential risks from pesticides and will monitor the impacts of rodenticide use on owls and other non-target wildlife.
- The use of rodenticides to control rats is not considered a cosmetic pesticide use.
- "Cosmetic" use of pesticides generally refers to use for aesthetic purposes to improve the appearance of landscaped areas.
- In 2016, following a broad consultation and recommendations from the Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides, new IPMR amendments came into force to restrict the use of pesticides on landscaped areas.
- Additional authorization and training requirements were introduced, and vendor/customer interaction was improved at the point of sale to confirm appropriate pesticide use before purchase and to promote IPM.
- Program staff will continue outreach and compliance promotion on the new requirements, and will look for further opportunities to improve the IPMR to reduce the unnecessary use of pesticides in BC.

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Environmental Emergency Program Update

Implementing Phase 1 regulations & developing Phase 2 regulations + policy topics

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Implementing Phase 1 Regulations

Slide purpose: Information sharing



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Spill management topics addressed by Phase 1

- 1. Spill contingency plans:** pipeline, railway, and highway transporters of liquid petroleum products must develop and test spill contingency plans
- 2. Enhanced spill reporting:** Spillers must make multiple spill reports, including an end-of-spill report, to ensure the ministry has complete information
- 3. Prescribed response actions:** Spillers must respond to incidents by fulfilling any of the prescribed actions listed in the legislation that apply
- 4. Environmental recovery:** If required, government can order spillers to develop and implement an environmental recovery plan that addresses long-term damage
- 5. Robust cost recovery:** Government spill response costs are fully recoverable from spillers or product owners

Implementation activities

- Regs in force Oct 30, 2017
- Program expansion
- Staff training
- Presentations to the regulated community
- Fact sheets and external guidance
- Internal policies and procedures
- Compliance strategy

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Overview direction on Phase 2 topics



Slide purpose: Information sharing

Response times	Geographic response plans	Loss of public and cultural use	Marine application of provincial spill requirements
Require pipeline and railway transporters of liquid petroleum products to factor response times into spill contingency plans	Require pipeline and railway transporters of liquid petroleum products to develop geographic response plans for the extent of their operations	Develop provincial guidance to support communities in efforts to cost recover for community impacts from federal and international cost recovery funds	See next three slides for marine options

Options for marine



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Next steps for phase 2



Slide purpose: Minister decision

Date	Action
	Receive direction on marine options presented in preceding 2 slides (Y/N?)
March 2019	Release 4 engagement summary reports and policy update to EEP website (Y/N?) and include a news release (Y/N?)
October 2019	Response times regulation and geographic response planning regulation ready for approval
October 2019	Loss of public and cultural use external guidance for communities ready to be released

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
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BULLETS**

January 28, 2019

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PREPARED FOR: Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

SUBJECT: Minister meeting with Harmony Foundation Canada, on January 30, 1:45 pm, to discuss Caribou.

BULLET RESPONSE:

- Our government is committed to caribou recovery while seeking to meet the social and economic needs of British Columbians. As you are aware, the province recently invested \$27 million in the Provincial Caribou Recovery Program and launched an engagement process with Indigenous communities, key stakeholders, and the public on this program.
- The province of British Columbia (BC) recognizes that the long-term success of caribou recovery relies on an adequate supply of functioning caribou habitat. The province has used the *Park Act*, *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* to protect millions of hectares of caribou habitat from industrial disturbance. Over eight million hectares has been designated as Ungulate Winter Range or Wildlife Habitat Area under FRPA. In addition, more than one million hectares of caribou habitat has been closed to recreational snowmobile use to reduce the risk of disturbance and displacement.
- The province also understands that more needs to be done to protect and restore caribou habitat. To compliment future habitat protection efforts, the province recently partnered with the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, providing a \$2 million grant to support caribou habitat restoration projects.
- Seventeen petitions driven by citizens, Indigenous nations, and organizations have been filed under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), challenging the federal and provincial efforts to recover Southern Mountain Caribou. The federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change must recommend an Emergency Order (under Section 80 of SARA) based on recent findings of imminent threat to Southern Mountain Caribou.
- BC and the federal government have been developing a Bilateral Conservation Agreement under Section 11 of SARA. This agreement will be closely aligned with BC's own Provincial Caribou Recovery Program and include commitments to herd plans, habitat protection, restorative projects, predator management, monitoring, science and research, as well as ensuring that economic and job interests of communities are addressed. Focused engagement on the draft Section 11 Agreement will take place with communities, Indigenous peoples and stakeholders before this Agreement is finalized and signed.
- BC and the federal government, in partnership with the West Moberly and Saulteau First Nations, have also been negotiating a Caribou Recovery Partnership Agreement, which will apply to the Central group of Southern Mountain Caribou.

In early February, focused engagement on the draft Partnership Agreement will take place with communities, Indigenous peoples and stakeholders.

- BC plans to initiate a comprehensive planning process early this year as part of the Provincial Caribou Recovery Program that will provide local communities, stakeholders, and Indigenous nations with an opportunity to be involved in determining caribou recovery measures over the long term and protecting community well-being.

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