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# Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Update

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# Acknowledgement

**The Gulf Islands National Park Reserve is located on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples – Tsawout, Tsartlip, Tseycum, Pauquachin, Malahat, Chemainus, Halalt, Lake Cowichan, Lyackson, Stz'uminus, Penelakut, Snaw-Naw-As, Songhees, Tsouke, Semiahoo, Esquimalt, Snumeymuxw, and Tsawwassen First Nations, Cowichan Tribes and Scia'new (Beecher Bay) Indian Band.**

***We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work and play on these lands and for the willingness of local knowledge keepers to share their expertise as we walk side by side to create a shared vision for these sacred spaces.***



# What's Happening at GINPR?

- Shared Governance Plan (Park Management Plan )
- Sidney Island Ecosystem Recovery Plan (SIERP)
- Prevost Island
- Clam Gardens
- National Marine Conservation Area Reserve
- SRKW
- Environment Initiatives
- Visitor Centre / Sidney Island Ferry



# Priorities and Considerations

MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS  
AND GOVERNANCE



FIRST NATIONS INHERENT  
RIGHTS



RAPID POPULATION  
GROWTH



ORGANIZATIONAL  
CULTURE AND  
RELATIONSHIPS



SITE HISTORY AND  
CONTEMPORARY  
CONCERNS





# Activities



Park interpretation



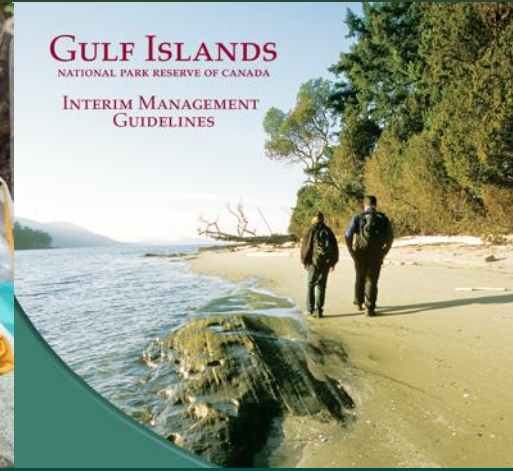
Indigenous tourism



Visitor Experience



Youth/Elder camps



Mgmt. Plan consultations



Culture days



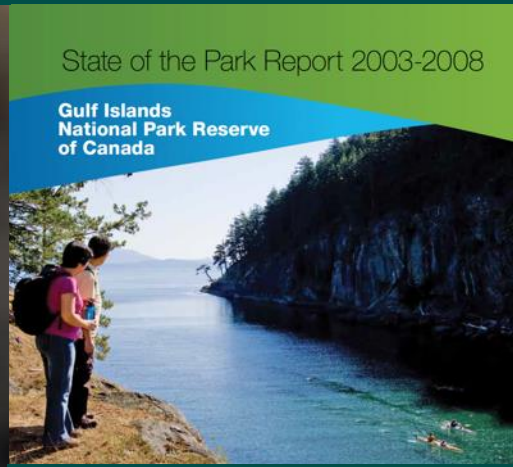
Youth camps



University co-ops



Ecological volunteering



Information sessions



# Shared Governance Plan

Shared governance is a term that refers to the sharing of authority through making decisions collectively. In the past, Parks Canada has used the terms “cooperative” and “collaborative management” to describe this approach.

- Beyond the legal requirement to consult
- Nation to nation, government to government relationship based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation
- Indigenous visioning exercise





# SÍTFÁMEN Sidney Island Ecosystem Recovery Plan (SIERP)

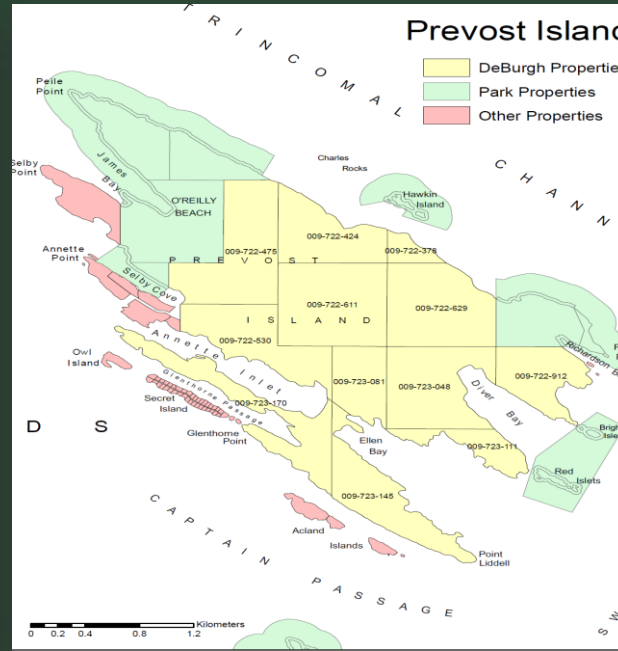
- Planning for Phase 2 – Ground based operation
- Invasive Plant Removal (Broom and Hawthorn)
- Fuel reduction and ecological thinning
- Grant with Vancouver Island University for plant restoration





# Prevost Island

- 404 hectares
- Treasury Board Submission
- Shared governance and use by First Nations







# Clam Gardens

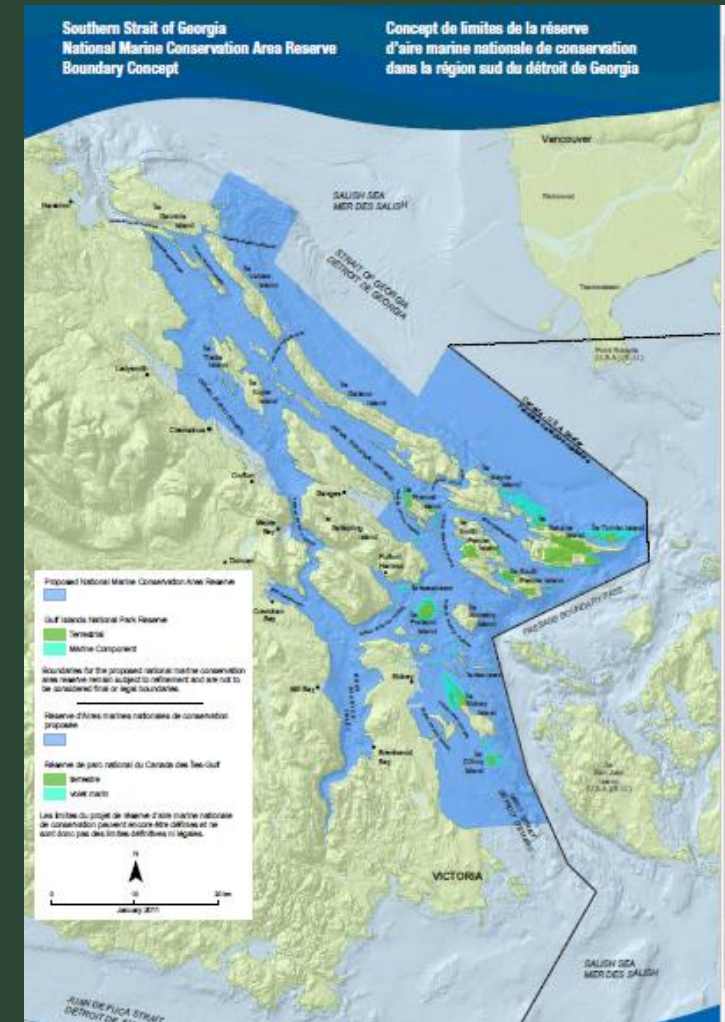
- Partnership with First Nations
- Licencing – Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Cultural Significance - FSC





# National Marine Conservation Area Reserve

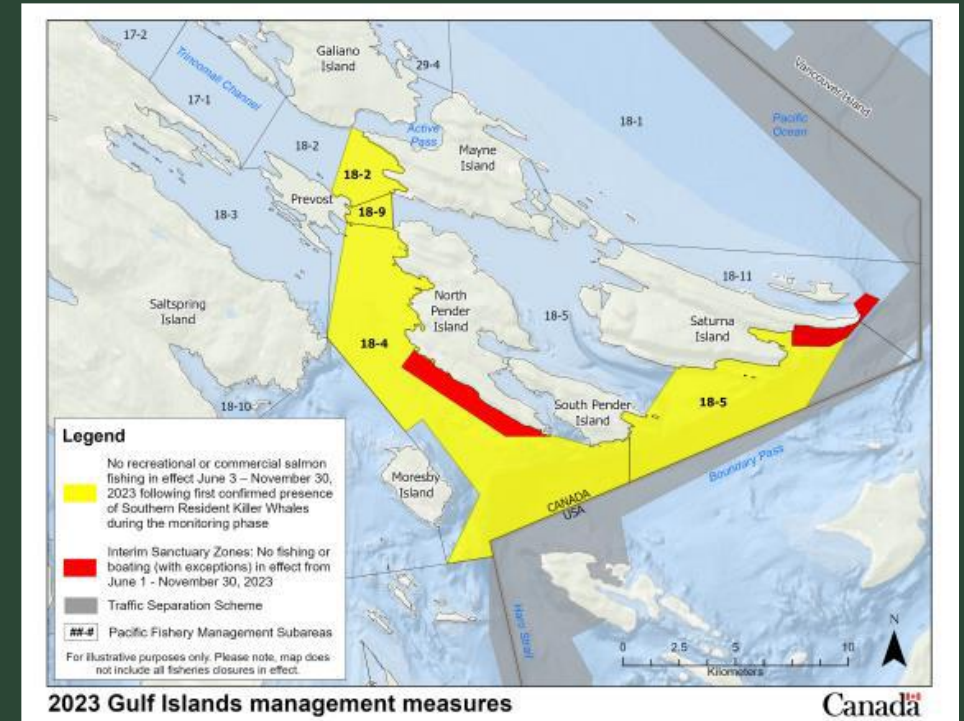
- At least one NMCAR is each marine Field Unit
- Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Recognized
- Outstanding Land Claims
- Negotiation and Interim Management Plan (step 4 of 5)





# WHALES - SRKW

- Interim Measures for 2024 announced
- Speed Restrictions Tumbo Channel
- Requested greater FN participation in the establishment of measures
- Park Warden resources
- Contaminants
- Whale Trail





# Other Initiatives

- Green Vehicles – all electric / PHEVs
- Fuel efficient propellers for vessels
- Visitor Centre
- Sidney Island Ferry
- Fire Prevention
- Beaumont Campground Closure





# Thank You!



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