

DELEGATION REQUEST

Request for February 27, 2024 Board Meeting

Speakers at delegation: Andrew Banks, Kephra Beckett

Organization: BC Nature

Primary Purpose: Federation representing 57 local nature clubs in BC

Number of members: over 5000

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Subject Matter:

The Municipal Protected Areas Project (MPAP) is inspired by Canada's commitment at the 2022 United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) to conserve 30% of Canadian lands and waters by 2030 (30 x 30). The federal government has recognized that local government protected areas are integral to achieving Canada's biodiversity goals but are underreported on the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database (CPCAD). BC Nature is leading MPAP in BC by assessing areas owned or managed by BC local governments against the federal criteria for protected areas, and then registering eligible areas in CPCAD.

Specific Request:

BC Nature is requesting to be a delegation to update the board and share information on the Regional District protected lands that are eligible for CPCAD on behalf of Mark Hart in the planning department and the parks department.

Audio equipment needed:

None - we will be using a Powerpoint. Can we do this presentation virtually?




MUNICIPAL PROTECTED AREAS PROJECT

Comox Valley Regional District

February 27, 2024

Andrew Banks, Project Manager
Kephra Beckett, Conservation Coordinator





BC Nature acknowledges our work is held on the Coast Salish territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. These are three of more than 200 First Nations in British Columbia – home to one of the world's most diverse assemblies of living Indigenous cultures. It is BC Nature's commitment to pursue meaningful work that is respectful and acknowledges the ancestral caretakers of this land.



**“Know Nature And Keep It
Worth Knowing”**

BC Nature is a federation of
local nature clubs, representing
more than 56 local nature clubs
throughout BC





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A collaborative initiative to advance Canada's commitment, under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, to protect at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030

Project focuses on working with local governments, to encourage contributions to the 30 by 30 target

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Project Partners



“Protected places, species and spaces must exist everywhere; they are not out there, but must be part of human life everywhere” – Ann Dale in Edging Forward: Sustainable Community Development



Conservation Targets

Importance of Local Governments

- Participation by all levels of government is integral to achieving Canada’s 30 x 30 commitment
- Municipal natural areas are home to rich biological diversity
- Municipal natural areas play a critical role in local adaptation to climate change
- Municipal protected natural areas are under-reported in Canada

Why Should Local Governments Participate?

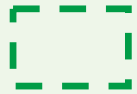
“Having our regional parks system included in Canada’s Protected and Conserved Areas Database recognizes our ongoing conservation efforts and the confidence that regional residents have placed in the Capital Regional District to sustain and grow our regional parks system over the years” - Colin Plant, Board Chair, Capital Regional District

Mount Wells
Regional Park

- Raises the profile of local government’s work
- Local governments can operationalize global biodiversity goals
- Validates local government’s conservation policies and approaches
- Builds collaboration between local governments and conservation organizations
- Ensures local governments are well positioned to seek future support and resources for conserved areas

Which Lands Qualify?

Natural areas can be added to the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database (CPCAD) if they:



Have clearly defined geographical boundaries.



Achieve in-situ conservation of biodiversity.



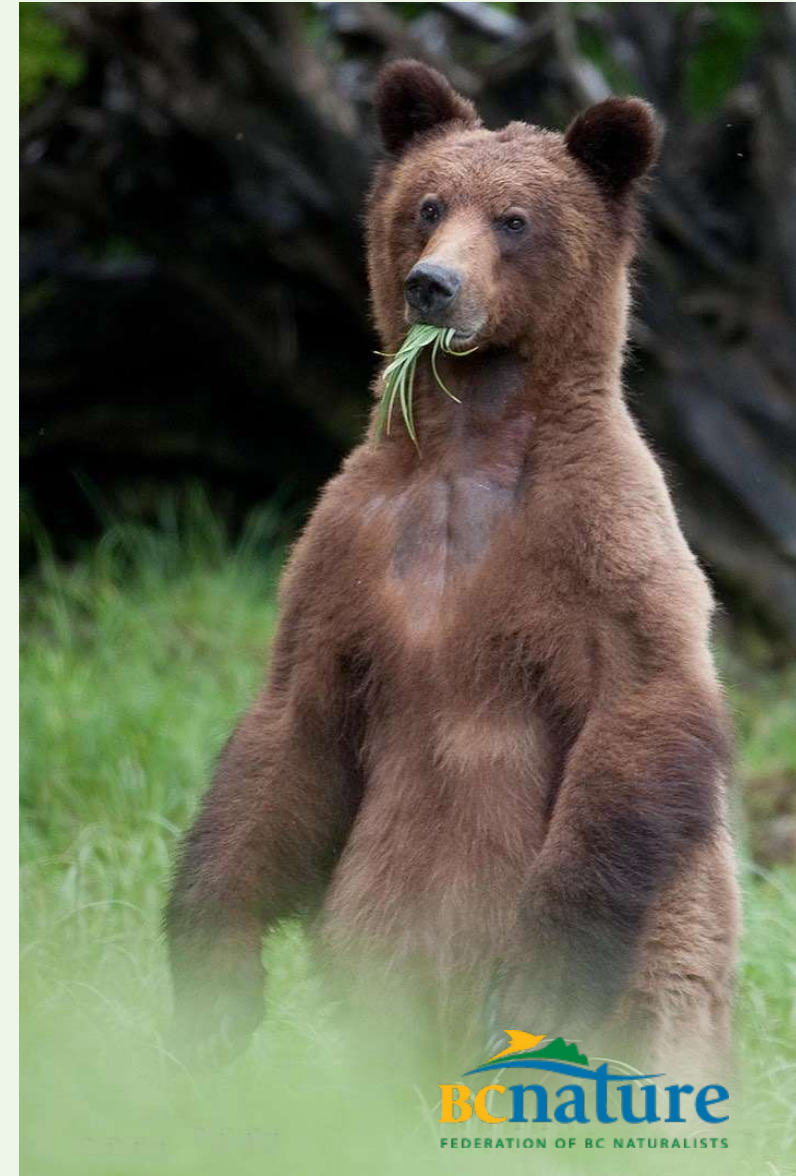
Prohibit actions incompatible with conservation.



Are intended to be protected into perpetuity.

What does BC Nature Bring to the Table?

- Assess lands for registry with Federal Government
- Undertake the registry process
- Engage with local clubs to promote and generate excitement about the conservation
- Provide information to staff for the protection of lands
- Identify opportunities for new lands to be conserved and protected



CVRD Parks

➤ Majority of CVRD parks meet the Federal criteria:

- 7 Conservation Parks
- 25 Nature Parks
- This adds up to ~1500 ha

Crownland tenure and leases are being assessed to determine final outcome.

➤ Community Parks and Greenways still TBD





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Thank you!



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