

## **Annex D. Environmental Protection Reports**

**OPI Project File #: R.112349.002**

**DND EIA Portal#: 2021-21-102750**

**Department of National Defence (DND)**

**Due Diligence Environmental Effects Determination (DDEED)**

**Project: Remedial Excavation – Rocky Point (RP) 14 Property  
of Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot (CFAD),  
Metchosin, BC**

Prepared by: Janet Jeffery

Date: March 24, 2021

Version: [V2]

## **Executive Summary**

A review of the potential significant adverse environmental effects was conducted for Rocky Point RP-14 Remedial Excavation located at the Department of National Defence CFAD Rocky Point property, Metchosin, BC.

*The Project consists of the following components:*

1. Site preparation,
2. Excavation and
3. Remediation activities.

Potential significant adverse effects of the Physical Activity were assessed and mitigation measures have been identified to minimize or eliminate these effects on the Valued Environmental Components (VECs). Mitigation measures for the protection of the following VECs are provided in this report: Atmosphere, Surface Water and Groundwater, Soils and Geology, Ambient Noise, Terrestrial Animals and Habitat, Aquatic Animals and Habitat, Vegetation, Species at Risk and Migratory Birds, Cultural Resources and Health and Safety.

Mitigation measures identified in the interaction tables will be incorporated into the Project design and implementation. Potential environmental effects associated with the Project are expected to be minimal and short-term in duration. With appropriate mitigation, adequate Project planning, and compliance with applicable legislative and regulatory requirements, there is little likelihood that significant adverse environmental impacts will result from proposed Project activities.

On the basis of this Due Diligence Environmental Effects Determination (DDEED) report, it has been determined that the Physical Activity is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. Therefore, the Physical Activity can proceed with application of the mitigation measures specified in the interaction tables in this report.

## **Part 1. Project Information**

### **1.1 Title of Proposed Project**

Rocky Point (RP) 14 – Remedial Excavation.

### **1.2 Originating Directorate, Base, or Unit**

Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Esquimalt

### **1.3 Location of Proposed Project**

Latitude: 48° 20' 45.13"N, Longitude: -123° 34' 7.64"W

The Project is located at the Rocky Point 14 (RP-14) property located at Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot (CFAD) Rocky Point, Metchosin, BC. CFAD Rocky Point is the explosives and munitions storage area for Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt (CFB Esquimalt) and the Pacific Naval Fleet and is located approximately 25 km southwest of Victoria, BC. RP-14 (the "Site") is located on the northern edge of the Rocky Point property, facing Pedder Bay and the Pedder Bay RV Resort & Marina to the north (Drawing 648721-001).

### **1.4 Project Summary**

Previous environmental investigations identified the Site as a former landfill, and large amounts of metal debris have been identified. Based on further site observations, the Site is considered to be a former "dumping area" as opposed to a landfill. Metal debris is present on a steep bank leading to the foreshore area of the Site. The debris is noted to extend below the high water mark and include various items including empty ordnance casings, munitions boxes and old fuel cans. The Site is accessed from the south (Rocky Point Road) by an existing gravel road that leads to the interior of the Site area.

Previous investigations at the Site have concluded the following:

- Concentrations of arsenic, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, tin and zinc in soil exceeding applicable guidelines.
- Sediment contamination (i.e., lead and zinc) was identified just off-shore to the north and east of the dumping area in the marine environment. The extent of this contamination has been delineated.
- Metals-contaminated soil was identified to 2.0 m below ground surface (m bgs) and in sediment to 0.3 m. Hazardous waste (HW) concentrations of leachable metals in soil were identified at one location at the southeast area of the Site.
- The total area of contaminated soil and sediment is estimated to be 1,230 m<sup>2</sup> and 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>, respectively.
- Groundwater contamination was not identified.

Remediation of the Site will consist of limited excavation of contaminated soil (Contaminated Sites Regulation [CSR] Industrial Land Use [IL] [CSR IL] + and Hazardous Waste [HW] soil) and risk assessment of residual soil and sediment impacts. This approach will consist of the following components:

- Excavation and disposal of approximately 210 tonnes of Waste quality soil (i.e., CSR IL+) soil and approximately 470 tonnes of Hazardous Waste (HW) soil.



- Transportation of contaminated soil to a licensed and approved facility.

It is anticipated the access road into the Site will require some upgrades and possible extension into the excavation areas to allow for equipment access and turn around area. Some tree and vegetation removal is anticipated. Approximately 200 tonnes of surficial debris will also be removed from the Site. The debris is anticipated to be accessible without the removal of any additional trees (i.e., beyond the tree removal required for the excavation of contaminated soils). Surficial debris would be transported to a licensed and approved facility. Site restoration will consist of topsoil with planting of a number of trees similar to what is currently present. The limited excavation program is assumed to require two days. This time estimate doesn't include set-up, backfill, site restoration, or other non-excavation activities.

### **1.5 Applicability of DND EIA Directive**

This activity does not meet the definition of a project under sections 81-91 of the Canadian Impact Assessment Act (IAA) as it does not involve a physical work. It is also not a designated project under paragraph 109(b) of the IAA or by order made by the Minister under subsection 9(1).

In accordance with the ADM(IE) Environmental Impact Assessment Directive and MARPAC SEMS DE1, a Due Diligence Environmental Effects Determination is recommended for the proposed work as the activities have the potential for adverse environmental effects and have not been previously assessed.

### **1.6 DDEED Start Date**

June 25, 2020

### **1.7 EIA number**

2021-21-102750

### **1.8 Provincial and Municipal Government Involvement**

None identified.

### **1.9 Other Federal Departments or Third-Party Groups**

None identified.

### **1.10 Contacts**

#### **1.10.1 DDEED Point of Contact**

- a) Name: Becky MacInnis, MARPAC Environmental Staff Specialist (ESS)
- b) E-mail Address: Becky.MacInnis@forces.gc.ca

#### **1.10.2 Project OPI**

- a) Name: Rachel Speller, Environment Officer, BSE Safety & Environment (BSE)
- b) E-mail Address: Rachel.Speller@forces.gc.ca

### **1.11 Other Reference Numbers (If Applicable)**

Not applicable.

## **Part 2. Environmental Effects Discussion**

### **2.1 Description of Project Components, Project Schedule and Project Site**

The Site is comprised of a mixture of mature deciduous and coniferous tree species with an open understory of mixed trees and shrubs and a well-developed moss layer. The marine waters of Pedder Bay are located immediately north of the Site area. An existing gravel road, approximately 3 m wide and overgrown in areas, provide access into the Site from the south (Rocky Point Road). The Site area is located within federally designated Critical Habitat for the blue-grey tailed slug (*Prophysaon coeruleum*) (Threatened, Schedule 1 of the federal Species at Risk Act [SARA]; provincially Blue-listed). Direct observations of the slug have been made nearby (~ 120 m across the road to the south of the Site) but not directly within the Site. The threaded vertigo (*Nearctula* sp. 1; Special Concern, Schedule 1 of the SARA; provincially Blue-listed), an arboreal snail species, has also been documented in close proximity to the Site. Other environmentally sensitive attributes in nearby areas include the presence of several rare lichens and a winter roost for Double-crested Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax auritus*). Further details of these attributes are discussed in the following sections.

Remediation of the Site will consist of limited excavation of impacted soil (CSR IL + and HW soil) and risk assessment of residual soil and sediment impacts. Project activities will include the removal and disposal of approximately 210 tonnes of Waste quality soil (i.e. CSR IL +) soil and approximately 470 tonnes of HW soil from the Site. Excavations are not anticipated to exceed a maximum depth of 2.0 m below ground surface. The excavation will occur in an area that was formerly used to dump miscellaneous metal debris from CFAD Rocky Point. The total area of contaminated soil is estimated to be 310 m<sup>2</sup>. It is anticipated the soil will be loaded directly into trucks for transportation off-Site to an approved facility. Approximately 200 tonnes of surficial debris (metal, etc.) is also anticipated to be removed from Site as part of Project activities. Site restoration will consist of application of topsoil with planting of a number of trees similar to what is currently present.

For the purposes of this Due Diligence Environmental Effects Determination, the Project will be comprised of the following three components:

1. Site preparation;
2. Excavation; and
3. Remediation activities.

The proposed Site layout is illustrated on Drawing 648721-002.

#### **Site Preparation**

Site preparation includes activities carried out prior to the start of excavation work to ensure work will proceed smoothly. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Utility location and establishment of any required protection, re-routing or removal of utilities prior to ground disturbance, if required;
- Identification and implementation of on- and off-Site traffic control requirements;

- Detailed survey of project area to document pre-remediation conditions, including photographs;
- Set up of temporary fencing around work site;
- Preparation of spaces for site support, such as office trailers, portable washrooms, lay-down areas, worker parking, and equipment refueling, where necessary;
- Installation of erosion and sediment control measures; and
- Limited tree and vegetation removal. Approval by MARPAC FSE of a Tree Replacement Plan (see Table 9) is required prior to any removal of trees.

### **Remedial Excavation and Backfilling**

It is anticipated that a total of 210 tonnes of Waste quality soil (i.e. CSR IL+) and approximately 470 tonnes of HW soil will be excavated to depths of up to 2.0 m below ground surface. The proposed excavation areas are illustrated on drawing 648721-002. It is anticipated that soil will be loaded directly onto trucks and transported to a facility authorized to accept contaminated soil or hazardous waste under the BC Environmental Management Act. Additionally, approximately 200 tonnes of surficial metal debris will be removed from the Site as part of project activities.

Following completion of remedial excavation activities, the excavation areas will be backfilled with clean imported material and compacted.

Backfill material will consist of granular aggregate placed to within 0.3 m of the surrounding Site grade followed by topsoil. Backfilling will be conducted as soon as practicable following excavation and receipt of confirmatory sample results to minimize the length of time the excavation is open.

### **Site Restoration**

Restoration of the Site will be to pre-excavation conditions including re-establishment of vegetation of the Site area following the recommended mitigation measures provided in this document. Trees will be planted according to the Tree Replacement Plan approved by MARPAC FSE and in accordance with the MARPAC FSE Tree Replacement Policy. The decommissioning of the monitoring wells at the Site will likely be completed in the fiscal year following the completion of the remedial excavation, pending analytical results.

### **Scheduling**

It is anticipated that the remedial excavation program will take approximately two to three business days (12 hours per day) This time estimate does not include set-up, backfill, site restoration, or other non-excavation activities).

## 2.2 Identification of Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs)

The Environmental Effects Matrix is used to identify potential interactions between project components and identified VECs.

**Table 1. Environmental Effects Matrix**

PROJECT COMPONENTS  Enter each component e.g., phases of construction, aspects of operation.	VALUED ECOSYSTEM COMPONENTS (VEC) [modify as necessary]																	
	PHYSICAL							BIOLOGICAL					SOCIAL AND CULTURAL					
	Atmosphere	Surface Water	Groundwater	Soils and Geology	Ambient Noise			Terrestrial Animals and Habitat	Aquatic Animals and Habitat	Vegetation	Species at Risk and Migratory Birds		Land Use	Parks and Recreational Areas	Population	Cultural Resources	Aboriginal / Traditional Activities	Health and Safety
Site preparation	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x					x		x
Excavation	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x					x		x
Remediation	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x							x

**Legend:** [Blank] = No Effect | [X] = Potential Significant Adverse Effect

## 2.3 Description of Valued Ecosystem Components

### General Description

A Site visit was completed by SNC-Lavalin on October 26, 2020. Selected site photographs are included in Annex A. Relevant search results are included in Annex B.

The Site is located within federally designated Critical Habitat for the blue-grey tailed dropper slug. Direct observations of the slug have been made ~ 120 m across the road to the south of the Site, but not directly within the Site area. Other environmentally sensitive attributes in nearby areas include the presence of the threaded vertigo (Special Concern, Schedule 1 of the SARA) and foothill sedge (*Carex tumulicola*) (Endangered, Schedule 1 of the SARA; provincially Yellow-listed), several species of rare lichens and a night roost for Double-crested Cormorants. Further details of these attributes are discussed in the following sections. Several groundwater wells are also present throughout the area of the Site as a result of previous investigations.

The Site is located at the northern extent of Rocky Point, adjacent to the marine waters of Pedder Bay. Terrain in the vicinity of the Site is gently to moderately sloped towards the north. Areas adjacent the shoreline slope sharply towards Pedder Bay. Due to the steepness of the terrain, foreshore areas were not accessed at the time of the Site visit. Surrounding land use is rural in nature and includes a mixture of residential, recreational and institutional land uses. These include the Pedder Bay RV Resort & Marina to northwest of the Site, Pearson College (across Pedder Bay) north of the Site, and a small number of DND residences to the east of the Site. Rocky Point

Road, the main road leading to CFAD Rocky Point, is located ~ 75 m south of the Site. Further south beyond the road the lands are undeveloped and forested.

### **Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs):**

#### **2.3.1 Physical Components**

##### **i) Atmosphere**

The Project area is located in the Coastal Douglas-fir Moist Maritime Biogeoclimatic subzone (CDFmm). The CDFmm represents the mildest climate in Canada with warm, dry summers and mild, moist winters (Green and Klinka, 1994). The closest climate station to the Site with comprehensive data is William Head, located approximately 2 km northeast of the Site. The average daily temperatures at William Head, from 1981-2010 ranged from 5.4 degrees Celsius (°C) in December to 16.5 °C in August. The mean annual precipitation for the period of 1981-2010 was 944.1 millimetres (mm), which includes 13.8 mm of snow (Environment and Climate Change Canada, 2020).

CFAD Rocky Point is utilized on a regular basis by DND staff and visitors. The surrounding area is rural in nature and overall vehicle emissions are anticipated to be low. Vehicle emissions from those utilizing CFAD Rocky Point are current contributors to pre-existing sources of air contaminants in the local area. Receptors of poor air quality would be DND staff, visitors and local wildlife.

##### **ii) Surface Water**

The marine waters of Pedder Bay are located immediately north of the Site. No streams or other watercourses have been identified in the vicinity of the Site. In addition, no direct pathways such as ditches exist on the Site to provide flow of surface water towards Pedder Bay. Rainfall is anticipated to infiltrate to ground, however if ground conditions become saturated or during periods of heavy precipitation excess surface water is anticipated to flow northward, towards Pedder Bay. A roadside ditch runs parallel to Rocky Point Road near the entrance to the Site. The ditch was dry at the time of the Site visit.

##### **iii) Groundwater**

The Site is located within Regional Aquifer No. 606 – Sooke Metchosin, a 537.6 km<sup>2</sup> partially confined bedrock aquifer with high vulnerability and low productivity. Groundwater from AQ 606 is used predominately for drinking water and irrigation. A search of iMapBC identified the nearest groundwater well (Well Tag 105800) to the Site to be located over 950 m west (cross-gradient) of the Site. Well Tag No. 105800 is a private domestic water supply well. Given its distance and topographic orientation to the Site, impacts to this well as result of Site activities are not anticipated.

Five environmental monitoring wells are also located within the Site area. The monitoring wells were installed in 2017 to assess groundwater quality in the Site area. On October 30, 2017 depth to water in three of the five wells ranged from 3.2 m to 4.3 m. The remaining two wells were dry. Analysis of two groundwater samples collected at this time from monitoring wells present along the north edge of the Site in close proximity to the shore indicated that concentrations of all Potential Contaminants of Concern (PCOCs) were less than the referenced guidelines.

##### **iv) Soils and Geology**

Previous environmental investigations indicate soil stratigraphy at the Site to generally consist of a combination of sand and silt with some clay units to 4.7 m (the maximum depth investigated). Bedrock was encountered at depths ranging from 3.1 m to 4.7 m. Debris consisting of wood, glass, concrete or metal was also encountered at some locations.

Based on the results of the most recent investigation at the Site (SNC-Lavalin, 2018), elevated concentrations of select metals (i.e. arsenic, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, tin and/or zinc) in soil exceeding applicable guidelines were identified in five separate locations across the Site. In addition, metals contaminated soil at one location was considered to be HW quality based on the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) from that location.

#### **v) Ambient Noise**

The Site is located within an active Canadian Forces ammunition depot that is subject to high noise levels when explosives are detonated during testing or destruction. Outside these periods, ambient noise levels are considered low, due to the remote nature of the Site and lack of development in surrounding areas. A small number of military residences are located 500 m southeast of the Site.

### **2.3.2 Biological Components**

#### **i) Terrestrial Animals and Habitat**

The forested habitat at the Site is anticipated to provide suitable habitat to a wide variety of terrestrial wildlife. The mid-seral, mixed coniferous overstory with well-developed shrub and herb understory provides structural diversity and foraging opportunities for various mammals and birds including Columbian black-tailed deer (*Odocoileus hemionus columbianus*), black bear (*Ursus americanus*) and cougar (*Puma concolor*). Smaller mammals common to these areas include river otter (*Lontra canadensis*), red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*) and North American deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*). A raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) was observed in a tree at the time of the site visit.

The Site provides a wide variety of suitable nesting habitat for many bird species (i.e., trees of varying height and species, shrubs and a variety of ground cover). In general, the nesting period for most migratory bird species in the area of the Site is from late March to mid-August (ECCC, 2020). The nesting period extends from February 1 to September 15 for some raptor species (BC MoE, 2014).

A forested area located adjacent the Pedder Bay shoreline approximately 180 m east of the Site area has been identified as a night roost for Double-crested Cormorants. The Double-crested Cormorant is provincially Blue-listed (Special Concern). Habitat preferences vary for this species depending on activity. Nest colonies are often found on rocky marine islets, coastal cliff formations or steep bluffs as well as human structures over or adjacent to water. Courtship and breeding activities occur early to mid-April to mid-September. Young are usually fledged by the end of September (Zevit 2010).

Double-crested Cormorants were observed utilizing the area as a night roost in the fall and winter of 2003 (Welstead and Vennesland, 2003 [in Welstead, 2020]). The 2003 survey concluded up to 680 birds may use the roost site at a time. Follow up surveys were completed three times between mid October, 2019 and mid November, 2019 (the peak time of activity observed during the 2003 surveys) (NRCan, 2020). The results of the surveys confirmed the on-going use of the area by Double-crested Cormorants, although the numbers of birds observed were substantially lower than in 2003. The results of the survey noted that it was unclear whether the area is a night roost site used throughout the winter or whether it is primarily a migratory stop-over point for migrant

Double-crested Cormorants and further surveys would be required to confirm the presence of Double-crested Cormorants throughout the season.

#### ii) Aquatic Animals and Habitat

No aquatic habitat is present on Site; however, the marine waters of Pedder Bay are located immediately north of the Site (Refer to Section 2.3.1.ii Surface Water for further details). A search of aquatic species at risk through the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Aquatic Species at Risk mapping application (DFO, 2020) identified the waters of Pedder Bay as designated Critical Habitat for the killer whale (*Orcinus orca*) – northeast Pacific southern resident population (Endangered on Schedule 1 of the SARA). Based on the mapping, several other aquatic species at risk may also potentially be found in the Pedder Bay area, for foraging or if suitable habitat is present (Annex B).

Pedder Bay is also located on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, a key migration route for all five species of Pacific Salmon. No formal recreational or commercial fisheries areas were identified in Pedder Bay (iMapBC, 2020), however the Pedder Bay Marina reports recreational fishing for salmon and bottom-fish, such as ling and rock cod, as well as Dungeness crab (*Cancer magister*) and other rock crabs in the area (Pedder Bay, 2020). Marine mammals such as seals may also occasionally frequent the bay area; however, no sensitive areas (i.e. haul-outs or other areas) were identified (iMapBC, 2020). Pedder Bay is located within DFO Fisheries Management Area 20 – Sooke, Bonilla Point Lighthouse. No other fish-bearing streams or aquatic habitat were identified.

#### iii) Vegetation

Forest composition is a mixture of mature deciduous and coniferous species dominated by coastal Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* var. *menziesii*) mixed with instances of grand fir (*Abies grandis*), red alder (*Alnus rubra*) and bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*). The forest understory is open with a well-developed moss layer. Understory species composition consists primarily of salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), oceanspray (*Holodiscus discolor* var. *discolor*), trailing blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*), red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*) and sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*). Occurrences of several rare lichens and foothill sedge have been documented in areas surrounding the Site (Section 2.3.2. iv), but not directly at the Site itself.

#### iv) Species at Risk and Migratory Birds

A search through iMapBC (iMapBC, 2020) identified the area of the Site to be located within federally designated Critical Habitat for the blue-grey taildropper slug (Threatened, Schedule 1 of the SARA; provincially Blue-listed). Direct observations of the slug have been made nearby (~ 120 m across the road to the south of the Site) but not directly within the Site (Drawing 648721-002).

The Recovery Strategy for the Blue-grey Taildropper in Canada was released in 2018 (ECCC, 2018). Two types of Critical Habitat are identified:

1. Occupied Zone. The Occupied Zone consists of areas of known occurrences surrounded by a 25 m radial distance to account for limited seasonal movement and error associated with GIS mapping (ECCC, 2016b).
2. Zone of Influence. The Zone of Influence includes an additional area within a 240 m radius around the Occupied Zone established to maintain a moist 'interior forest' microclimate (ECCC, 2016b).

Within these zones (i.e., Occupied Zone and Zone of Influence) critical habitat for this species is further identified according to detailed biophysical attributes specific for this species (ECCC, 2018). The Site is located within Zone of Influence Critical Habitat for blue-grey tailedropper.

In support of the Project, Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd. completed a survey and habitat assessment for blue-grey tailedroppers at the Site in December, 2020. The survey results identified three species of slugs and two species of large snails present at the Site; however, no blue-grey tailedroppers were detected (Table 2).

**Table 2. Summary of slugs and large snails detected during Blue-grey Tailedropper surveys at Rocky Point on 1-2 December 2020**

Species	# of individuals
<b><u>Slugs:</u></b>	
Pacific Banana Slug, <i>Ariolimax columbianus</i>	13
Chocolate Arion, <i>Arion rufus</i> (introduced)	2
Reticulate Tailedropper, <i>Prophysaon andersonii</i>	9
<b><u>Snails:</u></b>	
Robust Lancetooth, <i>Haplotrema vancouverense</i>	10
Pacific Sideband, <i>Monadenia fidelis</i>	1
Northwest Hesperian, <i>Vespericola columbianus</i>	10

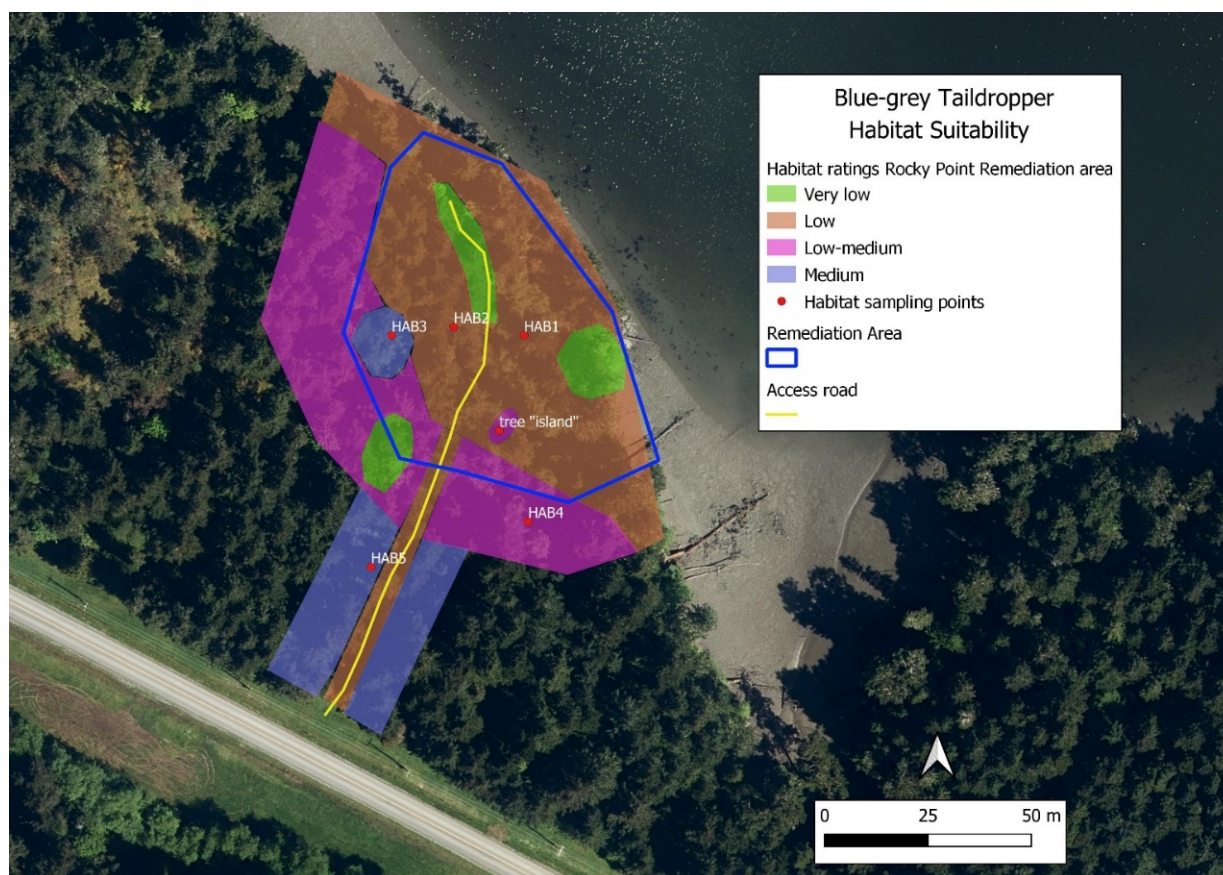
The best time for surveying blue-grey tailedroppers is in the late fall (COSEWIC, 2016 in Biolinx, 2020) and conditions were suitable for the survey. Although the blue-grey tailedropper was not detected, in consideration of occurrences of the species in nearby areas (forested area to the south of the site across Rocky Point Road) it cannot be assumed that the species is absent from the Site. A habitat assessment was completed to guide the application of protection and mitigation measures. The results of the habitat assessment are summarized below.

- The majority of the site consists of relatively poor habitat for blue-grey tailedropper with assigned suitability ratings of Very Low, Low and Low-medium.
- The southern and western fringe of the Site area contained habitat rated primarily as low-medium suitability.
- A small patch of Medium suitability habitat is present at the western edge of the Site and along the west and east sides of the access road into the Site area.
- No habitat rated as High suitability was present in the Site area.

**Figure 1. Habitat suitability map for Blue-grey Tailedropper at the Site (Biolinx, 2020<sup>1</sup>)**

<sup>1</sup> Note the Remediation Area noted in Figure 1 above, represents the entire area of RP-14. The proposed excavation areas are illustrated on Drawing 648721-002, attached.





A permit under Section 73 of the SARA is required for activities that contravene the SARA's general or critical habitat prohibitions for all species listed as Extirpated, Endangered, or Threatened under Schedule 1 of the SARA. It is noted that while available mapping (i.e., iMapBC) shows the area of the Site to be located within Critical Habitat for the blue-grey tailedropper, the Critical Habitat for this species is not officially protected as the Ministerial Order to protect the habitat has yet to be filed (SARA Registry, 2020). SARA requires that the Critical Habitat of all listed species, when found on federal lands, be legally protected within six months after it is identified in a finalized SARA recovery or action plan. While the recovery strategy for this species was finalized in October, 2018, a Ministerial Order to protect the critical habitat has yet to be filed and as such, a SARA permit to authorize the proposed work is not needed at this time. However, once the Order is filed, a permit will become necessary. As no observations of tailedroppers have been detected on Site, a permit to affect individual species or their residence is not considered necessary at this time.

A search of the BC Conservation Data Centre's (CDC) BC Species and Ecosystem Explorer database (BC MoE, 2020) was completed to determine the potential presence at or near the Project Site of provincially Red-listed and Blue-listed species and ecological communities or species listed on Schedule 1 of SARA. The search results indicate that 62 wildlife species at risk and 34 plant species at risk have the potential to occur in the area, based on the following search parameters: Capital Regional District; CDFmm biogeoclimatic zone; and forested habitat type. These species, including scientific name, federal and provincial status and preferred habitat are provided in Annex B.

A rare occurrence search of the CDC's Mapped Known Locations of Species and Ecological Communities at Risk database (iMapBC, 2020) identified the following documented occurrences of Red-listed, Blue-listed and/or SARA-listed species to occur within a 300 m radius of the Site:

- Occurrences of blue-grey tailed dropper (Threatened, Schedule 1 of the SARA; provincially Blue-listed), approximately 120 m south of the Site
- Occurrences of threaded vertigo (Special Concern, Schedule 1 of the SARA; provincially Blue-listed) approximately 120 m south of the Site.
- Occurrences of Douglas-fir Dull Oregon-grape (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* / *Berberis nervosa*) (provincially Red-listed) Ecological Community approximately 100 m south of the Site.

In addition to the above, the following species occurrences were identified through a review of species at risk data provided by Natural Resources Canada and DND. None of these occurrences were identified within the area of the Site. The occurrence locations in proximity to the Site are illustrated on Drawing 648721-002.

- Foothill sedge (*Carex tumulicola*) (Endangered, Schedule 1 of the SARA; provincially Yellow-listed),
- The following rare lichens and liverworts:
  - Considerable gingerbread (*Pannaria rubiginosa*) (lichen) (provincially Red-listed)
  - Lesser copperwort (liverwort)<sup>2</sup>
  - *Enterographa pallidella* (lichen) (provincially Red-listed)
  - *Lichina intermedia* (lichen)<sup>3</sup>
  - *Cephaloziella phyllacantha* (liverwort) (provincially Blue-listed)
  - Octopus' matchstick (*Pilophorus robustus*) (lichen) (provincially Blue-listed)
  - Seaside bone (*Hypogymnia heterophylla*) (lichen) (Threatened, Schedule 1 of the SARA; provincially Red-listed)
  - Troubled pixie-cup (*Cladonia dimorpha*) (lichen) (provincially Blue-listed)

None of these occurrences are anticipated to be affected by activities at the Site.

### 2.3.3 Social and Cultural Components

#### i) Cultural Resources

The Heritage Conservation Act (HCA) provides for the protection of British Columbia's archaeological resources (RSBC 1996 Chapter 187). The HCA applies to archaeological sites predating 1846, whether they are located on public or private land. The HCA states that sites may not be destroyed, excavated or altered without a permit issued by the Minister or designate.

The June, 2020 Sensitive Areas Map (SAMs) for Rocky Point shows the distribution of recorded sensitive areas (including archaeological sites and cultural features) within the vicinity of the Site (Annex C). Based on this map, no archaeological sites have been recorded within the Site boundaries. The nearest recorded Sites are located over 150 m southwest and southeast of the Site respectively and are not anticipated to be affected by project activities.

#### ii) Social Components

Pedder Bay RV Resort and Marina, located ~ 235 m northwest of the Site, offers guided fishing charters. The marina is full service and offers 240 berths, power, fuel dock with gas, and can

<sup>2</sup> No current provincial or federal species at risk status identified

<sup>3</sup> No current provincial or federal species at risk status identified

accommodate vessels up to 50 ' long (Pedder Bay, 2020). The Pedder Bay marina docks extend into Pedder Bay ~ 30 m north of the Site. Pearson College, a two-year pre-university school for students from over 150 countries is located ~ 180 m to the north (across Pedder Bay). A small number of military residences are located 500 m southeast of the Site. These social resources are not expected to be affected by the proposed remediation works.

**iii) Health and Safety**

The Site is located within a historical dumping area. Metal debris encountered during previous investigations consisted of various items including empty ordnance casings, munitions boxes and old fuel cans. As such, there is the potential for unexploded ordnance (UXO) to be encountered during debris removal and excavation activities.

The Site is located in a vacant forested area with unrestricted access to the general public. A hiking trail is present through the northern area of the Site, adjacent to the shoreline. Although public access is unrestricted, Site access for Project activities will be arranged through PSPC representative and DND Range Control. In consideration of the unrestricted access to the Site, the potential for accident and injury at the Site as a result of Project activities exists for construction workers, visitors, nearby residents and the general public. Public transportation routes will also be utilized in association with the off-Site movement of materials

## 2.4 Project Effects and Associated Mitigation Measures

The following table describes the potential effects of proposed activities on the VECs identified on the Site, as well as mitigation measures to minimize and eliminate residual significant adverse effects resulting from the proposed works. The likelihood of adverse effects, if all the outlined mitigation measures are implemented, is determined.

**Table 3. Project Interaction with Atmosphere**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Atmosphere</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
All Project Components	Land alteration activities, such as clearing vegetation, moving soil, excavating, or placing fill, have the potential to generate dust and temporarily degrade local atmospheric conditions.	<p>Employ good housekeeping and dust suppression techniques to reduce airborne dust and prevent off-site migration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor and manage track-out of vehicles and equipment from the Site in order to reduce the potential for the dispersion of material and debris as fugitive dust</li> <li>- Remove excess soil from equipment, machinery and vehicles regularly and before movement of vehicles out of the Site</li> <li>- Sweep paved access roads and clean construction site daily</li> <li>- Cover stockpiled materials at all times access is not needed</li> <li>- Enforce speed control on Site</li> <li>- Employ proper truck loading</li> <li>- Cover all materials transported to and from the Site as appropriate. Cover dust-producing materials with 6 mm polyethylene sheeting (at a minimum)</li> <li>- Application of water spray as a dust suppressant is acceptable, provided run-off is appropriately managed</li> <li>- Application of oil as a dust suppressant is prohibited</li> <li>- Application of other dust suppressants is not permitted without prior authorization from DND OPI.</li> </ul> <p>Develop and implement a plan which details dust emission and control measures to be employed. Ensure the plan assigns implementation and monitoring roles. Ensure on-Site personnel have reviewed the plan, understand their roles and responsibilities, and are properly trained and equipped to implement the plan.</p> <p>Schedule work to avoid periods of extremely dry or windy conditions.</p> <p>Monitor airborne dust conditions daily and employ additional housekeeping and dust suppression techniques as required.</p> <p>DND OPI is responsible for coordinating notification of the affected community of the nature and likely duration of forthcoming project activities that may temporarily degrade local atmospheric conditions. Coordinate</p>	No

**Table 3. Project Interaction with Atmosphere**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Atmosphere</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		notification to individuals and/or organizations/municipalities outside the Department through Base Public Affairs.	
All Project Components	Emissions from construction equipment, machinery, generators and vehicles used during land alteration activities will generate Green House Gases (GHG) and temporarily reduce local air quality.	<p>Ensure equipment, machinery and vehicles used on Site are in good working order and comply with applicable air quality standards.</p> <p>Operate equipment and machinery at optimum rated loads.</p> <p>Turn off equipment and machinery when not in use to minimize exhaust.</p> <p>Repair or replace equipment and machinery producing excessive exhaust.</p> <p>Minimize vehicle idling time.</p> <p>Use stationary emission sources (e.g., portable diesel generators, compressors, etc.) only as necessary and turn off when not in use.</p> <p>Install generator(s) in a location that will minimize disturbance from emissions and noise to adjacent communities.</p>	No

**Table 3. Project Interaction with Surface Water and Groundwater**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Surface Water and Groundwater</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
All Project Components	<p>Land alteration and equipment traffic on roadways will increase the potential for transport of silt-laden water to the aquatic environment (directly or via storm water drainage system or surface water runoff). This could result in runoff with high levels of suspended solids entering surface water features. Increases in suspended solids will degrade surface water quality. An elevated load of suspended solids in surface water can coat fish gills and reduce oxygen concentrations in the water causing asphyxiation.</p> <p>There is potential for storm water and/or surface runoff from the site to contain contaminants in concentrations exceeding applicable discharge guidelines due to historical soil contamination. Elevated levels of contaminants in surface water can potentially cause a variety of adverse effects on aquatic wildlife including tumours, organ damage, physical deformities, reproductive disorders and population decline.</p>	<p>Isolate the work area and prevent the release of any potential sediment laden or polluted runoff from entering a surface water feature or encroaching onto adjacent properties or roadways.</p> <p>Implement erosion and sediment control measures along the north boundary of the Site between the work area and the shoreline of Pedder Bay to protect potential runoff from reaching the marine environment.</p> <p>Do not conduct work or move machinery within 30 m of drainage ditches or ditch segments in proximity to works. Employ erosion and sediment control measures if this is unavoidable.</p> <p>Develop and implement a plan which details erosion and sediment control measures and surface runoff pollution prevention measures. Ensure plan assigns implementation and monitoring roles. Ensure on-site personnel have reviewed the plan, understand their roles and responsibilities, and are properly trained and equipped to implement the plan. Ensure plan addresses unforeseen storm events with associated potential overland erosion from rainfall impact and surface water run-off.</p> <p>Implement, at a minimum, the following erosion and sediment control measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install effective erosion and sediment control measures prior to land disturbance in areas where there is potential surface run-off to sensitive receptors, such as drainage ditches, catch basins or water features (i.e. Pedder Bay)</li> <li>- Inspect and maintain erosion and sediment and control measures on a regular basis while in use</li> <li>- Repair erosion and sediment control measures if damage occurs</li> <li>- Ensure on-site personnel are prepared to quickly erect additional erosion and sediment control measures to minimize sediment entering receiving waters if necessary</li> <li>- Minimize the area of soil exposed at any one time by: phasing activities (site preparation, excavation and site remediation); retaining vegetation as much as possible; and, once construction works are completed, stabilizing any exposed soils as soon as possible using temporary measures such as mulch, erosion sediment control blankets, hydro-seeding, and/or plastic sheeting or replanting exposed soils with an approved seed mix or long-term vegetation</li> </ul>	No

**Table 3. Project Interaction with Surface Water and Groundwater**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Surface Water and Groundwater</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remove non-biodegradable erosion and sediment control measures once the area is stabilized (not before)</li> <li>- Implement measures to manage water flowing into the Site as well as water being pumped/diverted from the Site such that sediment is filtered out prior to the water entering a waterbody</li> <li>- Schedule work to avoid periods of heavy precipitation and extreme dry conditions</li> <li>- Discontinue work during periods of heavy rain that may lead to excessive erosion of soils and cause increased sedimentation into adjacent waterbodies.</li> <li>- Limit the movement of vehicles/machinery to defined work areas</li> <li>- Avoid off-road access of vehicles/machinery. If off-road access is unavoidable, minimize disturbance to soils/vegetation by using the same access route and avoiding wet areas. Implement measures outlined in Vegetation and Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat below.</li> <li>- Restore areas affected by off-road access to original condition.</li> <li>- Limit laydown and material storage areas to previously paved/developed areas (impermeable surfaces)</li> <li>- Refer to additional mitigation measures for Species at Risk provided in Tables 7, 8 and 9, below.</li> </ul> <p>Implement, at a minimum, the following pollution prevention measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not permit water containing deleterious substances to be pumped into surface water features, sewer or drainage systems</li> <li>- Implement site isolation measures to minimize water flowing onto the Site and into excavation areas</li> <li>- Characterize all water, through sampling and analysis, prior to pumping/discharging off Site. This includes water that is captured within an excavation zone (from precipitation and groundwater/marine infiltration)</li> <li>- Do not pump/discharge water off Site until sampling and analysis have confirmed that water meets the discharge criteria applicable to the point of discharge. Water discharged to the aquatic environment must meet the CCME Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life, the BC Approved Water Quality Guidelines (Aquatic Life) and BC Working Water Quality Guidelines (Aquatic Life) – the most stringent standard from these guidelines is to be applied</li> </ul> <p>Water discharged to ground must meet CCME's Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines and Federal Groundwater Quality</p>	

**Table 3. Project Interaction with Surface Water and Groundwater**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Surface Water and Groundwater</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>Guidelines, adhering to CL and RL parameters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engage a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) to complete the required sampling</li> <li>- Ensure samples are tested for all known or potential contaminants of concern</li> <li>- Ensure analysis is completed by an independent testing agency accredited according to the Standards Council of Canada, the Canadian Association of Laboratory Accreditation Inc. (ISO/IEC 17025) and British Columbia Ministry of Environment</li> <li>- Use flocculation tanks, settling basins or other treatment facilities to ensure water meets discharge criteria applicable to the point of discharge</li> <li>- No vehicle washing is permitted on site. If a wheel wash is installed, all wash water must be contained and disposed of at an appropriately licensed facility</li> <li>- No construction wastes, including hazardous products or wastes, will be discharged to surface water features, drainage features, or sanitary sewer</li> </ul>	
All Project Components	<p>Accidental fuel spills from equipment, machinery and vehicles used during land alteration activities have the potential to pollute soils, nearby surface water features and enter the underlying aquifer.</p> <p>Releases of petroleum based products can induce toxic effects in aquatic organisms including mortality and sub-lethal effects such as impaired growth or reproductive capacity.</p>	<p>Develop and implement a plan which details spill prevention and response measures to be employed. Ensure plan includes a list of spill response equipment that will be present on Site. Ensure plan assigns implementation and monitoring roles. Ensure on-Site personnel have reviewed the plan, understand their roles and responsibilities, and are properly trained and equipped to conduct spill response activities.</p> <p>Identify high-risk locations where spills are probable and maintain spill kits and vessels capable of containing 110% of the largest potential spill through the duration of the project, at these locations. Consider the location of the generator, if present, and the associated fuel tank to be a high-risk location. Include an inventory of required contents at the top of the kit. Locate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at the top of the spill kit to ensure easy access for the spill responder. Keep spill kits closed with a safety seal affixed to indicate if the kit has been used or tampered with.</p> <p>Respond immediately to all spills in accordance with the spill plan. Contact the following if a spill cannot be contained and cleaned up and second level response is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 911 for land-borne spills. Inform the 911 operator of the spill location and state that the spill has occurred on CFB Esquimalt Property.</li> </ul>	No



**Table 3. Project Interaction with Surface Water and Groundwater**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Surface Water and Groundwater</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>Verbally report all spills regardless of size to DND OPI immediately. If DND OPI is not available, contact the Joint Operations Centre (JOC) (363-2425, 363-5848).</p> <p>Submit the following information to DND OPI within one day of a spill incident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date and time of spill (indicate occurrence, discovery and cleanup commencement and</li> <li>- Type of material spilled and Transport of Dangerous Goods classification</li> <li>- Spill surface (gravel, water, pavement, shop floor)</li> <li>- Quantity of material spilled and quantity recovered (kg/L)</li> <li>- Source/origin of spill</li> <li>- Cause of spill (description of incident)</li> <li>- Corrective action taken and action plan to prevent a subsequent spill</li> <li>- Human impacts</li> <li>- Environmental impacts (ground, water, vegetation, wildlife)</li> <li>- Weather conditions at the time of the incident</li> <li>- Agencies or authorities notified or involved</li> <li>- Media interest</li> <li>- Additional comments</li> </ul> <p>DND OPI is responsible for ensuring that all spills are reported to MARPAC FSE in accordance with MARPAC SEMS DSE1: Safety and Environmental Emergency Incident Reporting. If MARPAC FSE personnel are not immediately available, contact the Joint Operations Centre (JOC) (363-2425, 363-5848). If required, MARPAC FSE or the JOC will contact Emergency Management BC directly to ensure that Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) notification requirement is met.</p> <p>Ensure all equipment, machinery and vehicles brought on Site are clean and free of leaks, excess oil, and grease.  Check all equipment, machinery and vehicles every morning for leaks and ensure they are maintained in good working order.  Ensure hydraulic machinery operating in proximity to drainage or fish-bearing bodies of water uses environmentally-sensitive hydraulic fluids that are non-toxic to aquatic life and are readily or inherently</p>	

**Table 3. Project Interaction with Surface Water and Groundwater**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Surface Water and Groundwater</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>biodegradable.</p> <p>Limit refuelling, fuel stockpiling and maintenance of equipment to designated areas on level, impermeable surface areas at least 30m away from any drainage or surface water features.</p> <p>Ensure all refuelling occurs with funnels, pads and drip pans in place.</p> <p>Store fuels, lubricants and chemicals appropriately on Site, with proper controls to prevent the release of deleterious substances, in a designated area at least 30m away from surface water features or surface water drainage.</p> <p>Place properly sized oil drip pans under all equipment and vehicles left on site.</p>	
All Project Components	Accidental fuel spills or leaks from fuel storage tanks associated with temporary power generators have the potential to contaminate soil, surface water and ground water.	<p>Install, operate, maintain and test temporary power generator and associated fuel tank in accordance with the following, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCME Environmental Code of Practice for Aboveground and Underground Storage Tank Systems Containing Petroleum and Allied Petroleum Products</li> <li>- National Fire Code of Canada</li> <li>- CSA Standard B139, Installation Code for Oil-Burning Equipment</li> <li>- CSA B138: Standard for Generators and Portable Powered Equipment.</li> </ul> <p>Ensure the generator fuel tank is completely empty of product when transiting to/from the Site.</p> <p>Inspect the generator and fuel tank for potential damage accrued during transit prior to the first transfer of any petroleum products or allied petroleum products into the storage tank system.</p> <p>Ensure safe fueling procedures are developed and adhered to</p> <p>Install the generator and fuel tank in a location that is protected from potential vehicle/machinery impacts, is on an impermeable surface and is at least 30 m away from sensitive receptors such as surface water or drainage features. Use secondary spill containment if generator and fuel tank cannot be located at least 30 m away from sensitive receptors.</p> <p>Keep a spill kit capable of containing 110% of the fuel tank volume</p>	No

**Table 3. Project Interaction with Surface Water and Groundwater**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Surface Water and Groundwater</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		accessible and nearby at all times.	
All Project Components	Inappropriate storage of waste materials could result in soil and/or surface water pollution.	Store waste materials in a protected, secure location at least 30 m from sensitive receptors, such as surface water or drainage features. Refer to additional mitigation measures outlined above.	No

**Table 4. Project Interaction with Soil and Geology**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Soil and Geology</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
All Project Components	<p>Land alteration activities have the potential to uncover metals and other Contaminants of Concern associated with historical activities. Relocation and export of these soils from the Site has the potential to contaminate adjacent soils in the export area.</p> <p>Residual soil on equipment and vehicles has the potential to migrate to and contaminate off-site soils and surface waters during track out of equipment and vehicles from the Site.</p> <p>The import of fill material from off-site sources that do not meet Site soil criteria has the potential to be a continued source of contamination if imported to the site</p>	<p><b>GENERAL</b> On-site personnel will stop work if suspected contamination (e.g., hydrocarbon staining or odour, wood waste, old concrete/metal debris) is encountered during project implementation where it is not expected. On-site personnel will immediately notify the DND OPI. The DND OPI is responsible for informing MARPAC FSE. Do not disturb contaminated soils until a QEP has assessed the situation and developed a management plan that has been approved by DND OPI and MARPAC FSE.</p> <p>Develop and implement a Soil Management Plan to address how soils will be handled, stockpiled and disposed of. Ensure this plan assigns implementation and monitoring roles. Ensure on-Site personnel have reviewed the plan, understand their roles and responsibilities, and are properly trained and equipped to carry out the plan. Ensure the plan includes the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- work title</li> <li>- work number</li> <li>- Contract Authority contact information (if applicable)</li> <li>- On-site Supervisor contact information</li> <li>- location of the excavation and soil storage area</li> <li>- list of known or potential contaminants of concern</li> <li>- approximate volume of soil</li> <li>- plan for soil storage, reuse, relocation or disposal</li> <li>- management plan for stockpiled soils</li> <li>- signature of individual responsible for plan</li> </ul> <p>Stockpile and cover all excavated materials in an appropriate temporary soil storage area, with continuous impermeable surface and appropriate grading and berming. Temporary soil storage area must be approved by the DND OPI prior to its use. DND OPI is responsible for engaging and gaining approval from all appropriate stakeholders (including MARPAC FSE) prior to approving a temporary soil storage area. Ensure the temporary soil storage area is in a protected location, at least 30 m away from any sensitive receptors.</p> <p>Place all stockpiled materials on a minimum 6 mm PVC or plastic liner to prevent contamination of underlying surface materials. Cover all stockpiled materials with a minimum 6mm PVC or plastic liner</p>	No

**Table 4. Project Interaction with Soil and Geology**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Soil and Geology</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>to minimize interaction with wind and precipitation.</p> <p>Monitor and manage track-out of vehicles and equipment from the Site to reduce the potential for the dispersion of material and debris as fugitive dust.</p> <p>Remove excess soil from equipment, machinery, vehicles and roadways regularly.</p> <p>No vehicle washing is permitted on-site. If a wheel wash is installed, contain all wash water and dispose of at a facility in accordance with Federal, Provincial and Municipal criteria applicable to the method of disposal.</p> <p><b>RELOCATION OF SOIL</b>          Include the following in the Soil Management Plan if excess soil/fill will be relocated to another area within the DND, to another DND property, or relocated off of federal land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sampling plan</li> <li>- Analytical results</li> <li>- Plan for the reuse of excess soils on DND property</li> <li>- If relocated to provincial land, name and address of authorized facility and copy of BC MOE permits</li> <li>- Manifests/weight tickets/disposal certificates</li> </ul> <p>Do not relocate soils to another area within the DND property or to another DND property without prior authorization from DND OPI.</p> <p>DND OPI is responsible for engaging and gaining approval from all appropriate stakeholders (including MARPAC FSE) prior to relocating soils on DND properties.</p> <p>Conduct environmental characterization of stockpiled soils in accordance with the British Columbia Ministry of Environment Technical Guidance on Contaminated Sites – Site Characterization and Confirmation Testing (2009). Conduct sampling using a QEP.</p> <p>Complete sample analysis using a laboratory that has been accredited by an internationally recognized body (e.g. Standards Council of Canada</p>	

**Table 4. Project Interaction with Soil and Geology**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Soil and Geology</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?																		
		<p>(SCC) or Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA)) and in accordance with the International Standard ISO/IEC 17025.</p> <p>Manage soils in accordance with the BC Hazardous Waste Regulations or complete a Contaminated Soils Relocation Agreement (CSRA) as required under the BC CSR if excess soil/fill be relocated from federal to provincial land.</p> <p>Dispose of soil/fill at a facility authorized to accept contaminated soil or hazardous waste under the BC Environmental Management Act when not relocating soil/fill through a CSRA.</p> <p>Expedite characterization and relocation of soil to minimize risk of contaminant migration from stockpiles.</p> <p><b>IMPORT OF SOIL</b> DND OPI shall insure adherence with the Directorate of Contaminated Sites (DCS) Contaminated Sites Instruction (CSI.004.001): Imported Fill (15 June 2020). Specifically: Imported backfill material must be virgin material obtained from a quarry or a pit. If this is not possible, Base Safety and Environment (BSE) and/or DCS must be engaged during the selection process for imported fill.</p> <p>All imported fill (virgin or otherwise) must be tested for: metals, VOCs, PAHs, hydrocarbons, and PFAS. Sampling for PFAS shall include the following compounds:</p> <table><tr><th>PFAS Name</th><th>PFAS Acronym</th><th>Criteria (mg/kg)</th></tr><tr><td>Perfluorooctane sulfonate</td><td>PFOS</td><td>0.01</td></tr><tr><td>Perfluorooctanoic acid</td><td>PFOA</td><td>0.01</td></tr><tr><td>Perfluorobutanoate</td><td>PFBA</td><td>0.01</td></tr><tr><td>Perfluorobutane sulfonate</td><td>PFBS</td><td>0.01</td></tr><tr><td>Perfluoropentanoate</td><td>PFPeA</td><td>0.01</td></tr></table>	PFAS Name	PFAS Acronym	Criteria (mg/kg)	Perfluorooctane sulfonate	PFOS	0.01	Perfluorooctanoic acid	PFOA	0.01	Perfluorobutanoate	PFBA	0.01	Perfluorobutane sulfonate	PFBS	0.01	Perfluoropentanoate	PFPeA	0.01	
PFAS Name	PFAS Acronym	Criteria (mg/kg)																			
Perfluorooctane sulfonate	PFOS	0.01																			
Perfluorooctanoic acid	PFOA	0.01																			
Perfluorobutanoate	PFBA	0.01																			
Perfluorobutane sulfonate	PFBS	0.01																			
Perfluoropentanoate	PFPeA	0.01																			

**Table 4. Project Interaction with Soil and Geology**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Soil and Geology</i>	Mitigation Measures			Are residual significant adverse effects likely?											
		<table> <tr> <td>Perfluorohexane sulfonate</td> <td>PFHxS</td> <td>0.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Perfluorohexanoate</td> <td>PFHxA</td> <td>0.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Perfluoroheptanoate</td> <td>PFHpA</td> <td>0.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Perfluorononanoate</td> <td>PFNA</td> <td>0.01</td> </tr> </table> <p>- Complete sample analysis using a laboratory that has been accredited by an internationally recognized body (e.g. Standards Council of Canada (SCC) or Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA)) and in accordance with the International Standard ISO/IEC 17025;</p> <p>- Conduct environmental characterization of imported fill in accordance with the British Columbia Ministry of Environment Technical Guidance on Contaminated Sites – Site Characterization and Confirmation Testing (2009);</p> <p>All tested samples of imported fill must meet the CCME criteria for an Agricultural Land Use (or background concentrations). If this is not possible, MARPAC FSE must be engaged during the selection process for imported fill.</p> <p>A record of all sampling must be kept for verification, along with details of the source site (the location where the imported fill is coming from) and the receiving site (where the imported soil is being reused).</p> <p>Pits and quarries cannot be pre-qualified. sampling results shall be no more than three months old.</p> <p>- Stockpiling of material on DND property prior to sampling is not recommended. A risk-based approach may be permitted, if necessary. However, sampling shall be completed prior to the use of the material. If the material is found to exceed CCME Agricultural criteria, material shall be removed from DND property;</p> <p>- Due to the low risk of some activities and material, sampling is not required for the following:</p> <p>a. topsoil;</p>	Perfluorohexane sulfonate	PFHxS	0.01	Perfluorohexanoate	PFHxA	0.01	Perfluoroheptanoate	PFHpA	0.01	Perfluorononanoate	PFNA	0.01		
Perfluorohexane sulfonate	PFHxS	0.01														
Perfluorohexanoate	PFHxA	0.01														
Perfluoroheptanoate	PFHpA	0.01														
Perfluorononanoate	PFNA	0.01														

**Table 4. Project Interaction with Soil and Geology**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Soil and Geology</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>b. imported fill less than 10 m<sup>3</sup>;</p> <p>c. gravel/aggregates larger than 2 mm (i.e. do not pass a US #10 sieve);</p> <p>d. fines generated by the mechanical activity of crushing virgin rock (i.e. crusher dust); or</p> <p>e. gravel/aggregate material with less than 20% fines (US #10/2 mm sieve) by volume.</p> <p>These materials shall be from a virgin source and shall not be recycled material. These materials shall be inspected to ensure that they contain no visual or olfactory indications of contamination;</p> <p>Prior to the import of crushed rock, recent analytical results of the proposed imported crushed rock must be provided to MARPAC FSE. If no current data is available, leachate testing must be completed. Any project requiring the import of crushed rock shall consult with MARPAC FSE for approval prior to import.</p> <p>Refer to additional mitigation measures outlined under Table 3, Project Interaction with Surface and Groundwater</p>	
All Project Components	Land alteration activities have the potential to impact underground utilities which could result in worker injury, release of deleterious substances, and disruptions to operations.	Initiate a BC One Call and obtain an approved RP Ops U (P) Excavation Clearance Form prior to project commencement.	No
All Project Components	Accidental fuel spills or leaks from fuel storage tanks associated with temporary power generators have the potential to contaminate soil, surface water and ground water.	Refer to additional mitigation measures outlined under Table 3, Project Interaction with Surface and Groundwater	No
All Project Components	Accidental fuel spills from equipment, machinery and vehicles used during Project activities have the potential to pollute soils, nearby surface water features and enter the underlying aquifer.	Refer to additional mitigation measures outlined under Table 3, Project Interaction with Surface and Groundwater	No
All Project Components	Inappropriate storage of waste materials could result in soil and/or surface water pollution.	<p>Develop and implement a work plan to appropriately manage and dispose of project waste materials. Ensure this plan assigns implementation and monitoring roles.</p> <p>Ensure all waste materials are segregated, salvaged and recycled where practical.</p>	No



**Table 4. Project Interaction with Soil and Geology**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Soil and Geology</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>Store waste materials in a protected, secure location at least 30 m from sensitive receptors, such as surface water or drainage features.</p> <p>Visually inspect waste material storage area regularly to identify potential problems or leaks.</p> <p>Provide on-site containers for collection, handling, and storage of anticipated quantities of waste materials. Do not use the local waste collection system.</p> <p>Ensure on-site containers are enclosed to limit contact with rain and runoff and prevent light materials from blowing out.</p> <p>Do not allow on-site containers to overflow.</p> <p>Do not allow waste materials to accumulate on the ground.</p> <p>Do not bury waste materials on Site.</p>	
Site Preparation	The potential for soil erosion increases if the soil has no or very little vegetative cover of plants. Plant cover protects the soil from raindrop impact and splash, tends to slow down the movement of runoff water and allows excess surface water to infiltrate.	<p>Remove vegetation using mechanical or hand clearing methods. Minimize the removal of vegetation wherever possible. Restrict movement of vehicles, machinery and foot traffic along dedicated pathways that minimize landscape and vegetation disturbance</p> <p>Erect visible temporary fencing to protect existing vegetation and trees from accidental damage by heavy machinery. Ensure protection includes tree roots within the dripline. Do not permit equipment, machinery and vehicles in these areas. Ensure on-site personnel are aware of these areas and associated restrictions.</p>	No
All Project Components	Off-road operation or storage of equipment, machinery and vehicles may crush vegetation and damage tree root systems. Heavy construction equipment can compact soil and dramatically reduce pore space. Compaction inhibits root growth, limits water penetration, and decreases oxygen needed for root survival.	<p>Off-road activities will be limited to routes authorized by MARPAC FSE that avoid impacts to SAR and minimize impacts to vegetation. Restrict the storage of machinery and equipment to pre-disturbed areas (e.g. parking lots, roads) whenever possible. Refer to Tables 7, 8 and 9, Species at Risk and Migratory Birds, Aquatic Animals and Habitat &amp; Project Interaction with Vegetation for further mitigations for species at risk in the project area.</p> <p>Conduct off-road operation of equipment, machinery and vehicles when ground is dry. Avoid unnecessary machinery and vehicle operation during</p>	No

**Table 4. Project Interaction with Soil and Geology**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Soil and Geology</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>wet periods. Restrict Movement of vehicles, machinery and foot traffic along dedicated pathways that minimize landscape disturbance</p> <p>Erect visible temporary fencing to protect existing vegetation and trees from accidental damage by heavy machinery. Ensure protection includes tree roots within the dripline. Do not permit equipment, machinery and vehicles in these areas. Ensure on-site personnel are aware of these areas and associated restrictions.</p>	

**Table 5. Project Interaction with Ambient Noise**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Ambient Noise</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
All Project components	<p>Noise levels will increase above ambient conditions during project activities.</p> <p>Increased levels of noise may be disruptive to residents/personnel adjacent to the Site.</p> <p>High levels of noise from equipment and remediation activities at the project site have the potential to harm hearing of on-site workers.</p> <p>Increased levels of noise in the natural environment may be disruptive to terrestrial animals, including raptors and migratory/SAR birds, in the immediate area, potentially resulting in their relocation from the area.</p>	<p>Comply with Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (DND/CAF personnel) and the BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (Contractor personnel) regarding noise regulations and PPE requirements.</p> <p>Properly maintain equipment and machinery to minimize unnecessary noise pollution. Fit all machinery and equipment with functioning exhaust and muffler systems. Ensure machinery covers and equipment panels are well fitted and remain in place to muffle noise. Ensure bolts and fasteners are tight to avoid rattling.</p> <p>Place power-generating equipment to reduce exposure and minimize disruption to adjacent occupants.</p> <p>Shield loud power equipment and turn off equipment when not in use.</p> <p>Prevent occurrence of multiple noise activities during a single event (cumulative effects) or for prolonged periods.</p> <p>DND OPI is responsible for completing a noise generation evaluation if noise complaints are reported.</p> <p>Project activities that have the potential to increase ambient noise levels will comply with time periods identified in applicable municipal noise bylaws. If work is required outside these hours, the DND OPI is responsible for gaining approval as required.</p> <p>DND OPI is responsible for coordinating notification of the affected community of the nature and likely duration of any particularly noisy operations that may be forthcoming as a part of project activities. Coordinate notification to individuals and/or organizations/municipalities outside the Department through Base Public Affairs. .</p> <p>Schedule noise generating activities to avoid sensitive bird periods such as breeding, nesting, roosting, rearing young and staging (migration). The general nesting period for southern BC is February – September.</p> <p>A QEP will conduct a bird nest survey within 7 days prior to commencement of noise generating activities if activities will be conducted during the nesting period and/or if there is the potential that nests of species at risk, migratory birds, eagles, peregrine falcons, gyrfalcons, ospreys, herons and/or burrowing owls may be present. If nests are present, a QEP will develop a management plan identifying</p>	No

**Table 5. Project Interaction with Ambient Noise**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Ambient Noise</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>protective measures specific to the species present.</p> <p>Management plan should be developed in accordance with the most recent version of the following documents, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guidelines for Raptor Conservation during Urban and Rural Land Development in British Columbia, BC Ministry of Environment</li> <li>- Guide for developing Beneficial Management Practices for Migratory Bird Conservation, Environment and Climate Change Canada.</li> </ul> <p>Project implementation will not commence until the management plan is approved by DND OPI and MARPAC FSE. DND OPI is responsible for developing contingency plans to modify project activities in accordance with the management plan. A QEP, who is provided with authority to modify or halt project activities if it is deemed necessary to do so for the protection of bird species or habitat, will monitor the plan through implementation.</p>	
All Project Components	Generator use will temporarily increase local ambient noise levels.	DND OPI is responsible for coordinating notification of the affected community prior to generator use.	No

**Table 6. Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on Terrestrial Animals and Habitat	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
All Project Components	<p>Machinery and equipment used in land alteration activities have the potential to harm terrestrial wildlife, including SAR and migratory birds that enter the project site and damage previously unknown wildlife habitat features that are encountered during project implementation.</p> <p>Wildlife may become trapped in open excavation areas</p>	<p>Develop and implement a plan which details wildlife protection measures to be employed. Ensure plan assigns implementation and monitoring roles. Ensure on-Site personnel have reviewed the plan, understand their roles and responsibilities, and are properly trained and equipped to implement the plan.</p> <p>Implement, at a minimum, the following wildlife protection measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employ temporary fencing and barricades when possible to prevent wildlife from entering the Site</li> <li>- Ensure all food wastes are secured in wildlife-proof containers and are removed promptly from the Site</li> <li>- Ensure all potential sources of water are minimized by limiting standing pools of water on the Site</li> </ul> <p>Ensure that all open excavations are covered when left overnight to prevent trapping wildlife.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limit potential sources of shelter by covering or containing piles of soil, fill, brush, rocks and other loose materials, capping ends of pipes; and ensuring that trailers, bins, boxes, and vacant buildings are secured at the end of each work day</li> <li>- Check the Site for wildlife prior to beginning work each day</li> <li>- Regularly inspect protective fencing, barricades or other installed measures to ensure their integrity and continued function</li> </ul> <p>On-site personnel will stop work if wildlife enter the Site. Work will not commence until wildlife have vacated the vicinity of the Site. Wildlife will be allowed to exit the site on their own, via safe routes. On-site personnel are prohibited from capturing, handling or harassing wildlife. In the event that wildlife on Site appear to be injured, abandoned, or in distress, on-site personnel will immediately notify the DND OPI. The DND OPI is responsible for engaging MARPAC FSE who will advise on the appropriate management strategy.</p> <p>On-site personnel will stop work if wildlife habitat features (nest, den, burrow, hibernaculum, etc.) are discovered during project implementation. On-site personnel will immediately notify the DND OPI. The DND OPI is responsible for informing MARPAC FSE.</p>	No

**Table 6. Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on Terrestrial Animals and Habitat	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>Do not disturb wildlife habitat features within the Site until a QEP has assessed the situation and developed a management plan that has been approved by DND OPI and MARPAC FSE</p> <p>Restrict Movement of vehicles, machinery and foot traffic to a small number of defined dedicated pathways to minimize habitat and landscape disturbance</p> <p>If SAR are encountered on-site, the QEP responsible for environmental monitoring must be notified immediately</p>	
All Project Components	<p>Food wastes and other garbage may attract wildlife to the Site.</p> <p>Off-site disposal of waste materials in landfills results in displacement of terrestrial animals and destruction of habitat.</p>	<p>Develop and implement a work plan to appropriately manage and dispose of project waste materials. Ensure this plan assigns implementation and monitoring roles.</p> <p>Ensure all waste materials are segregated, salvaged and recycled where practical.</p> <p>Visually inspect waste material storage area regularly to identify potential problems or leaks.</p> <p>Provide on-site containers for collection, handling, and storage of anticipated quantities of waste materials. Do not use the local waste collection system.</p> <p>Ensure on-site containers are enclosed to limit contact with rain and runoff and prevent light materials from blowing out. Ensure on-site containers are not easily accessible by wildlife (e.g. gulls, bears, racoons)</p> <p>Do not allow on-site containers to overflow.</p> <p>Do not allow waste materials to accumulate on the ground.</p> <p>Do not bury waste materials on Site.</p> <p>Do not dispose of waste materials in surface water or drainage features.</p> <p>Segregate potentially hazardous waste from nonhazardous site debris.</p> <p>Remove waste material and debris from site and deposit in waste</p>	No

**Table 6. Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on Terrestrial Animals and Habitat	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		containers at end of each working day	
Site Preparation	Removal/disturbance of vegetation may result in the loss of nesting habitat, loss of nests (direct mortality) and the disruption to bird breeding and nesting activities.	<p>Schedule vegetation disturbance/clearing activities to avoid sensitive bird periods such as breeding, nesting, rearing young and staging (migration). The general nesting period for southern BC is February 1 to September 15. Nest of some species are protected year round by the BC Wildlife Act. .</p> <p>Trees or other structures containing the nests of eagles, peregrine falcons, gyrfalcons, ospreys, herons will not be felled or disturbed, even outside of the breeding season.</p> <p>Nests of eagle, peregrine falcon, gyrfalcon, osprey, heron or burrowing owl are protected all year, whether occupied or not. It is prohibited to damage, destroy or remove a non-active nest without a permit or an authorization.</p> <p>Stop work if nests containing eggs or young are encountered at any time and inform the DND OPI. Do not commence work in the vicinity of the nest until a QEP has been to the Site, assessed the feature and developed a management plan which has been approved by MARPAC FSE.</p> <p>A QEP will conduct a bird nest survey within 7 days prior to commencement of vegetation removal activities and report on results prior to project implementation if activities will be conducted during the nesting period and/or if there is the suitable nest habitat for eagles, peregrine falcons, gyrfalcons, ospreys, herons and burrowing owls. For any nests identified as active (and for inactive nests of raptors, herons, SAR bird species or migratory birds), a QEP will develop a management plan identifying protective measures specific to the species present.</p> <p>The management plan should be developed in accordance with the most recent version of the following documents, as applicable:  - Guidelines for Raptor Conservation during Urban and Rural Land</p>	No

**Table 6. Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on Terrestrial Animals and Habitat	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>Development in British Columbia, BC Ministry of Environment - Guide for Developing Beneficial Management Practices for Migratory Bird Conservation, Environment and Climate Change Canada</p> <p>Project implementation will not commence until the management plan is approved by DND OPI and MARPAC FSE. DND OPI is responsible for developing contingency plans to modify project activities in accordance with the management plan. A QEP will monitor the plan through implementation. The QEP has with the authority to modify or halt project activities if it is deemed necessary to do so for the protection of bird species or habitat A monitoring report will be produced by the QEP after each day of monitoring on-site.</p>	
All Project Components	Increased levels of noise in the natural environment may be disruptive to terrestrial animals, including raptors and migratory/SAR birds, in the immediate area, potentially resulting in their relocation from the area.	Refer to mitigation measures outlined in Table 5, Project Interaction with Ambient Noise.	No



**Table 7. Project Interaction with Aquatic Animals and Habitat**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Aquatic Animals and Habitat</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
All Project Components	<p>Sensitive aquatic habitat may be damaged or destroyed by machinery, equipment, vehicles and on-site activities when works are occurring in the vicinity. The nearest aquatic habitat to the subject site is the marine waters of Pedder Bay, located immediately north of the Site.</p> <p>Accidental fuel spills from equipment, machinery and vehicles used during vegetation removal activities have the potential to pollute soils, nearby surface water features and enter the underlying aquifer.</p> <p>Accidental fuel spills or leaks from fuel storage tanks associated with temporary power generators have the potential to contaminate soil, surface water and ground water.</p> <p>Accidental fuel spills from machinery, equipment and vehicles have the potential to pollute the nearby aquatic environment (i.e. Pedder Bay).</p> <p>Releases of petroleum-based products can induce toxic effects in aquatic organisms including mortality and sub-lethal effects such as impaired growth or reproductive capacity.</p>	<p>QEP to conduct the following when works are occurring near sensitive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flag off/barricade any sensitive areas</li> <li>- Monitor on-site activities to verify compliance with the EED and to ensure that mitigation measures are sufficient for avoiding adverse environmental effects.</li> <li>- Alter work methodology and/or issue stop work orders, in order to prevent environmental impacts and/or adverse environmental effects, whether probable, imminent, or occurring. Once corrective actions have been implemented and deemed appropriate by the QEP, the suspended project activities will resume under the guidance of the QEP.</li> <li>- Report all environmental non-compliances and incidents to DND OPI immediately. DND OPI to inform MARPAC FSE of all environmental non-compliances and incidents.</li> <li>- Complete and submit an environmental monitoring report that includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Names of on-site personnel</li> <li>- Dates and brief description of the activities that were monitored</li> <li>- Description of sensitive features and corresponding mitigation measures implemented to protect these features</li> <li>- Description of environmental non-conformances and incidents and actions taken to mitigate impacts</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Do not conduct unnecessary removal or disturbance of logs, stumps or decaying large woody debris.</p> <p><b>Tree and vegetation removal in nearshore areas will be limited as much as possible.</b></p> <p>Avoid removal of mature trees wherever possible.</p> <p>Any tree greater than 25 cm at breast height that will likely be removed during the project will be documented within a Tree Replacement Plan. The Tree Replacement Plan shall comply with MARPAC FSE Tree Replacement Policy by documenting the trees proposed for removal including number, species, photo, diameter at breast height, observation of any nests, and general conditions and location. Once approved by MARPAC FSE, trees removed during the project will be replaced by two trees of the same species, or a species approved by MARPAC FSE, and planted in the same general location. Planting shall occur within six months of removal and/or during early spring or fall to improve chances of survival. Replacement trees should have basal diameters of not less</p>	No

**Table 7. Project Interaction with Aquatic Animals and Habitat**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Aquatic Animals and Habitat</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>than 4 cm and not less than approximately 1.5 m in height. Replanted trees that die off are to be replanted and the newly planted trees are to be watered on three separate occasions.</p> <p>Refer to mitigation measures outlined under Table 3, Project Interaction with Surface and Groundwater and Table 6, Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat</p>	

**Table 8. Project Interaction with Species at Risk and Migratory Birds**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Species at Risk and Migratory Birds</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
All Project Components	Sensitive features, including but not limited to SAR occurrences, critical habitat, sensitive aquatic habitat, nesting sites and significant trees, may be damaged or destroyed by machinery, equipment, vehicles and on-site activities when works are occurring in the near vicinity.	<p>DND OPI will consult with MARPAC FSE during project design phase to determine whether works are occurring near sensitive features.</p> <p>QEP to conduct the following when works are occurring near sensitive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flag off/barricade any sensitive areas that are near project footprint</li> <li>- Monitor on-site activities to verify compliance with the EED and to ensure that mitigation measures are sufficient for avoiding adverse environmental effects.</li> <li>- Alter work methodology and/or issue stop work orders, in order to prevent environmental impacts and/or adverse environmental effects, whether probable, imminent, or occurring. Once corrective actions have been implemented and deemed appropriate by the QEP, the suspended project activities will resume under the guidance of the QEP.</li> <li>- Report all environmental non-compliances and incidents to DND OPI immediately. DND OPI to inform MARPAC FSE of all environmental non-compliances and incidents.</li> <li>- Complete and submit an environmental monitoring report that includes the following:</li> </ul>	No

**Table 8. Project Interaction with Species at Risk and Migratory Birds**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Species at Risk and Migratory Birds</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Names of on-site personnel</li> <li>- Dates and brief description of the activities that were monitored</li> <li>- Description of sensitive features and corresponding mitigation measures implemented to protect these features</li> <li>- Description of environmental non-conformances and incidents and actions taken to mitigate impacts</li> <li>- Photographs documenting sensitive features, activities, mitigation measures, environmental non-compliances and incidents, and corrective actions</li> </ul> <p>Conduct a pre-construction meeting that includes the QEP and on-site personnel to ensure a common understanding of the sensitive features and the required mitigation measures for the Project.</p>	
All Project Components	<p>Machinery and equipment used in land alteration activities have the potential to harm terrestrial wildlife, including SAR and migratory birds that enter the project site and damage previously unknown wildlife habitat features that are encountered during project implementation.</p> <p>Wildlife may become trapped in open excavation areas, areas of standing water (e.g., stormwater ponds, sumps), and open pipes on the Site.</p>	Refer to mitigation measures outlined in Table 6, Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat	No
All Project Components	<p>Removal/disturbance of vegetation may result in direct loss of Species at Risk (SAR), harm or harassment of SAR, and destruction of SAR critical habitat. The federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) contains general prohibitions that make it an offence to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- kill, harm or harass a listed species</li> <li>- destroy or damage the residence of a listed species</li> <li>- destroy any part of critical habitat of a listed species</li> </ul>	<p>The Site and surrounding area is located within designated Critical Habitat for blue-grey tailed dropper. Known occurrences of this species occur ~ 120 m south of the Site. The likelihood of blue-grey tailed droppers occurring in the Project area is low, however the following measures are recommended to minimize potential impacts and improve habitat for this species in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Avoid soil disturbance, equipment access and vegetation removal in areas rated as Medium suitability for the species (see Figure 1, Section 2.3.2 iv). These areas should be noted by the QEP and flagging/barriers installed where necessary and in particular near the small excavation area on the west side of the access road leading into the Site (Drawing 648721-002). This may also include re-routing the haul road and turn-around area in the soil remediation area, if required; avoid widening the access road into the site.</li> </ul>	

**Table 8. Project Interaction with Species at Risk and Migratory Birds**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Species at Risk and Migratory Birds</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All new roads should be restored after completion of remediation activities. The hard pack of the existing access road should be broken up to allow vegetation to naturally reclaim.</li> <li>- In areas of lower suitability for blue-grey tailed dropper, minimize disturbance of native vegetation, wherever possible.</li> <li>- Restore the area after soil remediation activities are complete by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- applying a top layer of loose forest soil, leaf litter and mulch over the area; do not compact this layer</li> <li>- laying down coarse woody debris including logs, bark and large branches</li> <li>- planting native trees (refer to Table 9) and shrubs</li> <li>- restoring the original mesic (moist, but well-drained) hydrology of the site (i.e., creation of artificial wet areas should be avoided)</li> <li>- Remove any invasive plants (e.g., holly) on the site.</li> <li>- Avoid bringing new soil or mulch from other areas, which may contain seeds of invasive plant or introduced invasive slugs or other invertebrates.</li> <li>- Monitor the site over time to ensure that native vegetation and soil conditions have been restored; remove any invasive plants as required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- A permit under Section 73 of the SARA is required for activities that contravene the SARA's general or critical habitat prohibitions for all species listed as Extirpated, Endangered, or Threatened under Schedule 1 of the SARA. It is noted that while available mapping (i.e. iMapBC) shows the area of the Site to be located within Critical Habitat for the blue-grey tailed dropper, the Critical Habitat for this species is not officially protected as the Ministerial Order to protect the habitat has yet to be filed (SARA Registry, 2020). SARA requires that the Critical Habitat of all listed species, when found on federal lands, be legally protected within six months after it is identified in a finalized SARA recovery or action plan. While the recovery strategy for this species was finalized in October, 2018, a Ministerial Order to protect the critical habitat has yet to be filed and as such, a SARA permit to authorize the proposed work cannot be applied for at this time. However, once the Order is filed, a permit will become necessary. As no observations of tailed droppers have been detected on Site, a permit to affect individual species or</li> </ul>	

**Table 8. Project Interaction with Species at Risk and Migratory Birds**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Species at Risk and Migratory Birds</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>their residence is not considered necessary at this time.</p> <p>Known occurrences of federally protected vegetation (Foothill Sedge) and other rare species are located in close proximity to the Site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As much as possible Project works should be confined to the project footprint.</li> <li>- The Project site should be entered from the existing access road. The entire access road into the Site and Site area should be marked with snow fencing prior to Project commencement to limit workers and equipment to the road.</li> <li>- Prior approval of the site-specific mitigation measures developed to protect species at risk occurrences and critical habitat is required by MARPAC FSE before commencement of Project activities.</li> <li>- Stop work if SAR and/or SAR habitat features are encountered at any time and inform the DND OPI. DND OPI is responsible for contacting MARPAC FSE for advice.</li> </ul>	
All Project Components	Increased levels of noise in the natural environment may be disruptive to terrestrial animals, including raptors and migratory/SAR birds, in the immediate area, potentially resulting in their relocation from the area.	<p>A night roost for historically large colony of Double-crested Cormorants is located on the shoreline of Pedder Bay approximately 180 m east of the Site. The area may also be utilized as a migratory stop over for this species.</p> <p>Refer to mitigation measures outlined in Table 5, Project Interaction with Ambient Noise and Table 6, Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat.</p>	No
Site Preparation	<p>Removal/disturbance of vegetation may result in the loss of nesting habitat, loss of nests (direct mortality) and the disruption to bird breeding and nesting activities.</p> <p>Section 34 (a) of the provincial Wildlife Act protects all birds and their eggs. Section 34 (c) protects their nests while they are occupied by a bird or egg. Section 34(b) of the provincial Wildlife Act protects the nests of eagles, peregrine falcons, gyrfalcons, ospreys, herons and burrowing owls year-round. Most native bird species in Canada are protected under the</p>	<p>Refer to mitigation measures outlined in Table 6, Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat</p>	No

**Table 8. Project Interaction with Species at Risk and Migratory Birds**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Species at Risk and Migratory Birds</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
	Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 (MBCA), and are collectively referred to as "migratory birds". General prohibitions under the Act and its regulations protect migratory birds, their nests and eggs anywhere they are found in Canada		
All Project Components	Heavy machinery and equipment used in land alteration activities may increase the risk of transporting noxious weeds and invasive species to the site. Noxious weeds and invasive species may negatively impact biodiversity by out-competing and replacing native plants and plant SAR in the area, potentially causing species extirpation and even extinction.	Ensure machinery and materials arrive on site in a clean condition and are maintained free of invasive species and noxious weeds. Restore disturbed areas to function as they did in their pre-disturbance condition.  Avoid transferring soil or plant material to other work sites; bag or securely contain invasive plants for transport and dispose off site in accordance with local municipal procedures; inspect all equipment, machinery, and vehicles for soil or plant materials and if necessary wash down before leaving the site, minimize unnecessary soil disturbance; and re-vegetate disturbed areas as soon as possible with a native seed mix.  Replant exposed soils with an approved seed mix during site restoration activities to prevent the establishment of invasive species Refer to mitigation measures outlined in Table 6, Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat	No
	Off-road operation or storage of equipment, machinery and vehicles may crush vegetation and damage tree root systems. Heavy construction equipment can compact soil and dramatically reduce pore space. Compaction inhibits root growth, limits water penetration, and decreases oxygen needed for root survival.	Off-road activities have the potential to affect SAR and/or critical habitat. Off-road activities will be limited to routes authorized by MARPAC FSE that avoid impacts to SAR and minimize impacts to vegetation. Restrict the storage of machinery and equipment to pre-disturbed areas (e.g. parking lots, roads) whenever possible.  Conduct off-road operation of equipment, machinery and vehicles when ground is dry.  Erect visible temporary fencing to protect existing vegetation and trees from accidental damage by heavy machinery. Ensure protection includes tree roots within the dripline. Do not permit equipment, machinery and vehicles in these areas. Ensure on-site personnel are aware of these areas and associated restrictions.	

**Table 9. Project Interaction with Vegetation**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Vegetation</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
Site Preparation/Excavation Activities	<p>Project activities will involve the removal/disturbance of vegetation within the project footprint. This includes the disturbance of cultivated grasslands associated with land alteration activities occurring outside of pre-developed areas (e.g., gravel, asphalt, concrete).</p> <p>Removal/disturbance of vegetation may result in direct loss of Species At Risk (SAR), harm or harassment of SAR, and destruction of SAR critical habitat. The federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) contains general prohibitions that make it an offence to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- kill, harm or harass a listed species</li> <li>- destroy or damage the residence of a listed species</li> <li>- destroy any part of critical habitat of a listed species</li> </ul> <p>Removal/disturbance of native plants and/or trees may result in a loss of regional biodiversity.</p> <p>The potential for soil erosion increases if the soil has no or very little vegetative cover of plants. Plant cover protects the soil from raindrop impact and splash, tends to slow down the movement of runoff water and allows excess surface water to infiltrate.</p>	<p>Stop work if SAR and/or SAR habitat features are encountered at any time and inform the DND OPI. DND OPI is responsible for contacting MARPAC FSE for advice.</p> <p>NATIVE PLANTS/TREES</p> <p>If project activities have the potential to impact native plants and/or trees, DND OPI will consult with MARPAC FSE during project design phase to determine salvage/replacement/restoration requirements. DND OPI is responsible for implementing salvage/replacement/restoration requirements, including aftercare to ensure survival. Schedule site restoration activities to occur as soon as work is complete to prevent erosion. If there is insufficient time remaining in the growing season for the seeds to germinate, stabilize the site (e.g., cover exposed areas with erosion control blankets to keep the soil in place and prevent erosion) and implement site restoration activities as soon as the growing season permits.</p> <p>Avoid impacts to the following trees on CFB Esquimalt properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arbutus (<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>)</li> <li>- Garry oak, (<i>Quercus garryana</i>)</li> <li>- Pacific Dogwood (<i>Cornus nuttalli</i>)</li> <li>- Pacific Yew (<i>Taxus brevifolia</i>),</li> <li>- Big Leaf Maple (<i>Acer marophyllum</i>)</li> <li>- Conifers greater than 80 cm diameter</li> </ul> <p>Avoid removal of mature trees wherever possible. Any tree greater than 25cm at breast height that will likely be removed during the project will be documented within a Tree Replacement Plan. The Tree Replacement Plan shall comply with MARPAC FSE Tree Replacement Policy by documenting the trees proposed for removal including number, species, photo, diameter at breast height, observation of any nests, and general conditions and location. Once approved by MARPAC FSE, trees removed during the project will be replaced by two trees of the same species, or a species approved by MARPAC FSE, and planted in the same general location. Planting shall occur within six months of removal and/or during early spring or fall to improve chances of survival. Replacement trees should have basal diameters of not less than 4 cm and not less than approximately 1.5 m</p>	No

**Table 9. Project Interaction with Vegetation**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Vegetation</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>in height. Replanted trees that die off are to be replanted and the newly planted trees are to be watered on three separate occasions.</p> <p>Remove vegetation using mechanical or hand clearing methods. Do not use biocides.</p> <p>Do not tear moss from rocks when moving materials/supplies in rocky areas.</p> <p>Where vegetation/tree removal is necessary outside the excavation footprint, avoid grubbing and use vegetative maintenance and removal techniques such as pruning, mowing, girdling, topping and select tree removals that allow the root system to remain intact, to help bind the soil and encourage rapid colonization of low-growing plant species.</p>	
Site Preparation/Remedial Excavation and Backfilling	<p>Project activities will involve the removal/disturbance of vegetation (including invasive species) within the project footprint.</p> <p>The potential for soil erosion increases if the soil has no or very little vegetative cover of plants. Plant cover protects the soil from raindrop impact and splash, tends to slow down the movement of runoff water and allows excess surface water to infiltrate.</p>	<p>Remove vegetation using mechanical or hand clearing methods. Do not use biocides.</p> <p>Invasive plant species excavated during the vegetation removal activities shall be properly controlled following excavation and during off-Site transportation (i.e., placed on impermeable surfaces and covered securely with impermeable polyethylene sheeting) to reduce the potential for spreading and/or seed dispersal. The project shall follow all relevant federal, provincial and local bylaws, guidelines and notifications for treatment, transport and disposal of invasive species, including but not limited to the BC Integrated Pest Management Act and Regulations, the BC Weed Control Act and Regulations.</p> <p>Avoid transferring soil or plant material to other work sites; bag or securely contain invasive plants for transport and dispose off site in accordance with local municipal procedures; inspect all equipment, machinery, and vehicles for soil or plant materials and if necessary wash down before leaving the site, minimize unnecessary soil disturbance; and re-vegetate disturbed areas as soon as possible with a native seed mix.</p> <p>If project activities have the potential to affect native plants and/or trees, DND OPI will consult with MARPAC FSE during project design phase to determine salvage/replacement/restoration requirements.</p>	No



**Table 9. Project Interaction with Vegetation**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Vegetation</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<p>DND OPI is responsible for implementing salvage/replacement/restoration requirements, including aftercare to ensure survival. Schedule site restoration activities to occur as soon as work is complete to prevent erosion. If there is insufficient time remaining in the growing season for the seeds to germinate, stabilize the site (e.g., cover exposed areas with erosion control blankets to keep the soil in place and prevent erosion) and implement site restoration activities as soon as the growing season permits.</p> <p>Restrict Movement of vehicles, machinery and foot traffic to a small number of defined dedicated pathways to minimize vegetation, grass and landscape disturbance.</p> <p>Refer to mitigation measures outlined in Table 6, Project Interaction with Terrestrial Animals and Habitat</p>	
All Project Components	<p>Heavy machinery and equipment used in land alteration activities may increase the risk of transporting noxious weeds and invasive species to the site.</p> <p>Noxious weeds and invasive species may negatively impact biodiversity by out-competing and replacing native plants and plant SAR in the area, potentially causing species extirpation and even extinction.</p>	<p>Ensure machinery and materials arrive and depart the site in a clean condition and are maintained free of invasive species and noxious weeds.</p> <p>Avoid transferring soil or plant material to other work sites; bag or securely contain invasive plants for transport and dispose off site in accordance with local municipal procedures; inspect all equipment, machinery, and vehicles for soil or plant materials and if necessary wash down before leaving the site, minimize unnecessary soil disturbance; and re-vegetate disturbed areas as soon as possible with a native seed mix.</p> <p>Restore disturbed areas to function as they did in their pre-disturbance condition.</p> <p>Replant exposed soils with an approved seed mix during site restoration activities to prevent the establishment of invasive species.</p>	No
All Project Components	<p>Off-road operation or storage of equipment, machinery and vehicles may crush vegetation and damage tree root systems. Heavy construction equipment can compact soil and dramatically reduce pore space. Compaction inhibits root growth, limits water penetration, and decreases oxygen needed for root survival.</p>	<p>Off-road operation of equipment is prohibited. All equipment will be operated and stored on pre-disturbed, non-vegetated areas such as within the Site itself and on area roads.</p>	No

**Table 10. Project Interaction with Cultural Resources**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Cultural Resources</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
Site Preparation/Remedial Excavation and Backfilling	<p>Land alteration activities have the potential to uncover and disturb previously unidentified cultural features.</p> <p>Archaeological sites are protected by the HCA. They are non-renewable, very susceptible to disturbance and are finite in number. Archaeological sites are an important resource that is protected for their historical, cultural, scientific and educational value to the general public, local communities and First Nations. Impacts to archaeological sites must be avoided or managed.</p>	<p>Prior to excavation activities, site supervisors and excavation operators will attend an on-site archaeological briefing.</p> <p>Develop and implement a chance finds procedure that will address the possibility of encountering archaeological materials during land alteration activities and to provide protocols to follow in the event of a chance archaeological find to ensure that archaeological sites are documented and protected, and that appropriate reporting and notification requirements are being followed, as required.</p> <p>Chance finds procedure to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stop work immediately if potential archaeological materials are discovered during project activities and immediately notify the DND OPI. The DND OPI is responsible for immediately reporting archaeological chance finds to MARPAC FSE. MARPAC FSE will advise if any internal and/or external notifications are required and if there are any specific restrictions/considerations required prior to moving forward with further archaeological assessment/investigation.</li> <li>- Do not disturb potential archaeological materials until a professional archaeological has been to the site, assessed/investigated the materials and developed a management plan that has been approved by DND OPI and MARPAC FSE.</li> </ul> <p>DND OPI is responsible for providing MARPAC FSE with a final copy of any archaeological reports and all associated GIS datasets. GIS datasets to be provided as ArcGIS file geodatabases and/or shapefiles.</p>	No

**Table 11. Project Interaction with Health and Safety**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Health and Safety</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
All Project Components	Potential hazards associated with project activities may impact the health and safety of workers, visitors and residents/personnel adjacent to the Site.	<p>Develop and implement a Health and Safety Plan to minimize the potential for accidental injury or property damage during all stages of the project. Ensure the plan outlines measures for protecting site workers, visitors, and DND/CAF personnel working adjacent to the Site. Ensure the plan is monitored through project implementation.</p> <p>Ensure all project activities comply with the direction detailed in the Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (DND/CAF personnel) and the BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (Contractor personnel) regarding Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)</p> <p>Immediately take measures to rectify unforeseen or peculiar safety related hazards that become evident during project implementation. Verbally advise the DND OPI immediately and provide a written report of the hazard or condition as soon as practical</p> <p>Conduct regular safety briefings and meetings with on-site workers to encourage safe working procedures are followed.</p> <p>Investigate and report all incidents and accidents as required by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DND General Safety Program (DND/CAF personnel)</li> <li>- Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 195/2015, Workers Compensation Act (Contractor personnel)</li> </ul> <p>DND OPI is responsible for ensuring compliance with BSO 2-539: Occupational Health and Safety Liaison with Private Contractors. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ensuring that all hazards associated with the project are identified and assessed and mitigation strategies are developed prior to work commencing</li> <li>- ensuring that a communication plan is developed with the appropriate DND/CAF supervisors for hazards that have the potential to impact adjacent DND/CAF personnel</li> </ul> <p>Refer to additional mitigation measures Table 3, Project interaction with Surface Water and Groundwater</p>	No

**Table 11. Project Interaction with Health and Safety**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Health and Safety</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
Site Preparation/Remedial Excavation and Backfilling	<p>Land alteration activities have the potential to impact overhead and underground utilities which could result in worker injury, release of deleterious substances, and disruptions to operations.</p> <p>Land alteration activities have the potential to uncover metals, hydrocarbons, PAHs, and other Contaminants of Concern. Exposure to these contaminants during sub-surface work may impact worker health.</p> <p>Use of heavy machinery and equipment and increased vehicle traffic associated with land alteration activities carries the potential for accident and injury to workers, visitors and local residents.</p>	<p>Initiate a BC One Call and obtain an approved RP Ops U (P) Excavation Clearance Form prior to project commencement.</p> <p>Ensure all overhead lines to be removed from the Site are de-energized prior to removal.</p> <p>A Project-specific Health and Safety Plan shall be developed and implemented to minimize the potential for accidental injury during remediation activities in accordance with existing and legislated safety requirements. The Health and Safety plan will be prepared and submitted for approval by DND</p> <p>Implement mitigation measures identified in Table 3, Project Interaction with Surface Water and Groundwater</p>	No
Site Preparation/Excavation	<p>Debris in the former dumping area was noted to include empty ordnance casings, munition boxes and old fuel cans. Land alteration activities have the potential to uncover Unexploded Explosive Ordnance (UXO).</p> <p>Disturbance to UXO may result in the item exploding and causing damage, injury and / or fatalities.</p>	<p>DND OPI is responsible for engaging the appropriate Departmental authority for determining the level of UXO risk associated with the proposed project activities. DND OPI is responsible for communicating and providing documentation of UXO activities conducted as part of their project to the appropriate Departmental authority.</p> <p>Develop and implement a chance finds procedure that will address the possibility of encountering UXO and provide protocols to follow in the event of a chance UXO find.</p> <p>On-site personnel will stop work immediately if potential UXO are encountered. Potential UXO will not be touched or disturbed. On-site personnel will note the location of the potential UXO and will immediately leave the area, call 911 and notify the DND OPI.</p> <p>Depending on the level of risk identified, the following additional mitigation measures may be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engage a Qualified UXO Expert as defined within the Directorate of Ammunition and Explosive Regulation (DAER)</li> <li>- Conduct UXO surveys using visual and/or detector aided scans prior to commencing on-site work</li> <li>- Develop and Implement UXO avoidance procedures</li> <li>- Develop and Implement UXO clearance procedures</li> </ul>	No

**Table 11. Project Interaction with Health and Safety**

Project Component(s)	Description of Effects on <i>Health and Safety</i>	Mitigation Measures	Are residual significant adverse effects likely?
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish and implement UXO safety procedures</li> <li>- Establish and implement a UXO hazard-reporting procedure that all on-site personnel must follow</li> <li>- Ensure all on-site personnel are aware of the UXO hazards and have received a UXO safety briefing</li> </ul>	
All Project Components	Dust generated may present a risk to workers or other people in the area if contaminated soil is encountered. Inhaled dust particles could cause irritation of respiratory tracts or create an exposure pathway for potentially adsorbed contaminants.	Refer to mitigation measures outlined in Table 1, Project Interaction with Atmosphere	No
All Project Components	High levels of noise from equipment and demolition activities at the project site have the potential to harm hearing of on-site workers.	Refer to mitigation measures outlined in Table 5, Project Interaction with Ambient Noise.	No

## **2.5 Indigenous Community Engagement**

The RP-14 remediation site is under the custodianship of Department of National Defence but located on traditional territory of the Sc'ianew First Nation (Beecher Bay). An assessment conducted by DND following Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation – Updated Guidelines for Federal Officials to Fulfill the Legal Duty to Consult (March 2011; Annex B), indicated that the proposed project will not have adverse impacts on potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights within the project area. As such, consultation with the Sc'ianew First Nation (Beecher Bay) is not required. The Legal Duty to Consult Worksheet can be found in Annex D.

## **2.6 Public Participation**

Due to the scope, scale and location of the project public participation was not required.

## **2.7 References and Expertise from Other Federal Government Bodies or Third Party Groups**

BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV). 2020. B.C. Conservation Data Centre - BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer. Available at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cdc/>. Accessed December, 2020.

BC ENV, 2014. BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Develop with Care 2014. Environmental Guidelines for Urban and Rural Land Development in British Columbia.

Biolinx, 2020. Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd. Surveys and Mitigation Recommendations for Blue-grey Tailed Dropper on DND Lands Subjected to Soil Remediation at CFAD Rocky Point, Vancouver Island. Lennart Sopuck, MSc., RPBio and Kristiina Ovaska, PhD., December, 2020.

Environment and Climate Change Canada. 2020. Canadian Climate Normals 1981-2010. Available online at URL: [www.climate.weatheroffice.gc.ca/climate\\_normals/index\\_e.html](http://www.climate.weatheroffice.gc.ca/climate_normals/index_e.html). [Accessed December, 2020].

Green and Klinka, 1994. A Field Guide to Site Identification and Interpretation for the Vancouver Forest Region. R.N. Green and K. Klinka. Ministry of Forests Research Program, 1994.

iMapBC, 2020. BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO). iMapBC Public Mapping Application (iMap BC, 2020). Available: <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/content/e-services/geobc/imapbc> [Accessed December, 2020].

NRCan, 2020. Double-crested Cormorant Roost Survey Results at Rocky Point. Natural Resources Canada. January 6, 2020.

SNC-Lavalin, 2018. Phase III Environmental Site Assessment and Remedial Options Analysis RP-14, CFAD Rocky Point, Metchosin, BC.

Zevit, Pamela (2010). Pamela Zevit of Adamah Consultants for the South Coast Conservation Program (SCCP) in partnership with: International Forest Products (Interfor), Capacity Forestry (CapFor) and the BC Ministry of Environment (BC MoE), E-Flora and E-Fauna the Electronic Atlas of the Flora and Fauna of BC, Species at Risk & Local Government: A Primer for BC. August, 2010.

OPI Project File #: R.112349.002

DND EIA Portal#: 2021-21-102750

### Part 3. Environmental Effects Determination

[Parts 1, 2 and a signed Part 3 of the DND EED Report must be submitted to ADM(IE) through the Portal.]

**On the basis of this DND EED Report, it has been determined that the impact of this project on the environment is as follows:** [double click on a checkbox to mark it with an X]

- ☒ Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. The Project **can** proceed with application of the mitigation measures specified in the interaction tables in this report.
- ☐ The Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects that cannot be mitigated. The project must not proceed and must be referred to Governor in Council through the appropriate chain of command before it can potentially proceed in its current state. Otherwise, changes to the project scope (parameters and/or site location) are recommended. This would require a new EDD be submitted through the Portal.

**DND EED Report Prepared by:** [Add signature blocks where necessary]:

**Name:**

Janet Jeffery, P.Ag/R.P. Bio.  
SNC-Lavalin Inc.

**Title:**

24-03-2021  
Date (dd-mm-yyyy)

OPI Initials to validate  
information (optional)

**DND EED Report Reviewed by:** [This report should be reviewed by the local ESS. Add signature blocks where necessary]:

**Name:**

Lorraine Andrusiak, R.P. Bio.  
SNC-Lavalin Inc.

**Title:**

24-03-2021  
Date (dd-mm-yyyy)

**Name:**

Becky MacInnis, P.Chem, P.Ag.  
MARPA Environmental Staff Specialist (ESS)

**Title:**

Date (dd-mm-yyyy)

**DND EED Report Accepted and Approved by:** [Add signature blocks where necessary]

**NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**OPI Project File #: R.112349.002**

**DND EIA Portal#:** 2021-21-102750

The undersigned accepts the determination and recommendations of this environmental effects determination report. The undersigned also accepts the responsibility to incorporate the recommendations of the report into the Project design and implementation.

**Name:**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Rachel Speller, Environment Officer,  
Base Safety and Environment

**Title:**

15-June-2021\_

Date (dd-mm-yyyy)

**NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION**



**OPI Project File #: R.112349.002**

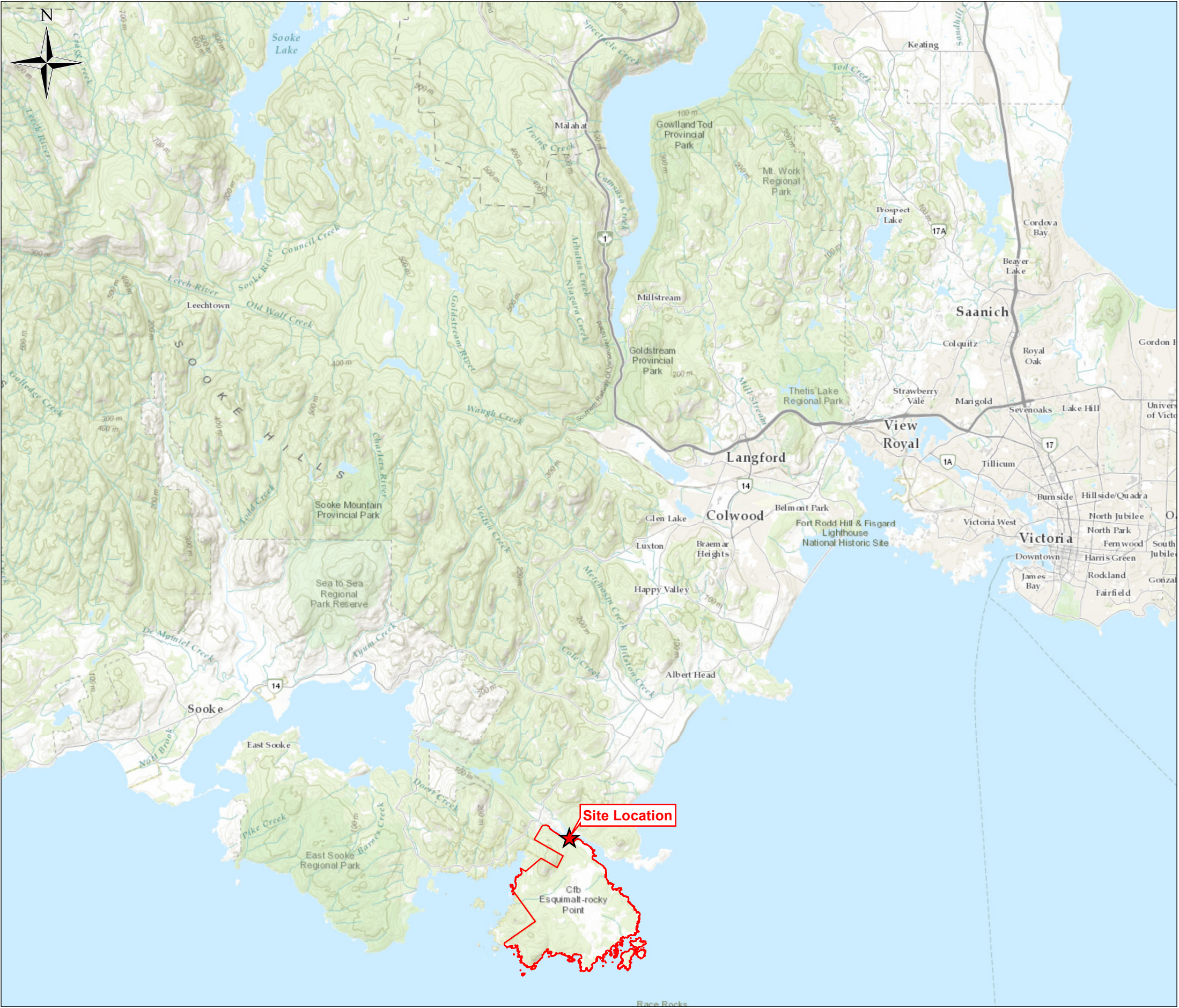
**DND EIA Portal#: 2021-21-102750**

**Drawings**

648721-001 – Location Plan

648721-002 – Site Plan





Legend

- ★ RP-14 Site Location
- CFAD Rocky Point Boundary



**NOTES:**  
1. Original in colour.  
2. Numerical scale reflects full-size print. Print scaling will distort this scale, however scale bar will remain accurate.  
3. Intended for illustration purposes, accuracy has not been verified for construction or navigation

**REFERENCES:**  
1.  
2. BCGOV ILMB Crown Registry and Geographic Base Branch (CRGB)  
(data accessed through www.GeoBC.gov.bc.ca)  
3. GPS Data Collected using an eTrex. Accuracy expected to be approximately +/- 3.5m.

**REVISIONS:**  
0 - AM - 2020-12-04 - DRAFT - JJ



CLIENT:  
Public Services and Procurement Canada

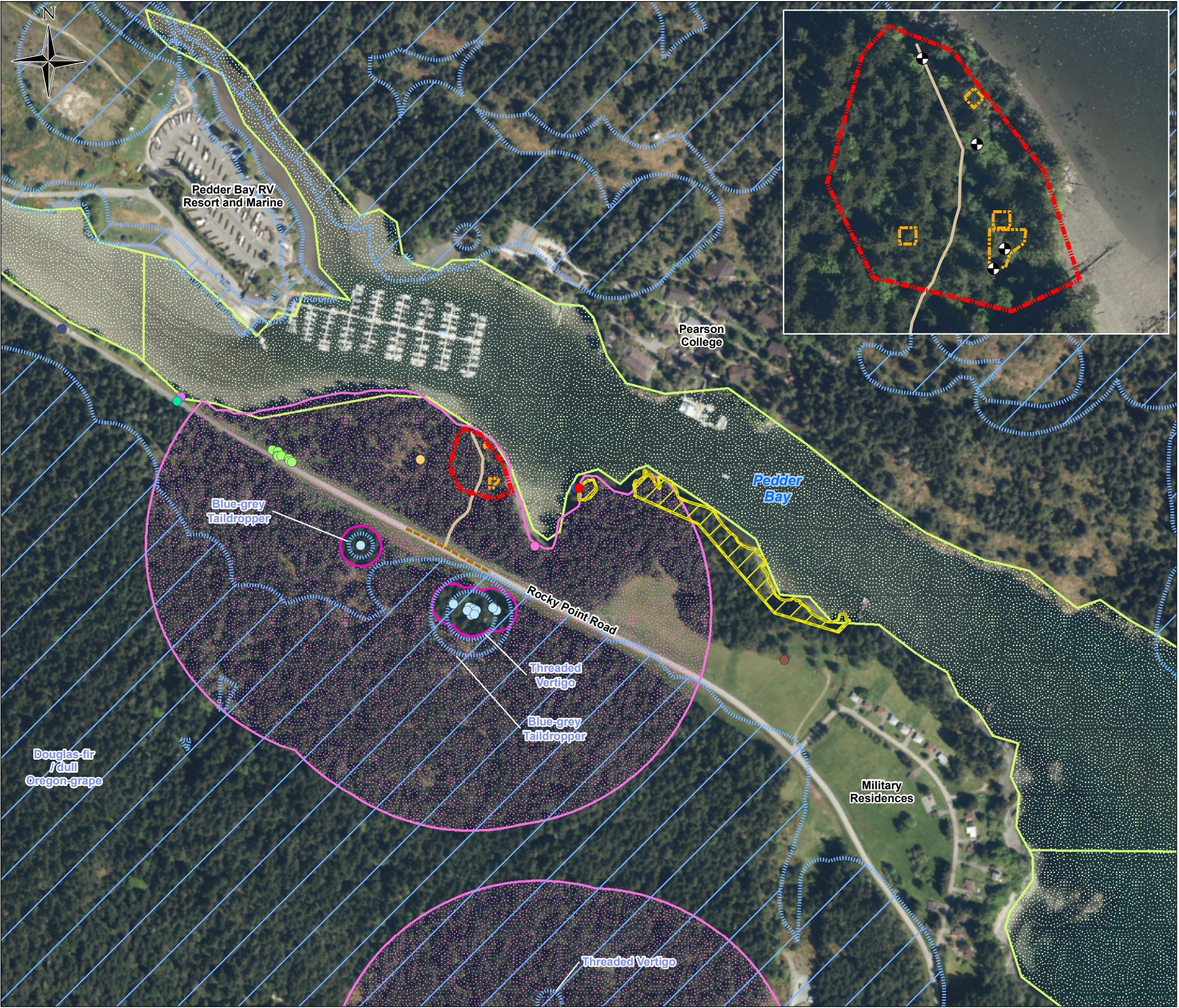
PROJECT LOCATION:  
RP-14, CFAD  
Rocky Point



Location Plan

BY: AM	SCALE: 1:125,000	DATE: 2020-12-09	REF No:	REV: 0
CHKD: JJ	Proj Coord Sys: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N	648721-001		





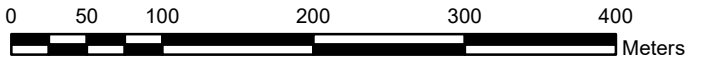
Legend

- MONITORING WELL
- APPROXIMATE ACCESS ROAD - CLEARING AND POSSIBLE EXTENSION INTO EXCAVATION AREAS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR EQUIPMENT ACCESS
- ESTIMATED EXCAVATION EXTENT
- SITE AREA
- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT
- SPECIES AND ECOSYSTEMS AT RISK (DATA BC)
- CRITICAL HABITAT FOR FEDERALLY-LISTED SPECIES AT RISK (POSTED)
- BLUE-GREY TAILDROPPER CRITICAL HABITAT - OCCUPIED ZONE
- BLUE-GREY TAILDROPPER CRITICAL HABITAT - ZONE OF INFLUENCE
- SARA CRITICAL HABITAT (DFO)
- SPECIES AT RISK (NRCan, 2020)
- BLUE-GREY TAILDROPPER
- CONSIDERABLE GINGERBREAD (LICHEN)
- FOOTHILL SEDGE
- LESSER COPPERWORT (LIVERWORT)
- LICHEN - ENTEROGRAPHA PALLIDELLA
- LICHEN - LICHINA INTERMEDIA
- LIVERWORT - CEPHALOZIELLA PHYLLACANTHA
- OCTOPUS' MATCHSTICK (LICHEN)
- SEASIDE BONE
- TROUBLED PIXIE-CUP (LICHEN)

NOTES:  
1. Original in colour.  
2. Numerical scale reflects full-size print. Print scaling will distort this scale, however scale bar will remain accurate.  
3. Intended for illustration purposes, accuracy has not been verified for construction or

REFERENCES:  
RP\_14\_SAR\_data\_2020nov

REVISIONS:  
0 - AM - 2020-12-04 - DRAFT - JJ



CLIENT:  
Public Works and Procurement Canada

PROJECT LOCATION:  
RP-14, CFAD  
Rocky Point



SITE PLAN

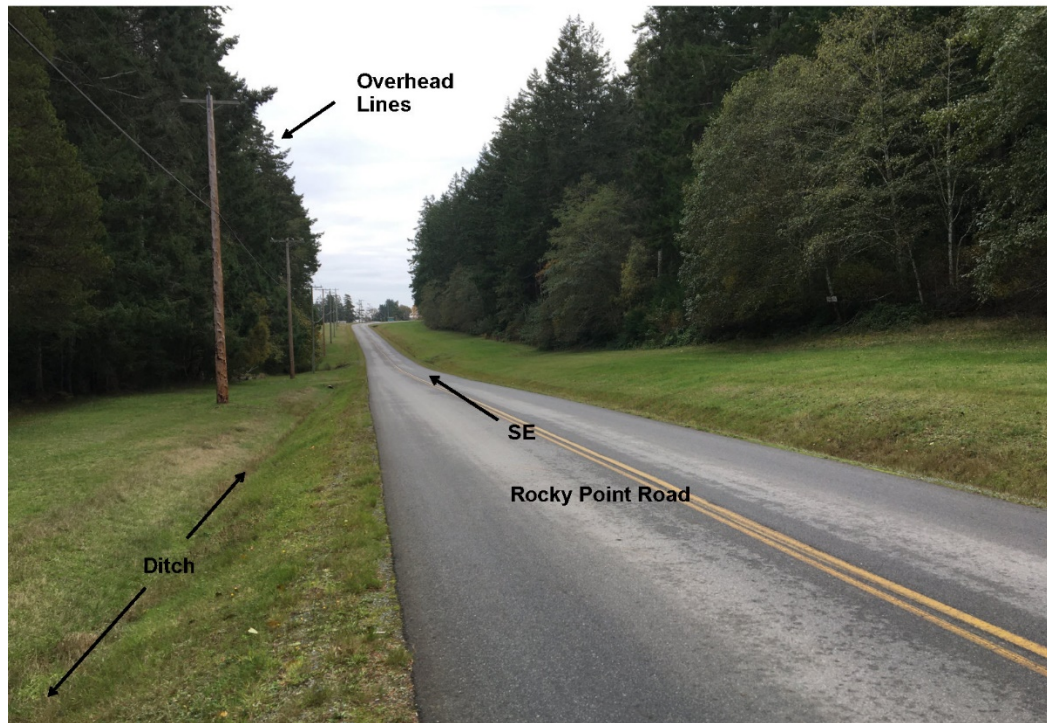
BY: AM	SCALE: 1:5,000	DATE: 2021-05-25	REF No:	REV: 0
CHKD: JJ	Proj Coord Sys: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N	648721-002		



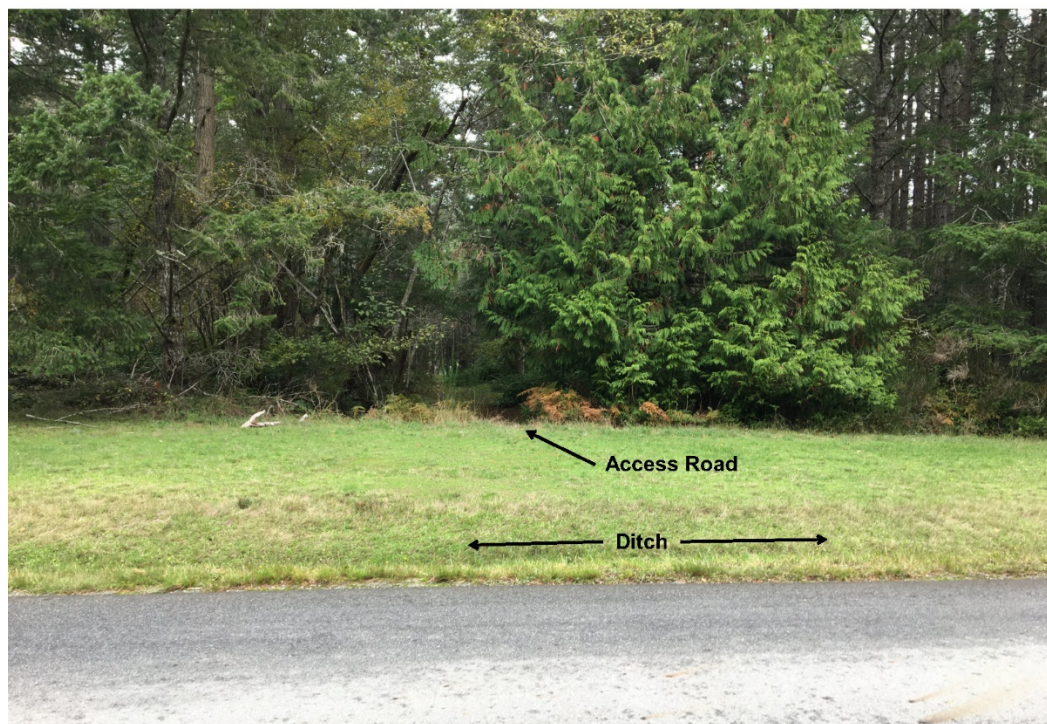
**OPI Project File #: R.112349.002**

**DND EIA Portal#: 2021-21-102750**

**Annex A. Site Photographs**



Photograph 1: Rocky Point Road adjacent to access road entrance, looking southeast.

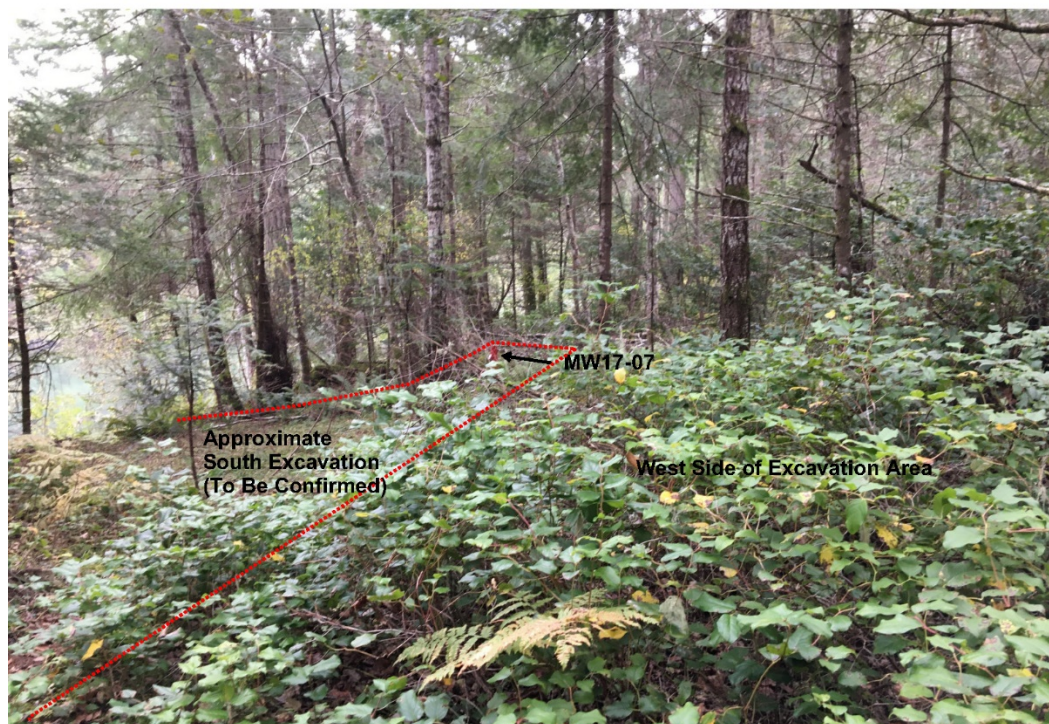


Photograph 2: Entrance to Site access road off Rocky Point Road, looking northeast.



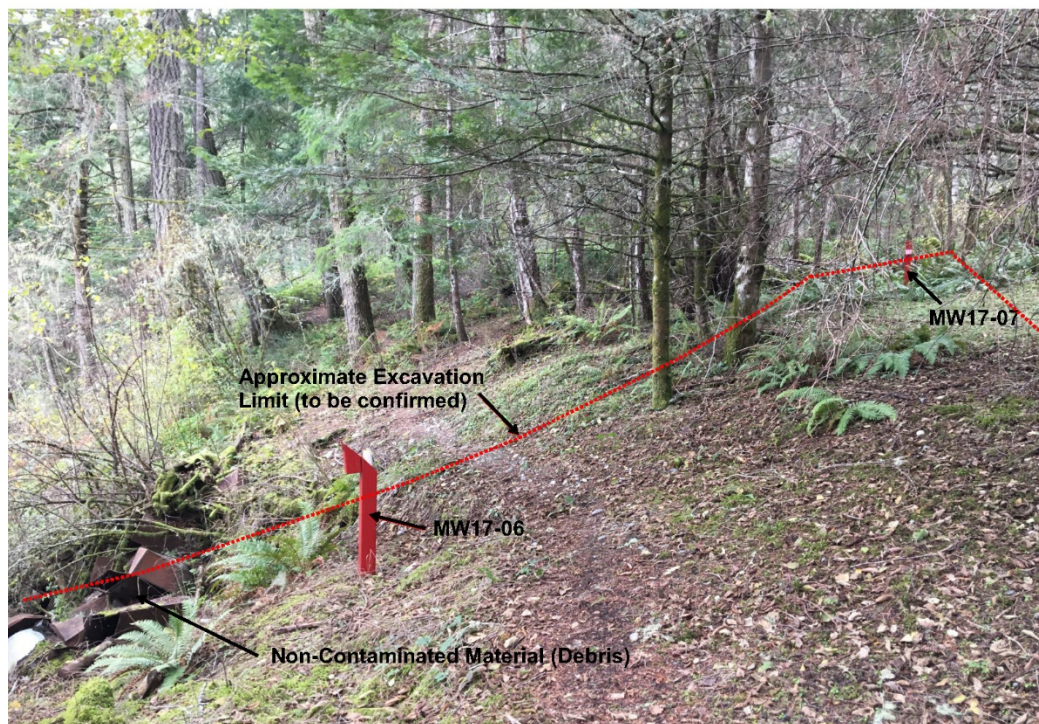


Photograph 3: Access road, looking northeast from entrance.



Photograph 4: South excavation area, looking south (excavation extent to be confirmed prior to start of work).





Photograph 5: South excavation area, looking south (excavation extent to be confirmed prior to start of work).

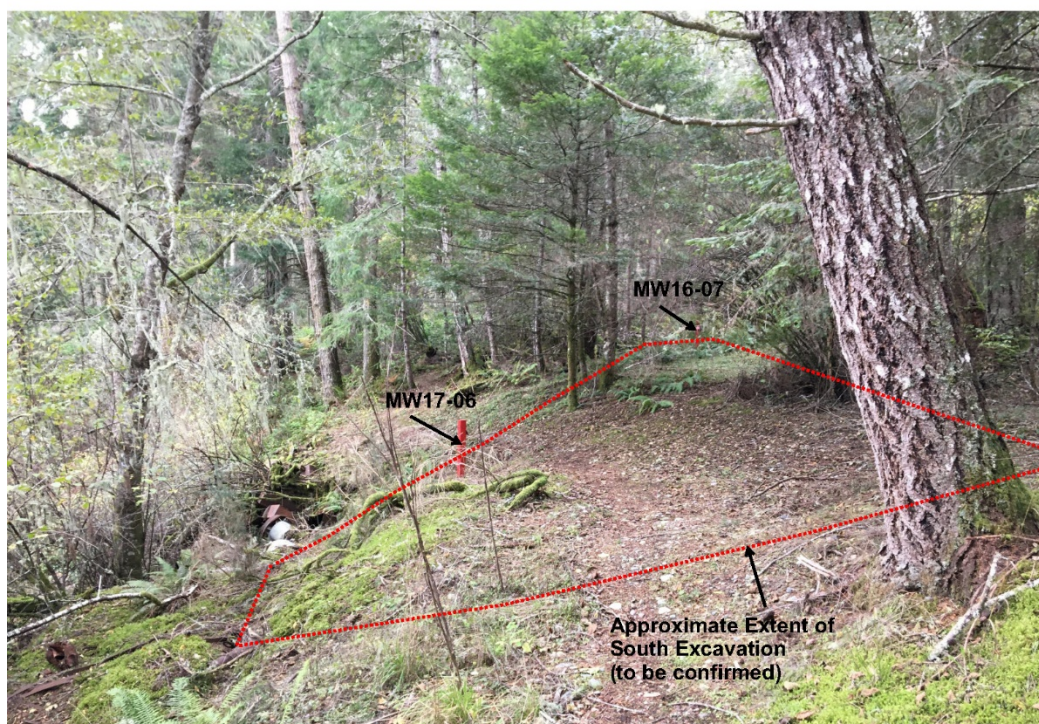


Photograph 6: Metal debris adjacent Pedder Bay at edge of south excavation area.





Photograph 7: Northern portion of south excavation, looking north (excavation extent to be confirmed prior to start of work).



Photograph 8: South excavation area, looking south (excavation extent to be confirmed prior to start of work).





Photograph 9: North excavation area, looking southeast showing existing access road (excavation extent to be confirmed prior to start of work).



Photograph 10: North excavation area, looking north (excavation extent to be confirmed prior to start of work).

**OPI Project File #: R.112349.002**

**DND EIA Portal#: 2021-21-102750**

**Annex B. Search Results**





Well Summary

<b>Well Tag Number:</b> 105800	<b>Well Status:</b> New	<b>Observation Well Number:</b>
<b>Well Identification Plate Number:</b> 32164	<b>Well Class:</b> Water Supply	<b>Observation Well Status:</b>
<b>Owner Name:</b> JOHN HOMER	<b>Well Subclass:</b> Domestic	<b>Environmental Monitoring System (EMS) ID:</b>
<b>Intended Water Use:</b> Private Domestic	<b>Aquifer Number:</b>	<b>Alternative specs submitted:</b> No

Licensing Information

<b>Licensed Status:</b> Unlicensed	<b>Licence Number:</b>
------------------------------------	------------------------

Location Information


**Street Address:** 5598 ROCKY POINT ROAD

**Town/City:** SOOKE

**Legal Description:**

Lot	
Plan	RW648
District Lot	
Block	
Section	42
Township	
Range	
Land District	
Property Identification Description (PID)	

**Description of Well Location:** NOT PROVIDED



**Geographic Coordinates - North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)**  
**Latitude:** 48.349178      **Longitude:** -123.582382  
**UTM Easting:** 456851      **UTM Northing:** 5355275  
**Zone:** 10      **Coordinate Acquisition Code:** (10 m accuracy) Handheld GPS with accuracy of +/- 10 metres

Well Activity

Activity	Work Start Date	Work End Date	Drilling Company	Date Entered
Legacy record	2010-07-12	2010-07-16	D. A. Smithson & Sons	March 7th 2012 at 12:52 AM

Well Work Dates

Start Date of Construction	End Date of Construction	Start Date of Alteration	End Date of Alteration	Start Date of Decommission	End Date of Decommission
2010-07-12	2010-07-16				

## Well Completion Data

Total Depth Drilled: 640.00 feet	Static Water Level (BTOC):	Well Cap: SECURED
Finished Well Depth: 640.00 feet	Estimated Well Yield: 0.125 USGPM	Well Disinfected Status: Not Disinfected
Final Casing Stick Up: 32.000 inches	Artesian Flow:	Drilling Method: Air Rotary
Depth to Bedrock: 26.00 feet	Artesian Pressure:	Orientation of Well: VERTICAL
Ground elevation: 138.00	Method of determining elevation: GPS	

## Lithology

From (ft bgl)	To (ft bgl)	Raw Data	Description	Moisture	Colour	Hardness	Observations	Water Bearing Flow Estimate (USGPM)
26.00	400.00				vari-coloured		MEDIUM-HARD, BLACK GREEN GREY, SEEPAGE	
400.00	500.00				vari-coloured	Very Hard	BLACK, GREEN, LAYER OF TAN ROCK AT 405'-408' WITH SEEPAGE	
500.00	640.00				vari-coloured	Hard	BLACK, GREEN	

## Casing Details

From (ft)	To (ft)	Casing Type	Casing Material	Diameter	Wall Thickness	Drive Shoe
0.00	31.00		Steel	6.630	0.188	Not Installed

## Surface Seal and Backfill Details

Surface Seal Material: Bentonite clay	Backfill Material Above Surface Seal:
Surface Seal Installation Method: Poured	Backfill Depth:
Surface Seal Thickness: 2.00	
Surface Seal Depth:	

## Liner Details

Liner Material:	Liner perforations	
Liner Diameter:	Liner Thickness:	FromTo
Liner from:	Liner to:	There are no records to show

## Screen Details

Intake Method:	Installed Screens
Type:	FromToDiameterAssembly TypeSlot Size
Material:	There are no records to show
Opening:	
Bottom:	

## Well Development

Developed by: Air lifting	Development Total Duration: 4.00 hours
---------------------------	--

## Well Yield

Estimation Method: Air Lifting	Estimation Rate:	Estimation Duration: 3.00
Static Water Level Before Test:	Drawdown:	
Hydrofracturing Performed: No	Increase in Yield Due to Hydrofracturing:	

## Well Decommission Information

Reason for Decommission:	Method of Decommission:
Sealant Material:	Backfill Material:
Decommission Details:	

## Comments

No comments submitted

Alternative Specs Submitted: No

## Documents

---

- [WTN 105800 Well Construction.pdf](#)

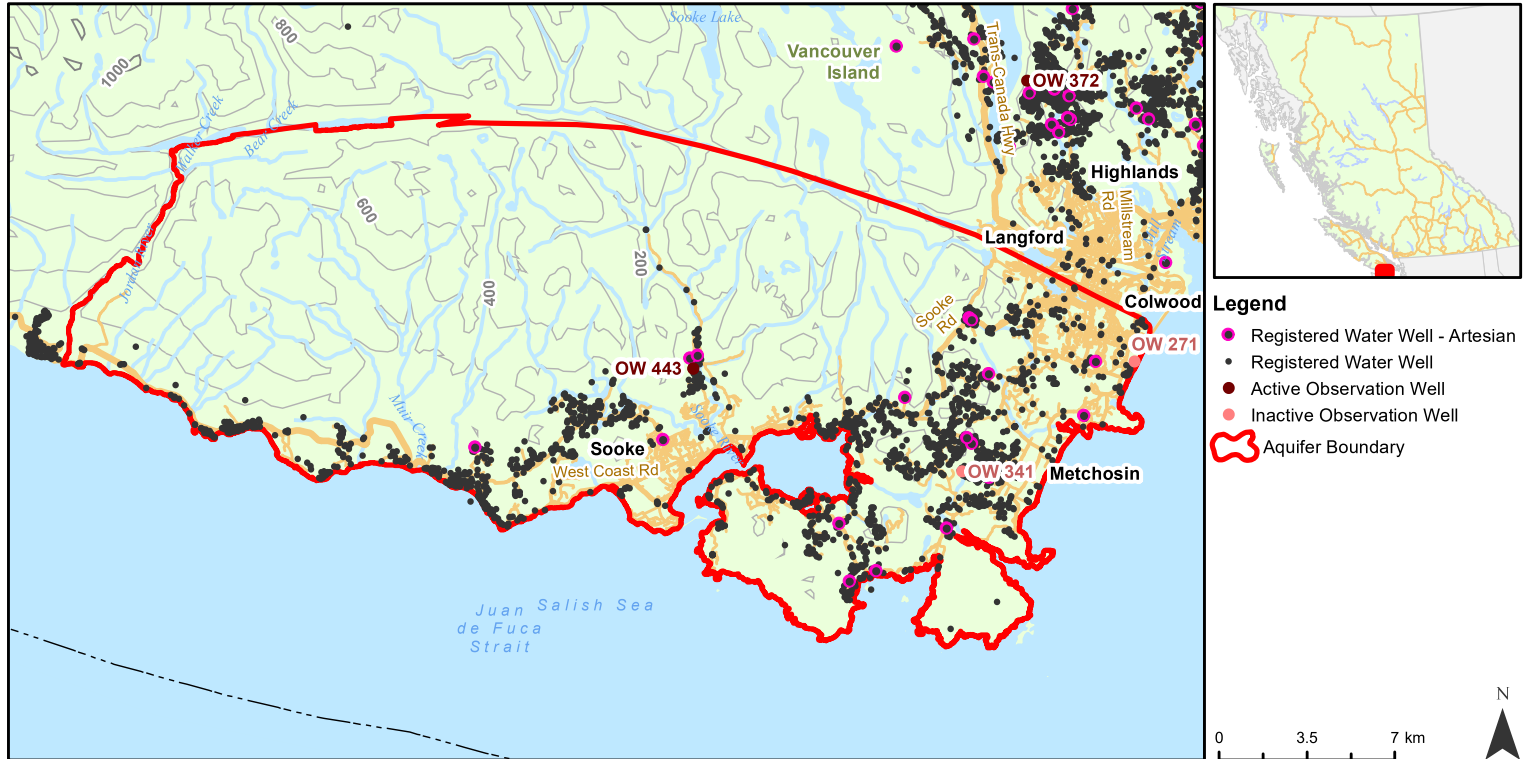
## Disclaimer

---

The information provided should not be used as a basis for making financial or any other commitments. The Government of British Columbia accepts no liability for the accuracy, availability, suitability, reliability, usability, completeness or timeliness of the data or graphical depictions rendered from the data.

# Aquifer #606

## Sooke-Metchosin



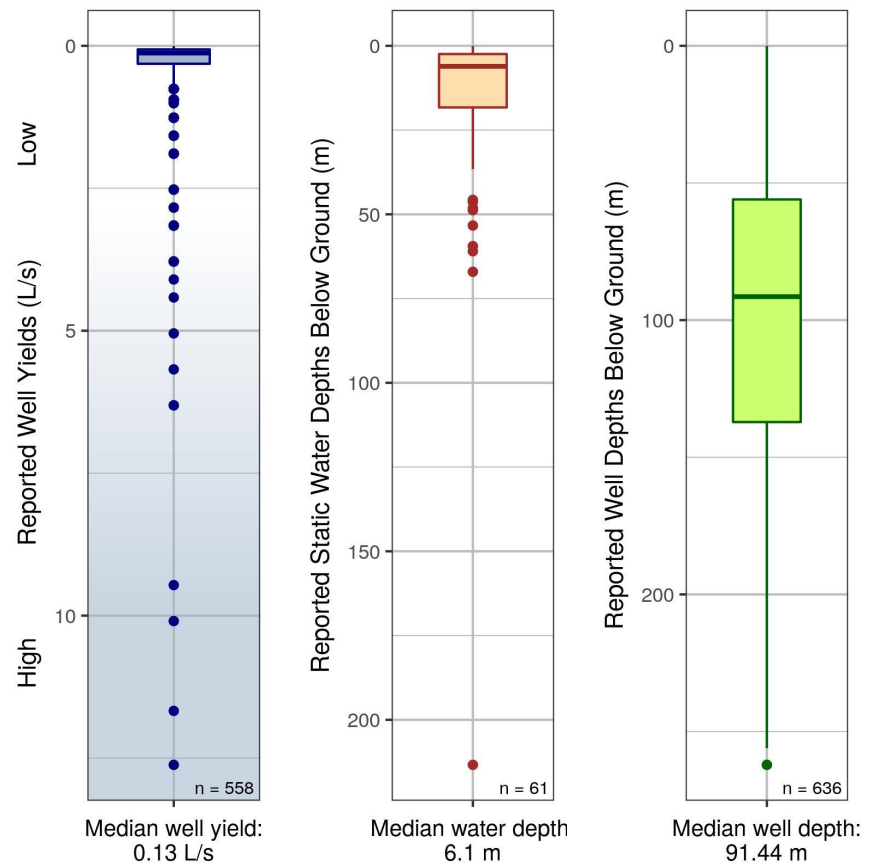
### Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 2004):

Fractured crystalline (igneous intrusive or meta-morphic, meta-sedimentary, meta-volcanic, volcanic) rock aquifer (subtype = 6b).

#### Aquifer Details

Region	West Coast
Water District	Victoria
Aquifer Area	537.6 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated to Aquifer	638
Vulnerability to Contamination	High
Productivity	Low
Aquifer Classification	IIIA
Hydraulic Connectivity <sup>1</sup>	Not Likely
Aquifer Stress Index	Less stressed
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	Unknown
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	443, 341

<sup>1</sup> Based on broad regional assessment



**Disclaimer:** Use of information from Aquifer factsheets (accessed by BC government website) is subject to limitation of liability provisions (further described on that website). That information is provided by the BC government as a public service on an "as is" basis, without warranty of any kind, whether express or implied, and its use is at your own risk. Under no circumstances will the BC government, or its staff, agents and contractors, be responsible or liable to any person or business entity, for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, consequential or any other loss or damages to any person or business entity based on this factsheet or any use of information from it.

Detailed methods for all figures are described in the companion document ([Aquifer Factsheet - Companion Document.pdf](#)).

Factsheet generated: 2020-08-06. Aquifers online: <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/gwells/aquifers>.

## **Aquifer Classification Worksheet for Sooke-Metchosin Aquifer (606)**

Aquifer number: 606

Proposed name of aquifer: Sooke-Metchosin Aquifer (606)

Aquifer Classification: IIIA(12).

### Descriptive location of aquifer:

This bedrock aquifer is found on southwest Vancouver Island, encompassing much of the land area in the municipalities of Metchosin, Colwood, Langford and Sooke, including the East Sooke Peninsula. Jordan River defines the western boundary of the aquifer, and the southern aquifer boundary is formed by the marine coastline from Jordan River to Esquimalt Lagoon. The northern and eastern aquifer boundary is defined by the Leech River Fault, in the Sooke Hills, which separates bedrock of the Metchosin Igneous Complex and the Leech River Complex (Massey, 1994; Yorath and Nasmith, 1995).

Date: July 2004.

NTS mapsheet: 092B/05, 092B/06, 092B/12, 092C/08

TRIM mapsheets: 092B.031, .032, .033, .041, .042, .043, .051, .052, 092C.050

### What geological formation does the aquifer belong to?

The aquifer is made up of rocks from the Metchosin Igneous Complex, a gabbroic and basaltic igneous and volcanic bedrock of Paleocene to Eocene origin, 50-56 Ma in age (Massey, 1994). The Metchosin Igneous Complex is a layered gabbro and leucogabbro (light-coloured feldspar- and quartz-rich gabbro) including sheeted gabbroic and dioritic dykes that extend upward into fine-grained pillow and flow basalts. The unit also contains minor tuff, breccia, and rare limestone (Massey, 1994; Yorath and Nasmith, 1995).

Well records indicate alternating layers of light and dark green igneous bedrock intercepted by quartz and feldspar veins, and water bearing fractures at depth. Other well logs describe the lithology as blue, red, brown or black volcanic bedrock, or layered hard grey and soft green bedrock. A few records indicate the occurrence of limestone, while some describe the presence of "conglomerate," which may correspond with brecciated rock in shear and fracture zones. Described occurrences of layered "sandstone and shale" are thought mainly to correspond with weathered, feldspar-rich igneous bedrock, or grus, and fine-grained black basalt. Some wells may be drilled through true sandstone and conglomerate of the Sooke Formation, which



comprises Muir Creek aquifer 449, a sedimentary bedrock formation that unconformably overlies the Metchosin Complex in parts of Sooke, including at Orveas Bay, Loss Creek and Jordan River.

Overlying portions of the bedrock aquifer are Vashon and Capilano sediments deposited during the Fraser glaciation (13-29 ka)(Blyth and Rutter, 1993; Monahan and Levson, 2000), including water bearing strata of aquifers 599, 604, and 605, and water bearing surficial deposits associated with shallow wells along the coastal margin of Orveas Bay, and on the East Sooke Peninsula that were not delineated separately due to the small number of wells and their lack of spatial connectivity. Aquifer 682, formed from glaciofluvial sediments of the Colwood delta, overlies the Sooke-Metchosin aquifer in a sandur (glaciofluvial flood deposit) that extends from Langford Lake area south-east toward Esquimalt Lagoon. Aquifer 683 similarly overlies much of the lowland (<60 m elevation), inland approximately 2.5 km from the coast at Parry Bay (Witty's Lagoon), and extending north along the historical Metchosin Creek floodplain, east of Metchosin Mountain.

What type of aquifer is it (unconsolidated/bedrock? Confined/unconfined)?

The aquifer is a partially confined bedrock aquifer. The aquifer is confined by sediments deposited at the end of the Fraser glaciation including Victoria clay and Vashon till. A blanket (> 1 km thick) of till is present over parts of the aquifer within the lowlands adjacent to the maritime coast; while colluvium forms the surficial layer at elevations >80-100 m, as indicated on the surficial geology and quaternary geology maps of the area (Blyth and Rutter, 1993; Monahan and Levson, 2000).

How was the aquifer boundary delineated?

The aquifer boundary was delineated to encompass bedrock of the Metchosin Igneous Complex in areas of present groundwater development. The aquifer covers the largest land area of all aquifers in the Capital Regional District. The spatial extent could be amended in future to include land west of Jordan River, as far west as Sombrio Point, an area for which there are presently no records of bedrock wells. The Leech River Fault is thought to be a natural barrier to groundwater movement, and forms the north and north-eastern aquifer boundary.

What is the size of the aquifer?      537.6 km<sup>2</sup>

What is the aquifer's productivity?

The productivity of the aquifer is considered low. The aquifer is made up of consolidated igneous and volcanic bedrock. Estimated well yields range from a minimum of 0.005 L/s up to a maximum of 6.3 L/s, with an arithmetic mean well yield of 0.25 L/s and a median

yield of 0.05 L/s. Higher water yields are likely attributable, for the most part, to the influence of surface water sources, as higher well yields are observed in wells found in close proximity to permanent or ephemeral streams. For example, the highest yields were observed wells found adjacent to Doer Creek or Veitch Creek. There is insufficient information to determine transmissivity and specific capacity of the aquifer at this time.

What is the groundwater pumped from the aquifer used for?

The groundwater is used predominantly for drinking water and irrigation, including bedrock wells in the Langford area that are used for irrigation of local parks (Dave Newman, Municipality of Langford, pers. comm. July 12, 2004).

What is the level of groundwater demand?

The level of groundwater demand is interpreted to be low. There are records of 632 wells completed into this aquifer, resulting in a calculated well density of 1 well/km<sup>2</sup>. Most wells are found along the southern area of the aquifer, within  $\leq 6$  km of the coast, where suburban and rural development is greatest. Parkland and Department of National Defence property covers much of the East Sooke Peninsula, and a significant part of the northern area of the aquifer is undeveloped Crown land or forestry tenures.

Describe the reliance on the aquifer for supply.

There is an overall low reliance upon the aquifer for supply. However, the greatest reliance upon groundwater is in parts of Sooke and Metchosin where there are limited opportunities to connect to a municipal water supply. Municipal water sources are available over the majority of the Langford and Colwood area. Water for domestic drinking and irrigation purposes may also be obtained from surface water bodies including Ayum Creek, Barnes Creek, Bilston Creek, Charters Creek, Doerr Creek, Metchosin Creek, Pedder Creek, Pike Creek, Veitch Creek, Waugh Creek, Vera Brook, Jordan River, Leech River, Sooke River, Glenairly Spring, Glen Lake, Langford Lake, and Quarantine Lake. A total of 66 water licences exist for the above water bodies for the licenced purposes of domestic use, enterprise, waterworks, irrigation, storage, and land improvement.

Are there any known water use conflicts?

There are no water use conflicts reported for the aquifer.

Describe the groundwater flow direction(s).

The information available at present is insufficient to determine the direction of groundwater flow. Groundwater flow is assumed to be from upland areas to adjacent lowland areas. Topography of the area would suggest that the dominant regional groundwater flow direction is southeast toward the coast.

Describe the source(s) of recharge to the aquifer.

The source of aquifer recharge is expected to be infiltration of precipitation in the surface watershed area overlying the aquifer. Streams and rivers may also be a source of aquifer recharge or discharge.

How deep is the water table or the aquifer?

Water depth ranges from a minimum of 0.61 m (2.0 m) to a maximum of 213 m (700 ft). The arithmetic mean depth to water is 21 m (68 ft), the geometric mean water depth is 7.9 m (26 ft) and the median water depth is 6.9 m (23 ft). These values may not be representative of conditions over the entire aquifer as they were calculated using information available from 56 of 632 well records (9% of wells). The arithmetic mean and median well depth are 98 m (322 ft) and 91 m (299 ft) respectively. While the minimum well depth is 7.3 m (24 ft), and the maximum well depth is 262 m (860 ft). The depth to bedrock ranges from 0 to 47 m (154 ft), with an average depth of 5.4 m and a median depth of 3.0 m (18 ft and 10 ft). Within the aquifer water is thought to flow through discrete fractures rather than through primary porosity. The majority of water bearing fractures occur within the depth range of 30 to 100 m (100 to 300 ft) from the land surface.

Is the aquifer vulnerable to human activities at the land surface? If so, why?

The aquifer is considered highly vulnerable to contamination from human activities at the surface. The aquifer is partially confined with a Victoria clay or Vashon till present in 260 wells (41% of the wells); for an additional 22% of the wells there is insufficient information to confirm the presence or absence of a confining layer, and within 37% of the wells there is no confining layer noted. Where present clay or till range in thickness from 0.46 to 85 m (1.5 to 138 ft) with geometric mean and median thickness of 4.3 m (14 ft). The surficial and quaternary geology maps indicate that much of the aquifer area is covered by a thin (< 1 m) veneer of unconsolidated colluvium or weathered broken rock with little or no confining properties; a blanket (> 1 m thick) of silty till is found over the aquifer at elevations < 80 m to 100 m, where most of the groundwater development has occurred (Blyth and Rutter, 1993). The great depth of the wells and thickness of the bedrock layer above the water level are expected to provide a measure of protection of the water source from surface pollutants. In contrast, the vulnerability of the aquifer may be increased by the fact that water can travel rapidly through bedrock fractures, compared to the speed of water travel through the pore spaces of unconsolidated sediments. Much of the upslope (recharge) area of the aquifer is presently undeveloped forest. Vulnerability indices such as the Aquifer Vulnerability Index (Van Stempvoort, et al., 1993) or DRASTIC (Aller, et al., 1987) were not used to evaluate individual well or aquifer vulnerability at this time.

Are there any documented water quantity concerns?

Very low to trace yields have been identified for some wells. There are no additional concerns regarding water quantity documented in Water Protection Section files.

Are there any documented water quality concerns that are health-related?

There are no health-related water quality concerns documented in Water Protection Section files.

Observation Wells

There is one active WLAP Observation Well in the aquifer, in the Metchosin area.

References

- Aller, L. Bennet, T., Lehr, J., Petty, R., and Hackett, G. 1987. *DRASTIC: A Standardized system for evaluating ground water pollution potential using hydrogeologic settings* (EPA-600/2-87-035). Dublin, Ohio, Ada, Oklahoma: National Water Well Association, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Byth, H.E. and Rutter, N.W. 1993. *Surficial geology of the Sooke area, NTS 92B/5 (1:50 000)*. Victoria, BC: B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.
- Land and Water B.C. Inc. 2004. *Water licences report*.  
[http://www.elp.gov.bc.ca:8000/pls/wtrwhse/water\\_licences](http://www.elp.gov.bc.ca:8000/pls/wtrwhse/water_licences). (Accessed July 5, 2004).
- Massey, N.W.D. 1994. *Geological Compilation, Vancouver Island, British Columbia (NTS 92 B, C, E, F, G, K, L, 102 I) (1:250,000)*. Map. Victoria, BC: B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Open File 1994-6, digital files and legend.
- Monahan, P.A. and Levson, V.M. *Geoscience Map 2000-2, Quaternary geological map of Greater Victoria (TRIM sheets 92B.043, 044, 053 and 054)*. Victoria, BC: B.C. Ministry of Energy and Mines, Geological Survey Branch.
- Van Stempvoort, D., Ewert, L. and Wassenaar, L. 1993. "Aquifer Vulnerability Index: A GIS-compatible method for groundwater vulnerability mapping." *Canadian Water Resources Journal*, V.18,1,25-37.
- Yorath, C.J. and Nasmith, H.W. 1995. *The geology of Southern Vancouver Island*. Victoria, BC: Orca Book Publishers.

## **Aquifer Classification Summary for Sooke-Metchosin Aquifer (606)**

### **Classification**

Level of development (use): III – Low  
Degree of vulnerability: A - High

**Classification IIIA**

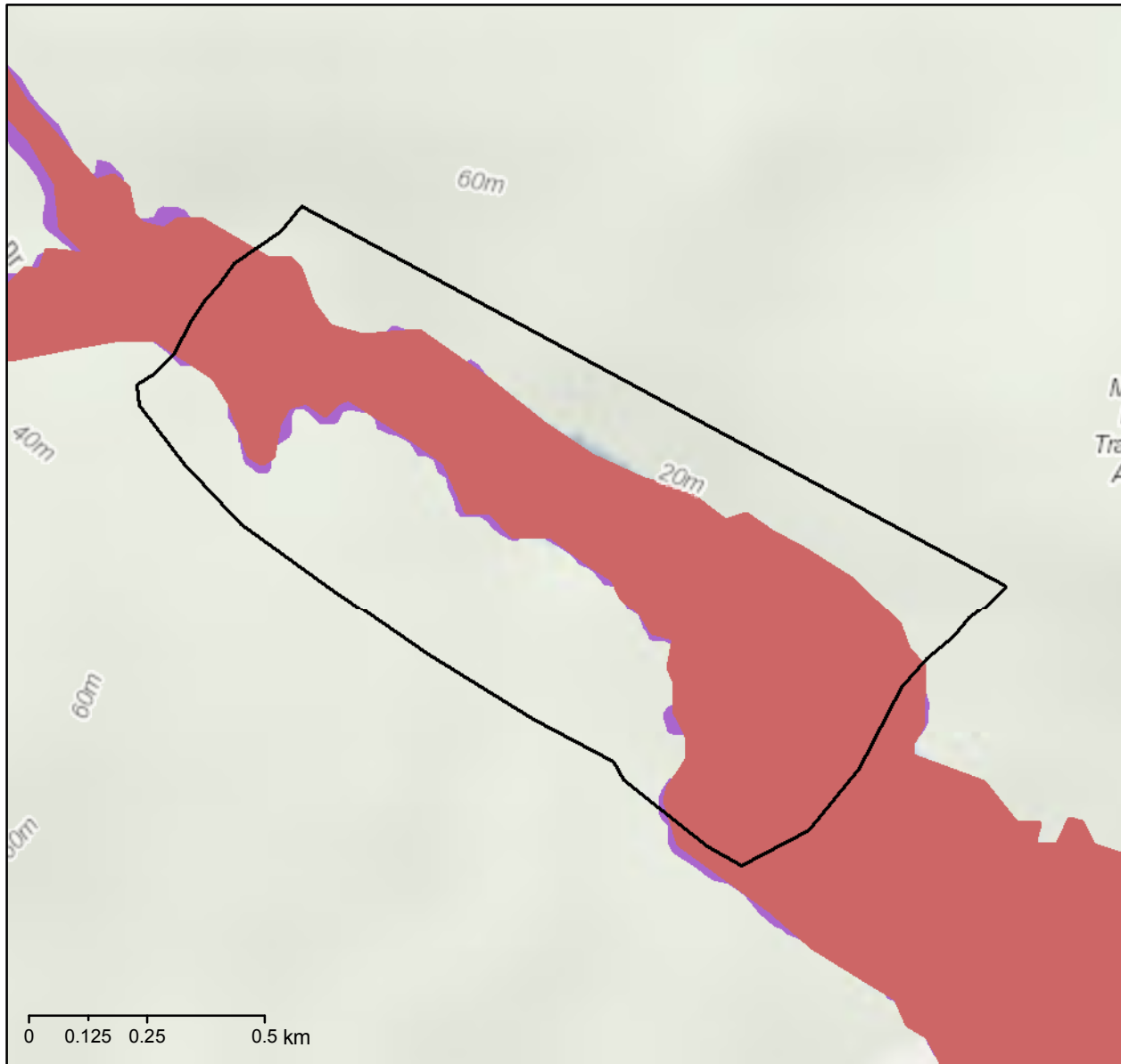
### **Ranking Value**

Productivity: 1 – Low  
Vulnerability: 3 – High  
Size: 3 – >25 km<sup>2</sup>  
Demand: 1 – Low  
Type of Groundwater Use: 3 – Multiple use  
Documented Quantity Concerns: 1 – Isolated  
Documented Quality Concerns Related to Human Health: 0 – None reported

**Rank 12**



# Aquatic Species at Risk Report



One or more aquatic species listed under the Species at Risk Act are found (or potentially found) within the coloured areas.



Critical Habitat



Extirpated, Endangered, or Threatened



Special Concern

## How to use this information:

1. The map and species list are intended to provide a general overview of aquatic species at risk and their critical habitat that may occur within the mapped area.

2. To assess your project go to:

[www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html)

If you encounter an aquatic species at risk in an area that is not currently mapped, please notify your regional Fisheries Protection Program office to ensure that you are compliant with the Species at Risk Act.

The official source of information for species at risk is the Species at Risk Public Registry [www.sararegistry.gc.ca](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca)

To protect fish and fish habitat, including aquatic species at risk, their residences, and their critical habitat, efforts should be made to avoid, mitigate and/or offset harm. Following the measures to avoid harm will help you comply with the Fisheries Act and the Species at Risk Act.

## Critical habitat for these species is found within the outlined area

Critical habitat is identified in recovery strategies or action plans for species listed under Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act as extirpated, endangered or threatened.

Name	Where Found	Species Status
<a href="#">Killer Whale - Northeast Pacific Southern Resident</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Endangered

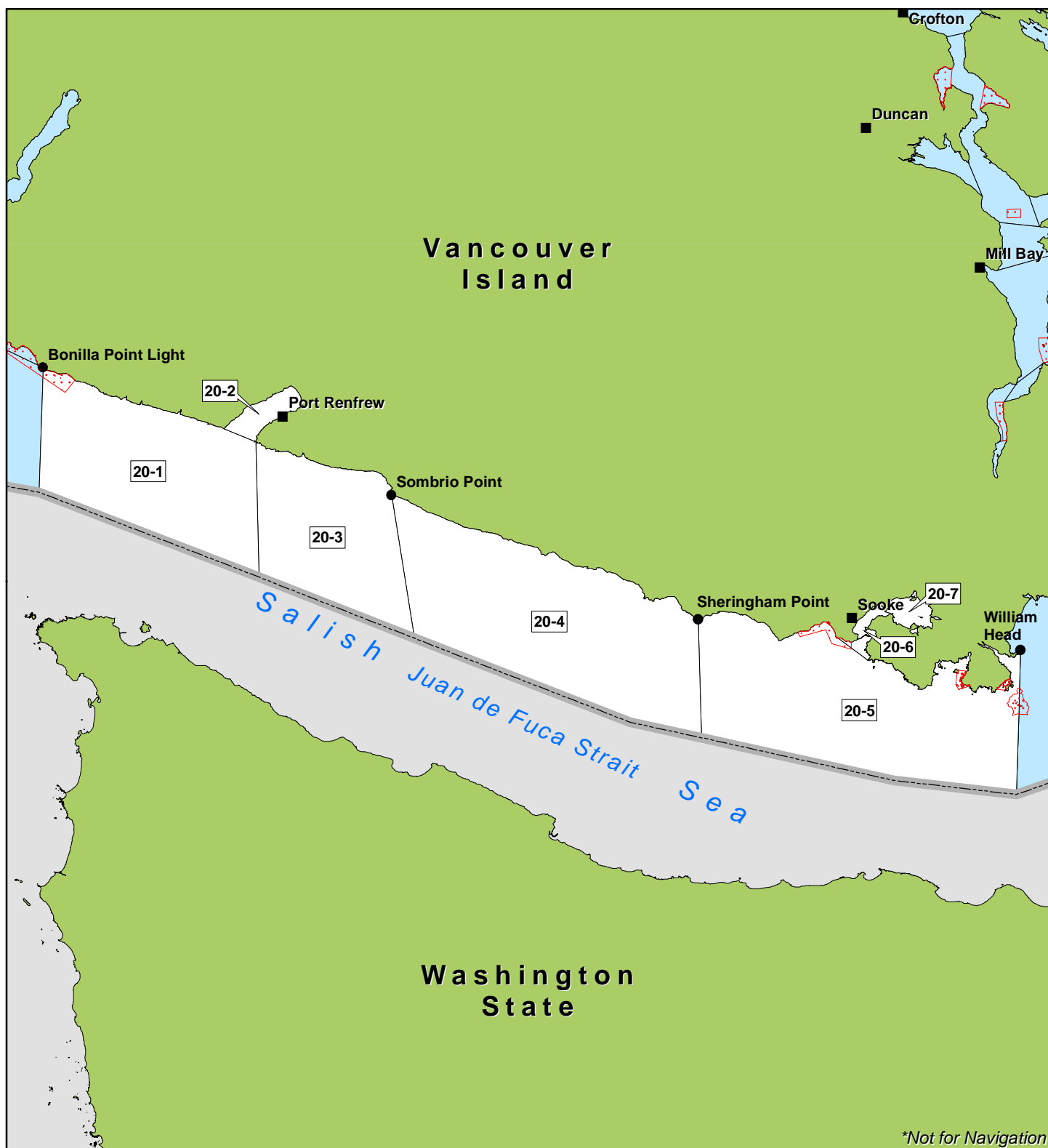
## Species found (or potentially found) within the outlined area

Name	Where Found	Species Status
<a href="#">Basking Shark - Pacific</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Endangered
<a href="#">Bluntnose Sixgill Shark</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Grey Whale - Eastern North Pacific</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Harbour Porpoise - Pacific Ocean</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Humpback Whale - North Pacific</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Killer Whale - Northeast Pacific Offshore</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Threatened
<a href="#">Killer Whale - Northeast Pacific Southern Resident</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Endangered
<a href="#">Killer Whale - Northeast Pacific Transient</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Threatened
<a href="#">Leatherback Sea Turtle - Pacific</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Endangered
<a href="#">Longspine Thornyhead</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern

<a href="#">Northern Abalone</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Endangered
<a href="#">Rougheye Rockfish type I</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Rougheye Rockfish type II</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Steller Sea Lion</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Tope</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Yelloweye Rockfish - Pacific Ocean Inside Waters</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern
<a href="#">Yelloweye Rockfish - Pacific Ocean Outside Waters</a>	Pacific Ocean/Océan Pacifique	Special Concern



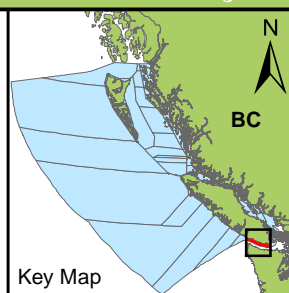




**AREA 20**

- Key Points
- Communities
- Canada/United States Border
- Rockfish Conservation Areas
- PFMA Subareas

0 4 8 12 16 20  
Nautical Miles



My Layers Add Provincial Layers Upload Data Add External Layers

Layers

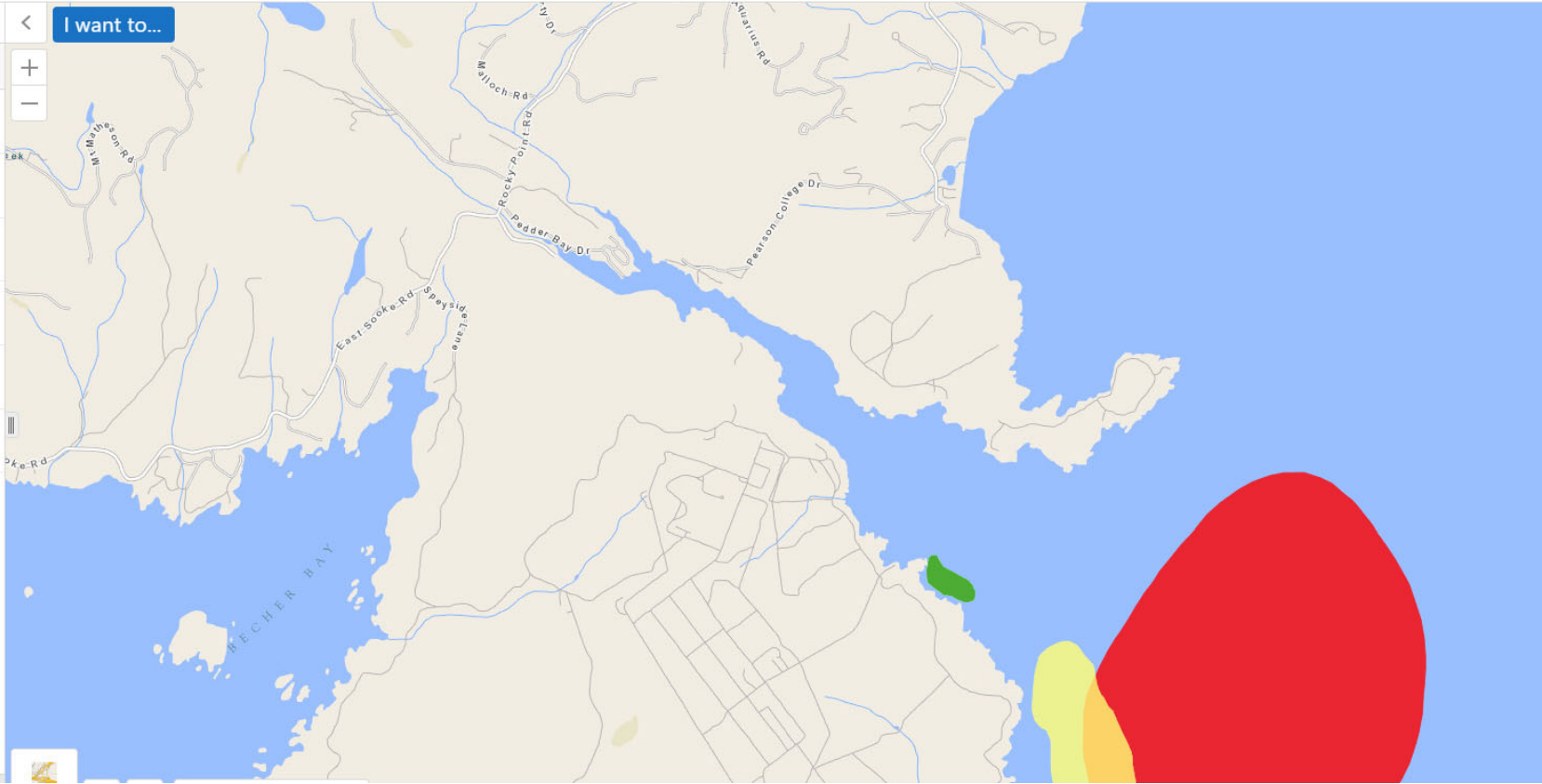
Layers














I want to...

Filter Layers... Filter

- ☒ Recreational Fisheries - Finfish Fishery - Colour Themed
- ☒ Recreational Fisheries - Crab Fishery - Colour Themed
- ☒ Recreational Fisheries - Squid Fishery - Colour Themed
- ☒ Recreational Fisheries - Scallop Fishery - Colour Themed
- ☒ Recreational Fisheries - Prawn Fishery - Colour Themed
- ☒ Recreational Fisheries - Groundfish Fishery - Colour Themed



- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Anchovy - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Urchin - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Squid - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Shrimp - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Seacucumber - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Scallop - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Salmon - Troll - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Salmon - Net - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Prawn - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Octopus - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Commercial Fisheries - Herring >



My Layers Add Provincial Layers Upload Data Add External Layers

Layers

I want to...

Filter Layers... Filter

☒ Marine Mammals - Dalls Porpoise -

Colour Filled

☒ Marine Mammals - Sealion - Rafting

Area - Colour Filled

☒ Marine Mammals - Sealion Haulouts

- Colour Filled

☒ Marine Mammals - Sealion Haulout

Locations

☒ Marine Mammals - Sealion - Stellar -

Colour Filled

☒ Marine Mammals - Sealion -

California - Colour Filled

☒ Marine Mammals - Sea Otter -

Colour Filled

☒ Marine Mammals - Pacific White

Sided Dolphin - Colour Filled

☒ Marine Mammals - Northern Fur Seal

- Colour Filled

☒ Marine Mammals - Killer Whale -

Colour Filled


☒ Marine Mammals - Humpback Whale

Home Layers

Roads

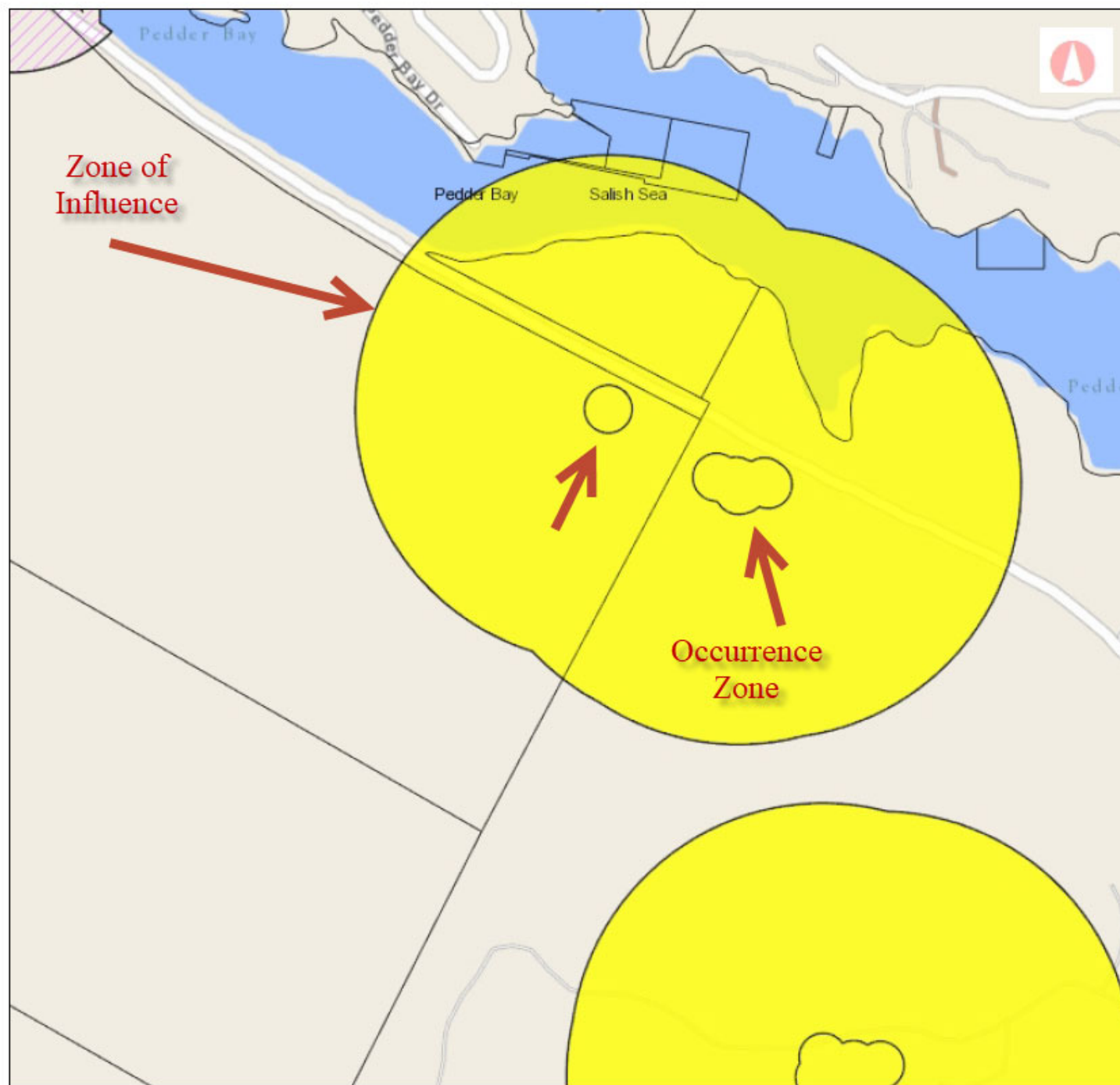
1500

0 0.15 0.3km

- ☒  Marine Plants - Eelgrass - Colour Filled >
- ☒  Marine Plants - Kelp Beds - Colour Filled >







## CDC Critical Habitat

### Legend

FWA - Stream Network - Lin

EDGE\_TYPE

Stream - Main Flow

Stream - Secondary Flow

Wetland - Main Flow

Wetland - Secondary Flow

Lake Skeleton - Main Flow

Lake Skeleton - Secondary Flow

Lake Arm Skeleton - Secondary

River Skeleton - Main Flow

River Skeleton - Secondary Flow

Flow Connector

Isolated Waterbody Skeleton - M

Underground Connector - Main

0 0.18 0.37 km

1: 9,028

### Copyright/Disclaimer

The material contained in this web site is owned by the Government of British Columbia and protected by copyright law. It may not be reproduced or redistributed without the prior written permission of the Province of British Columbia. To request permission to reproduce all or part of the material on this web site please complete the Copyright Permission Request Form which can be accessed through the Copyright Information Page.

CAUTION: Maps obtained using this site are not designed to assist in navigation. These maps may be generalized and may not reflect current conditions. Uncharted hazards may exist. DO NOT USE THESE MAPS FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES.

Datum: NAD83

Projection: WGS\_1984\_Web\_Mercator\_Auxiliary\_Sphere

### Key Map of British Columbia



Scientific Name	Scientific Name Synonyms	English Name	English Name Synonyms	Name Category	Species Code	Class (English)	BC List	Provincial FRPA	Prov	COSEWIC	SARA Schedule	SARA Status
<a href="#">Accipiter gentilis laingi</a>		Northern Goshawk, <i>laingi</i> subspecies		Vertebrate Animal	B-NOGO-LA	birds	Red	Y (May 2004)		Threatened	1	Threatened
<a href="#">Allogona townsendiana</a>		Oregon Forestsnail		Invertebrate Animal	MO-ALLTOW	gastropods	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered
<a href="#">Anaxyrus boreas</a>	<i>Bufo boreas</i>	Western Toad		Vertebrate Animal	A-ANBO	amphibians	Yellow			Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Aneides vagrans</a>		Wandering Salamander		Vertebrate Animal	A-ANVA	amphibians	Blue			Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Aplodontia rufa</a>		Mountain Beaver		Vertebrate Animal	M-APRU	mammals	Yellow			Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Ardea herodias fannini</a>		Great Blue Heron, <i>fannini</i> subspecies		Vertebrate Animal	B-GBHE-FA	birds	Blue	Y (May 2004)		Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Brachyramphus marmoratus</a>		Marbled Murrelet		Vertebrate Animal	B-MAMU	birds	Blue	Y (May 2004)		Threatened	1	Threatened
<a href="#">Buteo swainsoni</a>		Swainson's Hawk		Vertebrate Animal	B-SWHA	birds	Red					
<a href="#">Callophrys johnsoni</a>	<i>Loranthomitoura johnsoni</i>	Johnson's Hairstreak		Invertebrate Animal	LE-CALJOH	insects	Red	Y (Jun 2006)				
<a href="#">Callophrys mossii mossii</a>	<i>Incisalia mossii mossii</i>	Moss' Elfín, <i>mossii</i> subspecies		Invertebrate Animal	LE-CALMOS-MO	insects	Blue					
<a href="#">Cardellina canadensis</a>	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>	Canada Warbler		Vertebrate Animal	B-CAWA	birds	Blue			Threatened	1	Threatened
<a href="#">Carychium occidentale</a>		Western Thorn		Invertebrate Animal	MO-CAROCC	gastropods	Blue					
<a href="#">Cercyonis pegala incana</a>		Common Wood-nymph, <i>incana</i> subspecies		Invertebrate Animal	LE-CERPEG-IN	insects	Red					
<a href="#">Cervus elaphus roosevelti</a>	<i>Cervus canadensis roosevelti</i> <i>Cervus elaphus roosevelti</i>	Roosevelt Elk		Vertebrate Animal	M-CEEL-RO	mammals	Blue					
<a href="#">Charina bottae</a>		Northern Rubber Boa		Vertebrate Animal	R-CHBO	reptiles	Yellow			Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Chlosyne hoffmanni</a>	<i>Charidryas hoffmanni</i>	Hoffman's Checkerspot		Invertebrate Animal	LE-CHLHOF	insects	Red					
<a href="#">Chordeiles minor</a>		Common Nighthawk		Vertebrate Animal	B-CONI	birds	Yellow			Special Concern	1	Threatened
<a href="#">Coccothraustes vespertinus</a>		Evening Grosbeak		Vertebrate Animal	B-EVGR	birds	Yellow			Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Coccyzus americanus</a>		Yellow-billed Cuckoo		Vertebrate Animal	B-YBCU	birds	Red					
<a href="#">Coenonympha tullia insulana</a>	<i>Coenonympha californica insulana</i>	Common Ringlet, <i>insulana</i> subspecies		Invertebrate Animal	LE-COETUL-IN	insects	Red					
<a href="#">Contia tenuis</a>		Sharp-tailed Snake		Vertebrate Animal	R-COTE	reptiles	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered
<a href="#">Contopus cooperi</a>		Olive-sided Flycatcher		Vertebrate Animal	B-OSFL	birds	Blue			Special Concern	1	Threatened
<a href="#">Corynorhinus townsendii</a>		Townsend's Big-eared Bat		Vertebrate Animal	M-COTO	mammals	Blue					
<a href="#">Cryptomastix devia</a>		Puget Oregonian		Invertebrate Animal	MO-CRYDEV	gastropods	Red			Extirpated	1	Extinct
<a href="#">Deroceras hesperium</a>		Evening Fieldslug		Invertebrate Animal	MO-DERHES	gastropods	Red			Data Deficient		
<a href="#">Dicamptodon tenebrosus</a>		Coastal Giant Salamander	Pacific Giant Salamander	Vertebrate Animal	A-DITE	amphibians	Blue	Y (May 2004)		Threatened	1	Threatened
<a href="#">Epargyreus clarus</a>		Silver-spotted Skipper		Invertebrate Animal	LE-EPACLA	insects	Blue					
<a href="#">Erynnis propertius</a>		Propertius Duskywing		Invertebrate Animal	LE-ERYPRO	insects	Red					
<a href="#">Euchloe ausonides insulanus</a>		Large Marble, <i>insulanus</i> subspecies	Island Large Marble	Invertebrate Animal	LE-EUCAUS-IN	insects	Red			Extirpated	1	Extinct
<a href="#">Euphagus carolinus</a>		Rusty Blackbird		Vertebrate Animal	B-RUBL	birds	Blue			Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Glaucidium gnoma swarthi</a>		Northern Pygmy-owl, <i>swarthi</i> subspecies		Vertebrate Animal	B-NPOW-SW	birds	Blue	Y (Jun 2006)				
<a href="#">Gulo gulo luscus</a>		Wolverine, <i>luscus</i> subspecies		Vertebrate Animal	M-GUGU-LU	mammals	Blue	Y (May 2004)		Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Gulo gulo vancouverensis</a>		Wolverine, <i>vancouverensis</i> subspecies		Vertebrate Animal	M-GUGU-VA	mammals	Red	Y (May 2004)		Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Hemphillia dromedarius</a>	<i>Hemphillia malonei</i>	Dromedary Jumping-slug		Invertebrate Animal	MO-HEMDRO	gastropods	Red			Threatened	1	Threatened
<a href="#">Hemphillia glandulosa</a>		Warty Jumping-slug		Invertebrate Animal	MO-HEMGLA	gastropods	Red			Special Concern	1	Special Concern
<a href="#">Hesperia colorado oregonia</a>		Western Branded Skipper, <i>oregonia</i> subspecies	Oregon Branded Skipper	Invertebrate Animal	LE-HESCOL-OR	insects	Red			Endangered		
<a href="#">Hirundo rustica</a>		Barn Swallow		Vertebrate Animal	B-BASW	birds	Blue			Threatened	1	Threatened
<a href="#">Icaricia saepiolus insulanus</a>	<i>Plebejus saepiolus insulanus</i>	Greenish Blue, <i>insulanus</i> subspecies	Vancouver Island Blue	Invertebrate Animal	LE-PLESAE-IN	insects	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered
<a href="#">Icteria virens</a>		Yellow-breasted Chat		Vertebrate Animal	B-YBCH	birds	Red	Y (May 2004)		Endangered	1	Endangered
<a href="#">Lagopus leucura saxatilis</a>	<i>Lagopus leucurus saxatilis</i>	White-tailed Ptarmigan, <i>saxatilis</i> subspecies		Vertebrate Animal	B-WTPT-SA	birds	Blue	Y (Jun 2006)				
<a href="#">Lasionycteris noctivagans</a>		Silver-haired Bat		Vertebrate Animal	M-LANO	mammals	Yellow					
<a href="#">Lasiurus cinereus</a>		Hoary Bat		Vertebrate Animal	M-LACI	mammals	Yellow					





Scientific Name	English Name	Name Category	Species Code	BC List	Provincial FRPA	Prov Wildlife Act	COSEWIC	SARA Schedule	SARA Status	Presence	Habitats (Type / Subtype / Dependence)	BGC
<a href="#">Allium amplexans</a>	slimleaf onion	Vascular Plant	ALLIAMP	Blue						Regularly occurring	Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Other Unique Habitats / Vernal Pools/Seasonal Seeps / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Garry Oak Coastal Bluffs / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHxm
<a href="#">Aphyllon pinorum</a>	pine broomrape	Vascular Plant	OROBPIN	Red						Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Mesic (average) / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Conifer Forest - Moist/wet / Facultative - occasional use	CDFmm CWHmm CWHxm
<a href="#">Balsamorhiza deltoidea</a>	deltoid balsamroot	Vascular Plant	BALSDEL	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Grassland / Facultative - frequent use Other Unique Habitats / Beach / Facultative - occasional use Other Unique Habitats / Sand Dune / Facultative - occasional use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHxm
<a href="#">Bulbostylis capillaris</a>	densetuft hairsedge	Vascular Plant	BULBCAP	Unknown						Regularly occurring	Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Cardamine angulata</a>	angled bittercress	Vascular Plant	CARDANG	Blue						Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Moist/wet / Facultative - frequent use Riparian / Riparian Forest / Facultative - frequent use Stream/River / Stream/River / Facultative - frequent use	CWHdm CWHvh CWHwh

Scientific Name	English Name	Name Category	Species Code	BC List	Provincial FRPA	Prov Wildlife Act	COSEWIC	SARA Schedule	SARA Status	Presence	Habitats (Type / Subtype / Dependence)	BGC
<a href="#">Carex tumulicola</a>	foothill sedge	Vascular Plant	CARETUM	Yellow			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Grassland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - occasional use Wetland / Bog / Facultative - occasional use Wetland / Fen / Facultative - occasional use Wetland / Marsh / Facultative - occasional use Wetland / Swamp / Facultative - occasional use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Cephalanthera austiniiae</a>	phantom orchid	Vascular Plant	CEPHAUS	Red			Endangered	1	Threatened	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Mesic (average) / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Old Forest / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHdm CWHxm
<a href="#">Claytonia washingtoniana</a>	Washington springbeauty	Vascular Plant	CLAYWAS	Red						Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Unknown Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Unknown Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Cliff / Unknown Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Talus / Unknown	CDFmm CWHdm CWHxm IDFww
<a href="#">Dryopteris arguta</a>	coastal wood fern	Vascular Plant	DRYOARG	Blue			Special Concern	1	Special Concern	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Deciduous/Broadleaf Forest / Facultative - occasional use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Grassland / Facultative - occasional use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Cliff / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Garry Oak Coastal Bluffs / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use Stream/River / Stream/River / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm

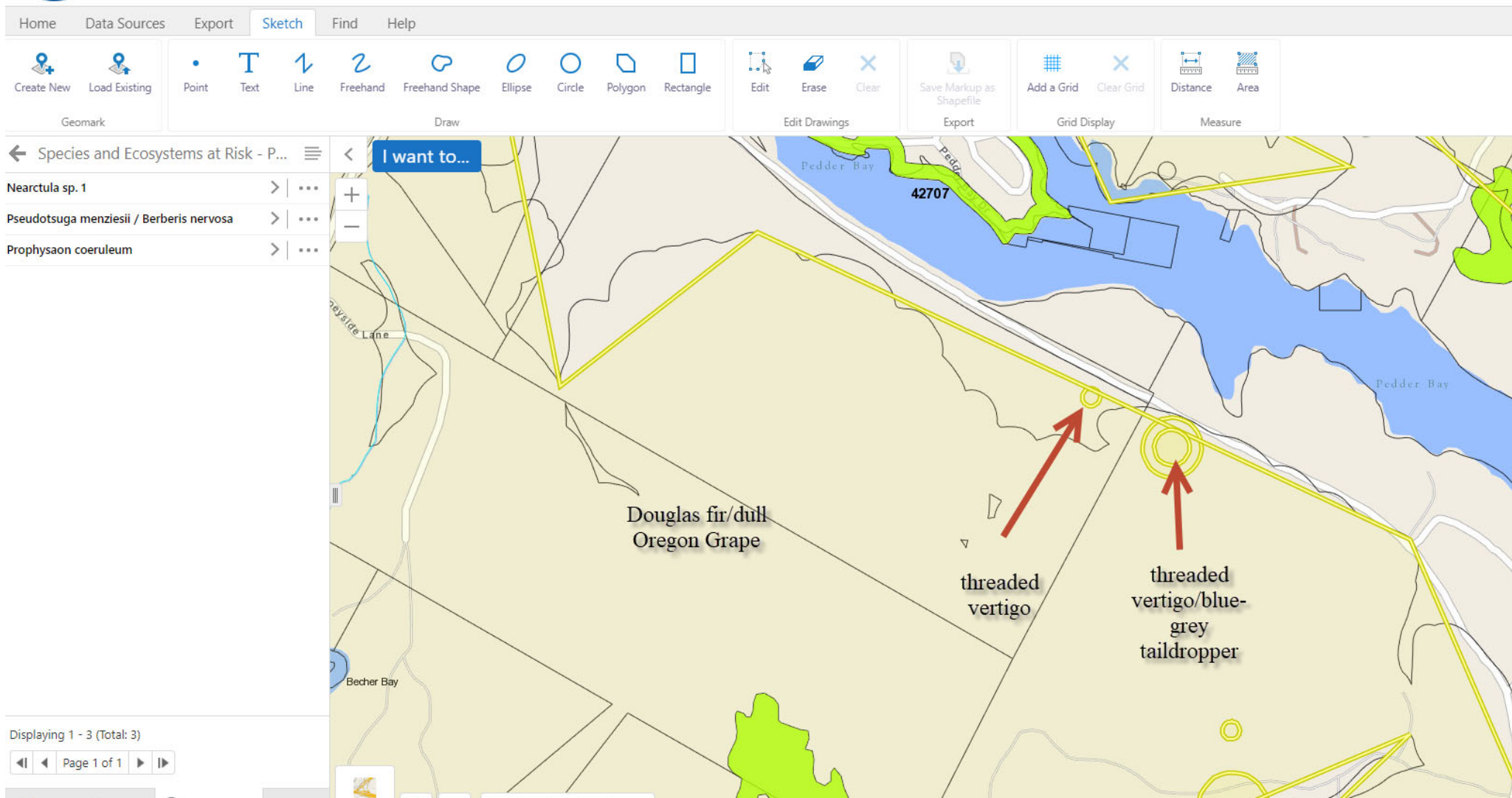
Scientific Name	English Name	Name Category	Species Code	BC List	Provincial FRPA	Prov Wildlife Act	COSEWIC	SARA Schedule	SARA Status	Presence	Habitats (Type / Subtype / Dependence)	BGC
<a href="#">Epilobium torreyi</a>	brook spike-primrose	Vascular Plant	EPILTOR	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - occasional use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - occasional use Grassland/Shrub / Grassland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Other Unique Habitats / Garry Oak Vernal Pool / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Euonymus occidentalis var. occidentalis</a>	western wahoo	Vascular Plant	EUONOC1	Red						Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Moist/wet / Unknown Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Unknown Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Unknown Riparian / Riparian Forest / Unknown	CWHxm
<a href="#">Eurybia radulina</a>	rough-leaved aster	Vascular Plant	EURYRAD	Red						Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - occasional use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHxm
<a href="#">Limnanthes macounii</a>	Macoun's meadow-foam	Vascular Plant	LIMNMAC	Red			Threatened	1	Threatened	Regularly occurring	Forest / Deciduous/Broadleaf Forest / Facultative - occasional use Grassland/Shrub / Garry Oak Maritime Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Other Unique Habitats / Garry Oak Vernal Pool / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHxm
<a href="#">Lomatium dissectum</a>	fern-leaved desert-parsley	Vascular Plant	LOMADIS	Red						Regularly occurring	Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Garry Oak Maritime Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Grassland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm

Scientific Name	English Name	Name Category	Species Code	BC List	Provincial FRPA	Prov Wildlife Act	COSEWIC	SARA Schedule	SARA Status	Presence	Habitats (Type / Subtype / Dependence)	BGC
<a href="#">Lomatium papilioniferum</a>	butterfly bearing lomatium	Vascular Plant		Red			Threatened	1	Threatened	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - occasional use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Cliff / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Talus / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHxm
<a href="#">Lupinus oreganus var. kincaidii</a>	Kincaid's lupine	Vascular Plant	LUPIORE1	Unknown			Extirpated	1	Extinct	Regularly occurring	Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Grassland / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - occasional use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Marah oregana</a>	coast manroot	Vascular Plant	MARAORE	Red			Endangered			Regularly occurring	Agriculture / Hedgerow / Facultative - occasional use Agriculture / Pasture/Old Field / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Meconella oregana</a>	white meconella	Vascular Plant	MECOORE	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Deciduous/Broadleaf Forest / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Garry Oak Coastal Bluffs / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHxm
<a href="#">Mitellastra caulescens</a>	leafy mitrewort	Vascular Plant	MITECAU	Blue						Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Mesic (average) / Unknown Forest / Conifer Forest - Moist/wet / Unknown Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Unknown Riparian / Riparian Forest / Unknown Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Cliff / Unknown Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Unknown Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Talus / Unknown	CMA CWHds CWHms CWHxm MHmm

Scientific Name	English Name	Name Category	Species Code	BC List	Provincial FRPA	Prov Wildlife Act	COSEWIC	SARA Schedule	SARA Status	Presence	Habitats (Type / Subtype / Dependence)	BGC
<a href="#">Plagiobothrys tenellus</a>	slender popcornflower	Vascular Plant	PLAGTEN	Red			Threatened	1	Threatened	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - occasional use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Grassland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Garry Oak Coastal Bluffs / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Platanthera ephemerantha</a>	white-lip rein orchid	Vascular Plant	PIPECAN	Blue						Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHvh
<a href="#">Rubus lasiococcus</a>	dwarf bramble	Vascular Plant	RUBULAS	Blue						Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Mesic (average) / Obligate Forest / Conifer Forest - Moist/wet / Facultative - occasional use	CDFmm CWHds CWHmm CWHxm ESSFmw MHmm
<a href="#">Sabalina pusilla</a>	dwarf sandwort	Vascular Plant	MINUPUS	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Grassland / Facultative - occasional use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Other Unique Habitats / Garry Oak Vernal Pool / Facultative - frequent use Other Unique Habitats / Vernal Pools/Seasonal Seeps / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Sanicula bipinnatifida</a>	purple sanicle	Vascular Plant	SANIBIP	Red			Threatened	1	Threatened	Regularly occurring	Forest / Deciduous/Broadleaf Forest / Facultative - occasional use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - occasional use Grassland/Shrub / Garry Oak Maritime Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - occasional use	CDFmm CWHxm
<a href="#">Serilocarpus rigidus</a>	white-top aster	Vascular Plant	SERIRIG	Blue			Special Concern	1	Special Concern	Regularly occurring	Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm CWHxm

Scientific Name	English Name	Name Category	Species Code	BC List	Provincial FRPA	Prov Wildlife Act	COSEWIC	SARA Schedule	SARA Status	Presence	Habitats (Type / Subtype / Dependence)	BGC
<a href="#">Silene scouleri ssp. scouleri</a>	coastal Scouler's catchfly	Vascular Plant	SILESCO2	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Unknown Grassland/Shrub / Garry Oak Maritime Meadow / Unknown Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Garry Oak Coastal Bluffs / Unknown	CDFmm
<a href="#">Syntrichia laevipila</a>	twisted oak moss	Nonvascular Plant	TORTLAE2	Blue			Special Concern	1	Special Concern	Regularly occurring	Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Thelypteris nevadensis</a>	Nevada marsh fern	Vascular Plant	THELNEV	Red						Regularly occurring	Forest / Mixed Forest (deciduous/coniferous mix) / Facultative - frequent use Riparian / Riparian Forest / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use Stream/River / Stream/River / Facultative - occasional use	CWHxm
<a href="#">Tonella tenella</a>	small-flowered tonella	Vascular Plant	TONETEN	Blue			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Other Unique Habitats / Vernal Pools/Seasonal Seeps / Obligate Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Talus / Facultative - frequent use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Triteleia howellii</a>	Howell's triteleia	Vascular Plant	TRITHOW	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Facultative - occasional use Forest / Deciduous/Broadleaf Forest / Facultative - frequent use Forest / Garry Oak Woodland / Facultative - frequent use Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Facultative - frequent use Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Garry Oak Coastal Bluffs / Facultative - occasional use	CDFmm
<a href="#">Uropappus lindleyi</a>	Lindley's microseris	Vascular Plant	UROPLIN	Red			Endangered	1	Endangered	Regularly occurring	Forest / Conifer Forest - Dry / Unknown Forest / Deciduous/Broadleaf Forest / Unknown Grassland/Shrub / Meadow / Unknown Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Cliff / Unknown Rock/Sparsely Vegetated Rock / Garry Oak Coastal Bluffs / Unknown	CDFmm

[illegible]



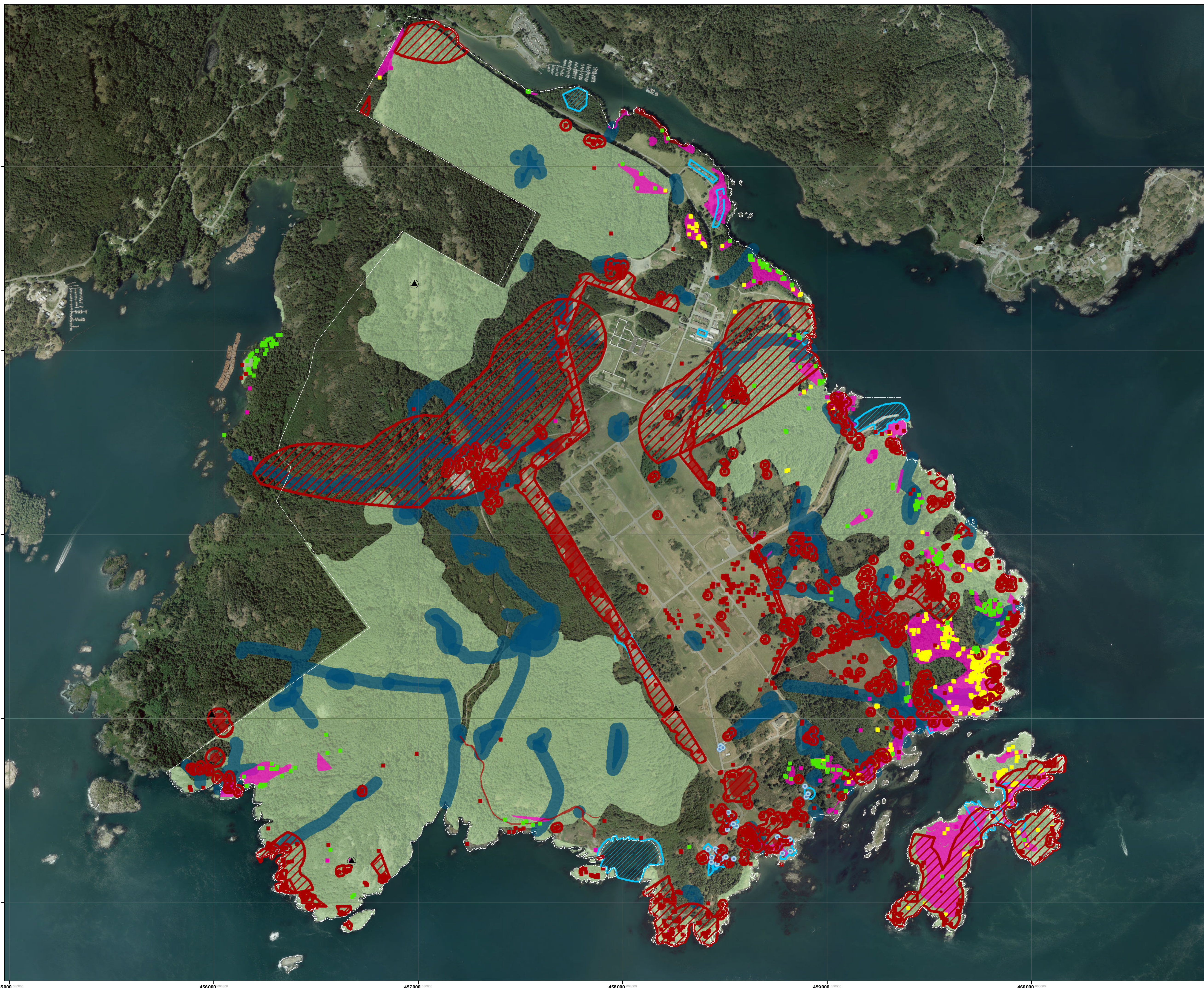


**OPI Project File #: R.112349.002**

**DND EIA Portal#: 2021-21-102750**

**Annex C. DND Sensitive Areas Map**





## ROCKY POINT

### Sensitive Areas Map Series

### FEBRUARY 2018

#### Archaeological and Cultural Features

These layers denote identified areas of cultural significance. All projects, exercises and/or development activities occurring near these areas, or in other areas likely to be of cultural significance, should include an assessment for the potential for disturbance. MARPAC policy opts to avoid known archaeological areas completely where possible. If avoidance is not an option, an archaeologist is required to complete an Archaeological Impact Assessment.

- Culturally Modified Tree. Do not cut, nail, or damage any part of the tree.
- Varied Cultural Material (including, but not limited to, lithics, middens, and/or depressions). Do not disturb individual sites.
- First Nations Burial Site. Do not disturb area. Do not move or disturb rocks.

#### Sensitive Species Occurrences and Habitat

This layer includes identified locations of both provincially listed and federally protected species. Formation Environment shall be contacted during the planning phase of any projects, exercises and/or development activities proposed to occur within or near these areas. Under the Species at Risk Act it is an offence to kill, harm or harass a listed species; destroy or damage the residence of a listed species; and/or destroy any part of critical habitat of a listed species.

This layer includes critical habitat for federally protected species. Under the Species at Risk Act it is an offence to destroy any part of critical habitat of a listed species. Formation Environment shall be contacted during the planning phase of any project and/or development activities proposed to occur within or near these areas.

This layer identifies sensitive ecosystems. Land-use planning should consider the continued integrity of these ecosystems.

#### Wetland Features

This layer includes wetlands, water bodies, streams, and adjacent riparian areas, including those that are intermittent (with wetted area for part of the year) and ephemeral (only wetted during and immediately after precipitation). Projects, exercises and/or development activities occurring in and around water shall comply with the Fisheries Act and the BC Water Sustainability Act.

#### Contaminated Site Features

Active Risk Managed Site Monitoring Wells. Formation Environment shall be contacted prior to any projects and/or development activities in these areas.

Note that additional monitoring wells, not captured in this layer, may exist on the property. Should any projects and/or development activities necessitate their destruction, appropriate decommissioning is required. Formation Environment shall be contacted prior to any groundwater well decommissioning.

Contaminated/Risk Managed Sites. This layer includes areas of known or suspected contamination, as well as areas which have been remediated and/or are under risk management. These areas should not be disturbed. Formation Environment shall be contacted during the planning phase of any projects, exercises and/or development activities proposed to occur within or near these areas.

Soil excavation activities on all CFB Esquimalt administered lands have a potential to uncover historical contamination or archaeologically significant materials (including areas that are not marked on this map). Disturbance of any contaminated and/or archaeologically significant materials on CFB Esquimalt properties is the responsibility of the project OPI. Excavation activities occurring within all areas of CFB Esquimalt properties shall comply with MARPAC SEMS DE2.

#### Other Features

Mascot Geodetic Control Monuments. This layer includes survey control monuments. These features are protected by law under Sections 442 and 443 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Do not damage, move or destroy.

Produced by FORMATION ENVIRONMENT  
MARITIME FORCES PACIFIC  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, CANADA

2017 Colour Orthophotos  
10 cm resolution

This map was created for use by Maritime Forces Pacific.  
Any unauthorized use of this map is strictly prohibited.

Note that this version may not be the most current and  
there may be information missing and/or incorrectly  
represented. This map depicts the best information  
available at the time of printing.

## ROCKY POINT

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

Date: Feb 2018

Scale: 1:8,500

File Name: rp\_sams\_feb18.mxd



**OPI Project File #: R.112349.002**

**DND EIA Portal#: 2021-21-102750**

**Annex C. Legal Duty to Consult Worksheet**



## Determining if there is a legal duty to consult<sup>1</sup>

The legal duty to consult arises when the Crown has knowledge of potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights and contemplates conduct that may adversely affect those rights.

Three elements are therefore required before the duty to consult is triggered:

- 1) Contemplated Crown conduct;
- 2) Potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights; and
- 3) Potential adverse impact.

Federal departments/agencies must gather sufficient information to make a preliminary assessment of what potential or established section 35 rights are in question (i.e. hunting, fishing, self-government rights, cultural rights etc.) and whether there are potential adverse impacts that the project/activity may have on such rights.

This chart has been developed to help you gather the information needed to establish whether your project triggers the duty to consult. Completing this chart will guide you through an initial assessment and analysis of the established or potential section 35 rights<sup>2</sup> and the potential adverse impacts of your proposed project or activity. It will also help in determining the scope and content of that duty and how to design the consultation process. The completed chart should be retained in your project file.

Any questions regarding your assessment of the duty to consult can be directed to ADM(IE) at [Aboriginal-Autochtones@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Aboriginal-Autochtones@forces.gc.ca) or DND/CF LA, Aboriginal Law Advisory Services.

If you determine that the legal duty to consult does not arise in your project, there may still be good governance reasons for engaging with local Indigenous groups. CAF bases are encouraged to be proactive in developing positive relationships with local Indigenous groups just as they do with local municipalities.

The best first step in this information gathering process is to consult the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Information System (ATRIS). This Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) database is publicly available; however, government representatives can access more complete information by requesting an ATRIS user account. Contact [ATRIS-SIDAIT@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca](mailto:ATRIS-SIDAIT@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca) for an account. ATRIS is an online mapping tool that provides an intuitive and comprehensive information system relating to Aboriginal and treaty rights. ATRIS also provides users with available information on Indigenous communities, including: contact information, information on community level leadership, membership to other organizations such as tribal councils, information on treaties and agreements, of which a community is a beneficiary, and links to community websites and other public resources.

ATRIS can be accessed through the following link: [http://sidait-atris.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/atris\\_online/](http://sidait-atris.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/atris_online/)

---

<sup>1</sup> This document is based on: *Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation – Updated Guidelines for Federal Officials to Fulfill the Legal Duty to Consult* (March 2011) which can be accessed at: [http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-INTER-HQ/STAGING/texte-text/intgui\\_1100100014665\\_eng.pdf](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-INTER-HQ/STAGING/texte-text/intgui_1100100014665_eng.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Section 35 rights refers to section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* which recognized and affirmed the existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada.

<b>Element 1: Is there contemplated Crown conduct? Describe intended project/activity to determine if there is contemplated Crown conduct?</b>	
1.	<b>What is the nature of the proposed project/activity?</b>
	Remedial excavation of metals impacted soil and removal of metal debris at the Rocky Point 14 (RP-14) property located at Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot (CFAD) Rocky Point.
2.	<b>What is the purpose of the project/activity?</b>
	The remediation will consist of limited excavation of impacted soil and risk assessment of residual soil and sediment impacts, to reduce human health and environmental risks.
3.	<b>What is entailed in developing the project/activity?</b>
	Tree and vegetation removal, excavation and disposal of metals impacted soil and surficial metal debris, transportation of impacted soil and debris to a licensed and approved facility, and site restoration including topsoil placement and planting of trees.
4.	<b>Describe the area affected by the project/activity.</b>
	The site is a mixture of coniferous and deciduous trees, with a gravel access road. Pedder Bay is located immediately north of the site. This area was formerly used to dump miscellaneous metal debris from CFAD Rocky Point.
5.	<b>Who owns the land?</b>
	Department of National Defence
6.	<b>If the land is owned by DND, when was the property acquired?</b>
	Mid-1950s (approximate)
7.	<b>Is there more than one federal body involved?</b>
	No
8.	<b>Which department, agency, Crown Corporation, Authority, Board, Review Panel or other federal body is responsible for carrying out the particular project/activity or its authorization?</b>
	CFB Esquimalt Base Safety and Environment

9.	Are there corporations, provincial/territorial governments, or third parties that might also be involved?
	No other corporations or governments. Only other third parties are contractors and consultants hired by DND to undertake the work.
10.	Are there any statutes, regulations, agreements or protocols relating to the project/activity that refer to the matter of Aboriginal consultation?
	A Due Diligence Environmental Effects Determination (DDEED) is being completed for the project.
11.	What is the mandate or scope of authority of those involved in the project/activity, or its authorization, and are there others that ought to be involved?
	Department of National Defence: Land Owner and Project OPI Public Services and Procurement Canada: Contracting Authority SNC-Lavalin: DND/PSPC's external environmental consultant Excavation contractor: TBD
12.	What type of decision(s) must be made in relation to the project/activity?
	N/A – the scope and workplan has been determined, DDEED has been completed.
13.	Have any options/alternatives within the proposed project/activity been identified?
	No, the project is required to mitigate potential impacts to human health and the environment as a result of the historic metals contamination.

Is there contemplated Crown conduct?	Yes	No
--------------------------------------	-----	----

**Element 2: Are there potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights in the project area? Conduct background research on Indigenous groups in the area and assess what established or potential section 35 rights may exist and identify potential adverse impacts.**

1.	What Indigenous communities could be affected by the proposed project/activity?
	Sc'ianew First Nation (Beecher Bay)
2.	What real or 'constructive' knowledge is there of potential or established rights and which communities assert or hold such rights?

	Same as above
3.	<p><b>What is the basis for those established or potential rights? Are the rights premised on historic or modern treaty rights or Aboriginal rights and/or title?</b></p> <p>History significance, historic treaties.</p>
4.	<p><b>Is there more than one Indigenous group claiming rights (i.e. overlapping claims)? If so, what rights are claimed for which areas?</b></p> <p><i>[Note that there may be alternate spellings or different names for each Aboriginal group. For example, the Sliammon First Nation of BC is also referred to as the Tla'amin First Nation.]</i></p> <p>No</p>
5.	<p><b>Are there any other consultation processes, involving Indigenous groups, already in place to deal with the proposed project/activity (i.e. environmental, regulatory, public fora, etc.)?</b></p> <p>No</p>
6.	<p><b>Have Indigenous groups in the area raised concerns about this proposed project/activity or similar activities (past or present)?</b></p> <p>No</p>
7.	<p><b>Are there any burial grounds, traditional territories or reserves in the area where rights are claimed?</b></p> <p>No</p>

<b>Are there potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights in the project area?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
--	------------	-----------

<b>Element 3: Could the contemplated Crown conduct have an adverse impact on the potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights within the project area?</b>	
1.	<p><b>Could the contemplated Crown conduct have adverse effects on air, land or water?</b></p> <p>No</p>

2.	Could the contemplated Crown conduct have adverse effects on hunting?
	No
3.	Could the contemplated Crown conduct have adverse effects on fishing?
	No
4.	Could the contemplated Crown conduct have adverse effects on trapping?
	No
5.	Could the contemplated Crown conduct have adverse effects on harvesting plants?
	No
6.	Could the contemplated Crown conduct have adverse effects on Aboriginal title or a claim to land?
	No
7.	Could the contemplated Crown conduct have adverse effects on other Aboriginal or treaty rights?
	No

Could the contemplated Crown Conduct have an adverse impact on the potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights in the project area?	Yes	No
--	-----	----



## Annex A

### Potential sources of information:

#### *Internal government sources.*

Note that the Crown may be deemed to have constructive knowledge of a treaty right or potential Aboriginal right, even if only one department/agency is aware of the assertion.

Suggested sources are:

- Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Information System (ATRIS) is a research tool that can be used to view, gather and query baseline information regarding Aboriginal treaties, rights, claims, litigation, geographic and other related subject matter. ATRIS allows users to relate many types of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) corporate data within geographical and consultation contexts: [http://sidait-atris.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/atris\\_online/](http://sidait-atris.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/atris_online/)
- Historic treaties  
INAC Historic Treaties (Text and Guides): <http://www.ainc-AANDC.gc.ca/al/hts/tgu/index-eng.asp>
- Specific claims  
INAC Specific Claims: <http://www.ainc-AANDC.gc.ca/al/lcd/spc/index-eng.asp>  
  
Status Report on Specific Claims: [http://services.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/SCBRI\\_E/Main/ReportingCentre/External/externalreporting.aspx](http://services.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/SCBRI_E/Main/ReportingCentre/External/externalreporting.aspx)
- Comprehensive land claims  
INAC Comprehensive Claims: <http://www.ainc-AANDC.gc.ca/al/lcd/ccl/index-eng.asp>
- British Columbia Treaty Commission: <http://www.bctreaty.net/>
- Métis and Non-Status Indian interests – Office of the Federal Interlocutor;  
<http://www.ainc-AANDC.gc.ca/ai/ofii/index-eng.asp>
- Correspondence to government officials
- Knowledge held by officials in other departments/agencies involved in the enforcement of regulation of land and resource uses – Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Parks Canada, Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada, National Defence, etc.

#### **Public information**

It is well worth doing a general internet search of the Aboriginal group(s) in your project area. Most groups have informative websites and you may locate relevant news that impacts your project/activity.



## **Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd.**

1759 Colburne Place, North Saanich, BC V8L 5A2  
Tel: (250) 655-4602 Cell: 250 634-8909 Email: [lennart@biolinx.ca](mailto:lennart@biolinx.ca)

# **Surveys and Mitigation Recommendations for Blue-grey Tailedropper on DND Lands Subjected to Soil Remediation at CFAD Rocky Point, Vancouver Island**

*Prepared by Lennart Sopuck, MSc., RPBio and Kristiina Ovaska, PhD*

December 2020

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

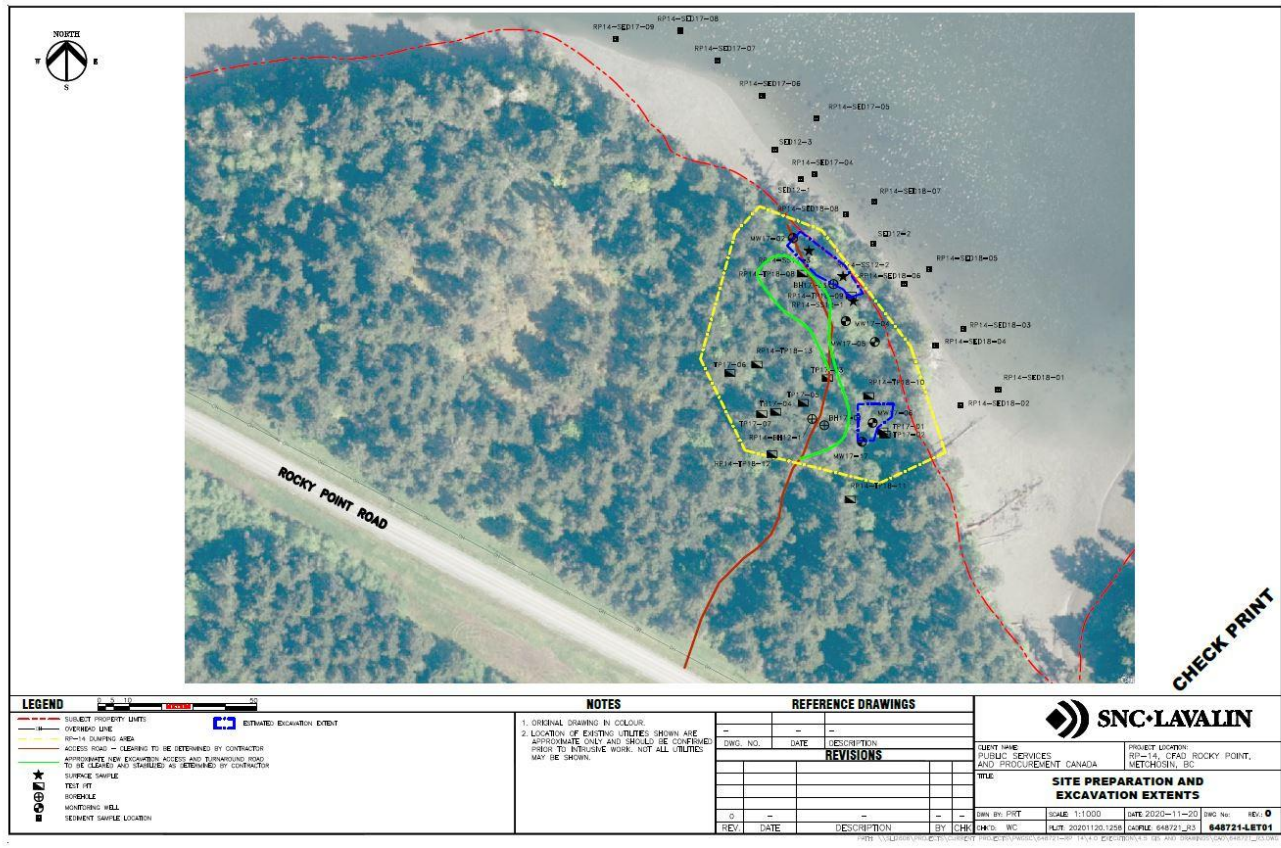
SNC Lavalin, on behalf of the Department of National Defence, is planning to conduct a soil remediation project at CFAD Rocky Point. The project involves the removal of contaminated soil and engaging in other remediation activities at a former dump site (Figure 1). These activities may potentially impact Blue-grey Tailedropper (*Prophysaon coeruleum*), which is listed as Endangered under the federal *Species at Risk Act*. There are Blue-grey Tailedropper occurrences immediately south of the paved Rocky Point entrance road, but not from the site itself. The designated Critical Habitat extends across the road (Environment and Climate Change Canada 2018) and covers the entirety of the remediation site. Here we report on gastropod surveys and habitat assessment, targeting Blue-grey Tailedropper, conducted at the remediation site in December 2020.

## **2.0 STUDY AREA**

The soil remediation area is demarcated by the dotted yellow line in Figure 1. The gastropod surveys included the remediation area and a buffer zone extending approximately 20 m beyond the yellow line (i.e., the study area). The site is within a second-growth stand of mainly coniferous forest, dominated by Douglas-fir and with Grand Fir and scattered Bigleaf Maples as secondary components. A few large remnant Douglas-fir trees are present. Red Alders occur in moist and disturbed sites. The understorey includes Ocean Spray, dense patches of Salal, Trailing Blackberry, and Sword Ferns.

## **3.0 METHODS**

The survey methods were modified from protocols developed for detecting rare species of terrestrial gastropods in the United States under the Northwest Forest Plan (Duncan *et al.* 2003). These methods produce “presence/not detected” type of data, but together with search effort, they can provide an indication of relative abundance. This method has been used previously with success for Blue-grey Tailedroppers on Vancouver Island (e.g., Sopuck and Ovaska 2006a-c). To carry out a survey, two observers walked through the study area along parallel meandering transects and conducted Point searches where concentrations of microhabitat features suitable for Blue-grey Tailedroppers were present; these features included decaying logs, piles of bark, stumps, rocks, or other cover-objects or moist refuges, and accumulations of moist leaf litter. At each point, the observer searched an area of ca. 5 m radius for Blue-grey Tailedroppers for 10 minutes. In addition to point searches, the observers opportunistically examined additional microsites along the transects, such as decaying logs and mushrooms favoured by many gastropods. We recorded all slugs and large snails (shell diameter  $\geq 10$  mm) detected. Identification was done based on external features, and the animals were released immediately after examination. Nomenclature follows Forsyth (2004).



We assessed habitat suitability for Blue-grey Tailedropper by stratifying the habitat based on substrate features (e.g., duff depth, moisture), availability of refuges (such as coarse woody debris), vegetation layers, and disturbance (such as soil compaction), and applied a rating ranging from very low to high for each polygon. To aid in the assessment, we described the vegetation and substrate at five representative sites (Appendix 1).

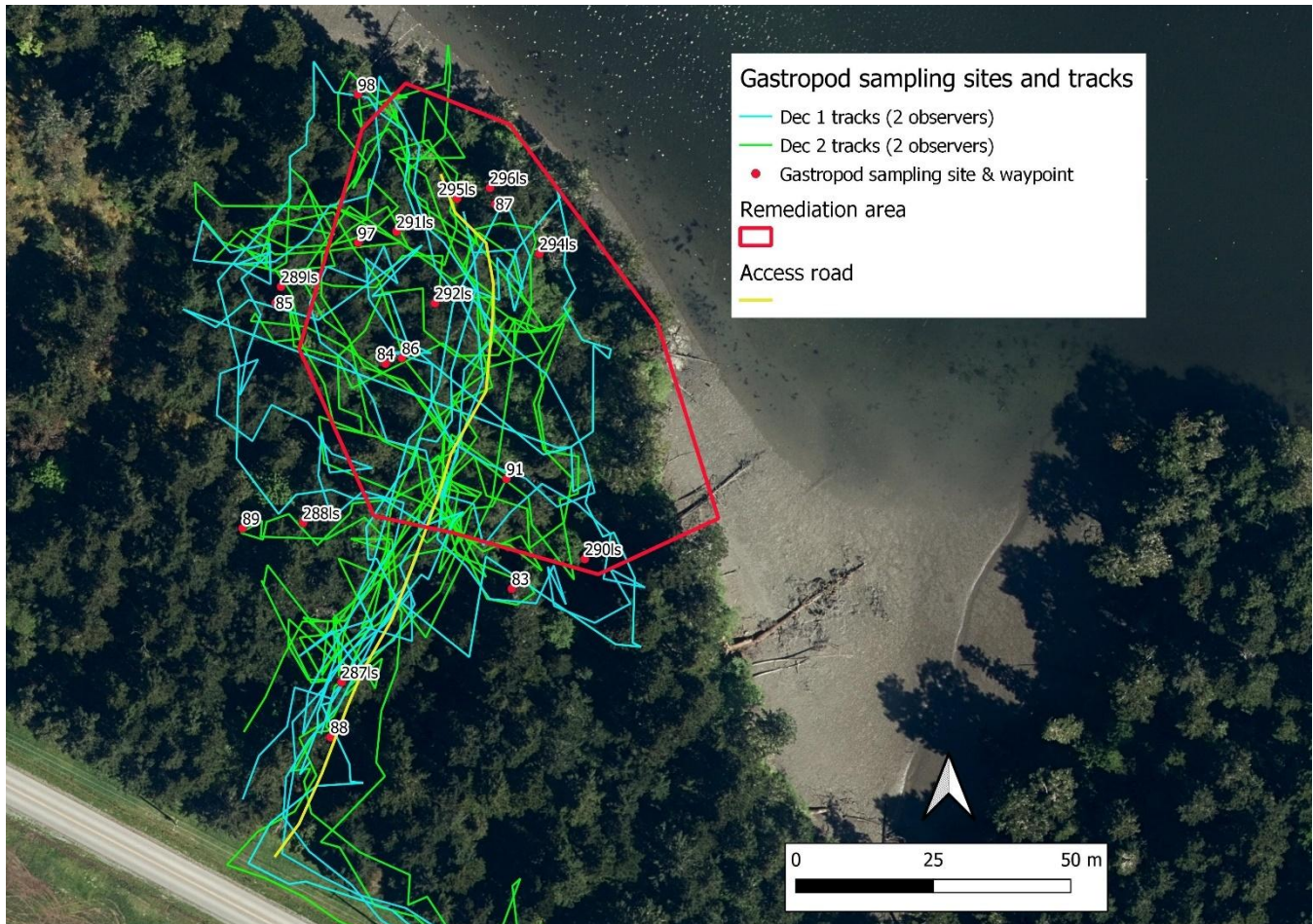
## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## 4.1 Survey Coverage

The survey transects covered the entire study area including the access road, with the exception of steep banks along the ocean shore, which were not deemed suitable habitat for Blue-grey Tailedroppers (Figure 2). We conducted intensive point surveys at 17 sites, as well as numerous spot checks of potential gastropod refuges in the intervening areas along the meandering transects.



**Figure 2. Gastropod survey coverage within the Rocky Point study area. Gastropod sampling sites refer to location of intensive point surveys.**



## 4.2 Gastropod Surveys

The surveys resulted in the detection of three species of slugs and two species of large snails but no Blue-grey Taildroppers (Table 1; see Appendix 2 for raw data with coordinates).

**Table 1. Summary of slugs and large snails detected during Blue-grey Taildropper surveys at Rocky Point on 1-2 December 2020.**

Species	# of individuals
<b><u>Slugs:</u></b>	
Pacific Banana Slug, <i>Ariolimax columbianus</i>	13
Chocolate Arion, <i>Arion rufus</i> (introduced)	2
Reticulate Taildropper, <i>Prophysaon andersonii</i>	9
<b><u>Snails:</u></b>	
Robust Lancetooth, <i>Haplotrema vancouverense</i>	10
Pacific Sideband, <i>Monadenia fidelis</i>	1
Northwest Hesperian, <i>Vespericola columbianus</i>	10

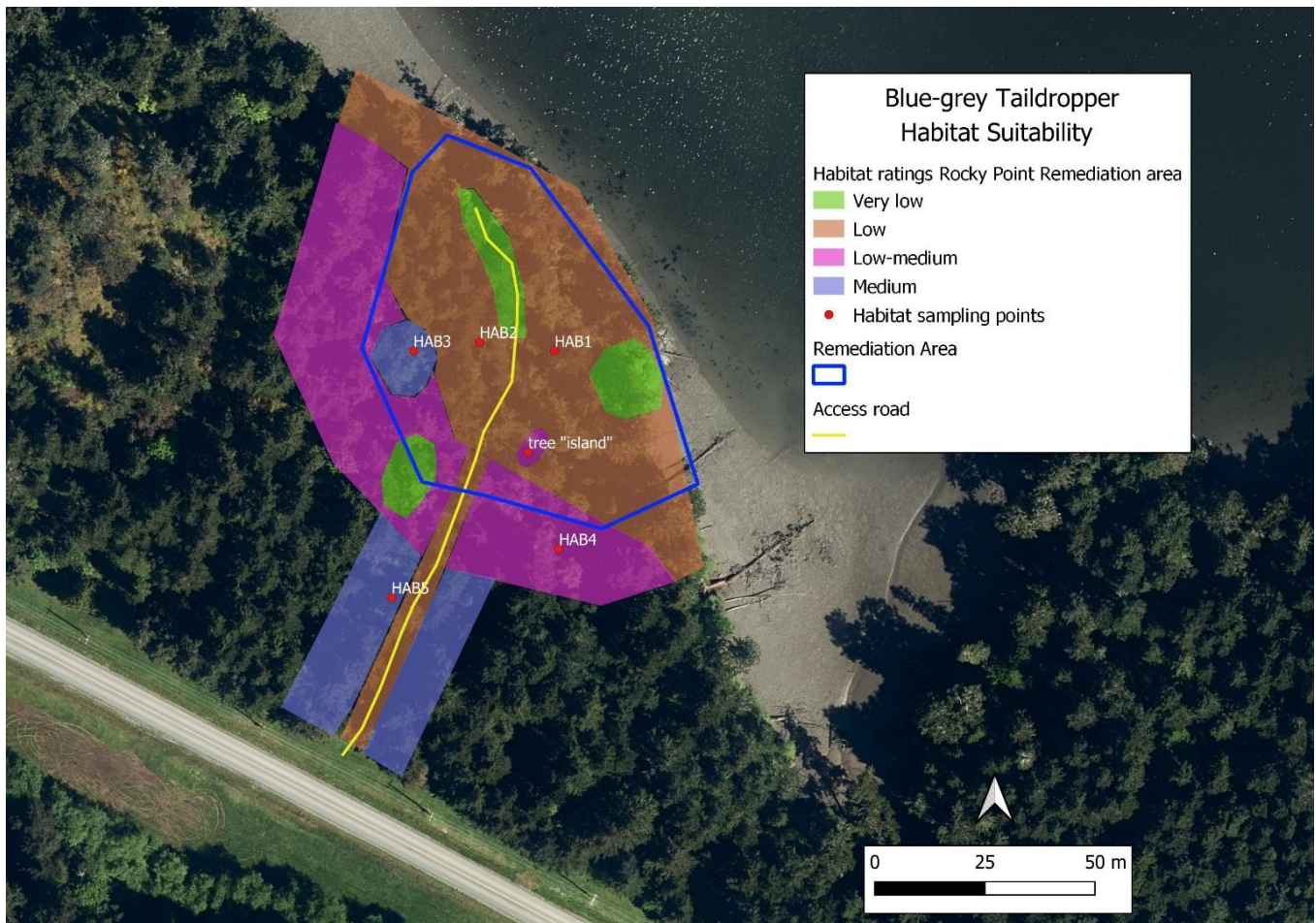


The detection of other gastropods, particularly congeneric Reticulate Taildroppers, indicated that conditions were suitable for surveys, regardless of lateness in the season. Blue-grey Taildroppers are often detected most readily in late fall (COSEWIC 2016). Although the species was not detected, it cannot be assumed that it is absent from the site; several previous records exist from the immediate vicinity (forest on the south side of paved entrance road to Rocky Point). As with other rare and difficult-to-detect species, habitat suitability assessment can be used to guide the application of protection and mitigation measures.

### 4.3 Habitat Assessment

Most of the study area consists of relatively poor habitat for Blue-grey Taildroppers with assigned suitability ratings of Very Low, Low, and Low-medium (Figure 3). The site contains several highly disturbed areas with compacted soils and include an old dump site and a roadbed (Appendix 3; Photo 1). These and very wet areas were rated as Low or Very Low suitability. The southern and western fringes of the remediation area contained habitat rated mainly as low-medium quality. A small patch of higher quality habitat, rated as Medium, is present at the western edge of the remediation area (Hab3 in Figure 3); a large Bigleaf Maple, deep moss layer, and abundant coarse woody debris contributed to this rating (Appendix 3, Photo 2). Habitat rated as Medium-quality was also present along the sides of the access road south of the remediation area (Appendix 3, Photo 3). No habitat rated as high quality is present in the study area.

**Figure 3. Habitat suitability map for Blue-grey Taildropper at the Rocky Point study area.**



## 5.0 RECOMMENDED MITIGATION MEASURES

The likelihood of Blue-grey Taildroppers occurring in the remediation area is low, but as a precautionary measure, we recommend a habitat-based approach within the designated Critical Habitat. The following measures are intended to minimize potential impacts and improve habitat for the species in the future:

- Avoid soil disturbance and vegetation removal in areas rated as Medium suitability for the species (see Figure 3). This may include re-routing the haul road and turn-around area in the soil remediation area, if required; avoid widening the access road into the site; all roads should be restored after completion of remediation activities.
- In areas of lower suitability for Blue-grey Taildropper, minimize disturbance of native vegetation, wherever possible.
- Restore the area after soil remediation activities are complete by:
  - applying a top layer of loose forest soil, leaf litter and mulch over the area; do not compact this layer
  - laying down coarse woody debris including logs, bark and large branches
  - planting native trees and shrubs
  - restoring the original mesic (moist, but well-drained) hydrology of the site (i.e., creation of artificial wet areas should be avoided)
- Remove any invasive plants (e.g., holly) on the site.
- Avoid bringing new soil or mulch from other areas, which may contain seeds of invasive plant or introduced invasive slugs or other invertebrates.
- Monitor the site over time to ensure that native vegetation and soil conditions have been restored; remove any invasive plants as required.

## 6.0 LITERATURE CITED

- COSEWIC. 2016. COSEWIC assessment and status report on the Blue-grey Taildropper *Prophysaon coeruleum* in Canada. Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. Ottawa. xii + 50 pp. [http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default\\_e.cfm](http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default_e.cfm) (accessed December 2020)
- Duncan, N., Burke, T., Dawlan, S., and Hohenlobe, P. 2003. Survey protocol for survey and manage terrestrial mollusk species from the Northwest Forest Plan. Version 3.0 [http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/surveyandmanage/files/11-mollusks\\_v3\\_enclosed2.pdf](http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/surveyandmanage/files/11-mollusks_v3_enclosed2.pdf) (accessed November 2020).
- Environment and Climate Change Canada. 2018. Recovery Strategy for the Blue-grey Taildropper (*Prophysaon coeruleum*) in Canada. Species at Risk Act Recovery Strategy Series. Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ottawa. 2 parts, 20 pp. + 36 pp.
- Forsyth, R. 2004. Land snails of British Columbia. Royal BC Museum Handbook. Royal BC Museum, Victoria, British Columbia. 188 pp.
- Ovaska, K. and Sopuck, L. 2007. Surveys for the Blue-grey Taildropper slug (*Prophysaon coeruleum*) on federal lands on southern Vancouver Island, BC, fall 2007. Report

prepared by Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd. for CFS/CFB Esquimalt Natural Resources Program, Victoria, BC. 49 pp.

Ovaska, K. and Sopuck, L. 2009. Surveys for the Blue-grey Tailed slug (*Prophyaon coeruleum*) on federal lands on southern Vancouver Island in 2008. Report prepared by Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd. for CFS/CFB Esquimalt Natural Resources Program, Victoria, BC. 124 pp.

Sopuck, L. and Ovaska, K. 2016a. Surveys and habitat assessment for rare gastropods at a proposed development site, Royal Roads University Campus, November 2016. Report prepared by Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd. for Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC. 12 pp.

Sopuck, L. and Ovaska, K. 2016b. Habitat assessment and survey for gastropods at risk at the COL-30 remediation area, DND Colwood property. Report prepared by Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd. for SNS Lavalin and Public Works and Government Services Canada. 12 pp.

Sopuck, L. and Ovaska, K. 2016c. Surveys and habitat assessment for gastropods at risk at the DND Colwood property, fall 2015. Report prepared by Biolinx Environmental Research Ltd. for SNS Lavalin and Defence Construction Canada. 50 pp.

## Appendix 1. Habitat description at representative sites within the Rocky Point study area.

UTM coordinates for plot centres: Zone 10 NAD 83

Veg plot ID	UTM East	UTM North	Canopy closure (%)	Dominant trees (20 m radius)	Dominant shrubs (10 m radius)	Dominant ferns (10 m radius)	Dominant herbs/grass (10 m radius) <sup>o</sup>	Shrub (%)	Grass/herbs (%)	Ferns (%)	Moss (%)	CWD* (%)	Duff depth**	Disturbance rating <sup>^</sup>	Habitat rating (BGT) <sup>^</sup>
HAB1	457880	5354898	40	Douglas-fir, alder, grand fir		sword fern	grass, herb Robert	trace	20	1	40	5	sh	H	VL
HAB2	457863	5354900	70	Douglas-fir, grand fir, alder, shore pine		sword fern	grass	0	1	trace	30	8	sh	H	L
HAB3	457848	5354898	60	Douglas-fir, bigleaf maple, alder, grand fir	salal, holly	sword fern	grass	5	1	20	40	20	mod	M	M
HAB4	457881	5354853	30	alder, Douglas-fir, grand fir	salal, red huckleberry, holly	sword fern	grass	30	trace	10	40	25	sh	H	L-M
HAB5	457843	5354842	30	Douglas-fir, grand fir, alder, bigleaf maple	salal, ocean spray, rose, holly, broom	sword fern	grass	60	trace	8	20	5	mod	M	M
tree "island"	457874	5354875		Douglas-fir								30			L-M

<sup>o</sup>herb species could not be assessed adequately due to time of year; \*Coarse Woody Debris: diameter >10 cm; \*\* Shallow (< 5cm), moderate (5-10 cm); deep (>10 cm); <sup>^</sup> BGT-Blue-grey Tailedropper; Very low, Low, Medium, High



## Appendix 2. Raw data for gastropod surveys targeting slugs and large snails at the Rocky Point Study area, 1-2 December 2020.

UTM coordinates for Point surveys (10 min within 5-m radius area): Zone 10 NAD 83

Date	Time (session start)	Time (session end)	Temp session start	Temp session end	Substrate moisture	Obs. type (Spot/Point)	UTM Easting	UTM Northing	Pacific Banana Slug	Chocolate Arion	Reticulate Taidropper	Robust Lancetooth	Pacific Sideband	Northwest Hesperian
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	S				1	1			
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457842	5354828						
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	S					1			
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	S			1					
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457826	5354866	2			1		
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457832	5354907				1		
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457875	5354855	1					
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457852	5354896						5
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457855	5354897			1			
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457872	5354925				2		
2-Dec-20	14:00	16:30	9	8	moist	S	457874	5354875	1					
2-Dec-20	14:00	16:30	9	8	moist	S								1
2-Dec-20	14:00	16:30	9	8	moist	S						1		
2-Dec-20	14:00	16:30	9	8	moist	P	457847	5354918				1		
2-Dec-20	14:00	16:30	9	8	moist	P	457847	5354945						
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	S					1	2		
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457844	5354838			2			
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	S				1	2	1		
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457837	5354867	2					1
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	S								1
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457833	5354910						
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	S			3					
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457888	5354861						
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457854	5354920						
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457861	5354907	1					2
1-Dec-20	14:00	17:00	8	5	moist	P	457880	5354916			1			
2-Dec-20	14:00	16:30	9	8	moist	P	457865	5354926				1	1	
2-Dec-20	14:00	16:30	9	8	moist	P	457871	5354928	2					

### Appendix 3. Photos of the study area.

*Photo 1: Low suitability habitat for Blue-grey Tailedropper at HAB1 point near the centre of the remediation area. Note compacted soils and lack of shrub understorey. A dump site with rusted metal garbage was noted inside the remediation area on the slope in the background of this photo (to the right). The majority of the remediation area was rated as low or very low suitability.*





*Photo 2: A small area of medium suitability habitat for Blue-grey Tailedropper in the western corner of the remediation area. Note Bigleaf Maple leaf litter and coarse woody debris.*





Photo 3: View of access road just outside of the remediation area looking south-west towards the main paved road. The access road surface is of low quality due to soil compaction but habitat on both sides was rated as medium suitability.

