

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

Recreation and Parks

ACCESS TO WATER SITES

INVENTORY AND SITE DESCRIPTIONS

FOR

ELECTORAL AREA H



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1. INTRODUCTION

During the summer months of 2000, the beach accesses along the coast from Ferndowne Road to Deep Bay (in Electoral Area 'H') were visited by Ian Carmichael, summer staff-person for the RDN Recreation and Parks Department. This report summarizes Ian's findings. The "Access to Water" inventory was undertaken at the request of the Electoral Area 'H' representative on the Regional Board, Dick Quittenton.

Accesses to water (beach accesses as they are commonly known) fall within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. This Ministry does not discourage public use of the accesses, however it does not actively manage and maintain them. The Ministry will consider granting the Regional District the ability to develop and manage beach accesses within the Community Parks function. (See Section 6 for more detail).

Each of the sites included in this report was visited, photographed, and assessed for its potential as a public beach access. The details of this site inventory are included in the body of this report.

Of the 49 sites visited, the inventory process indicates that up to ten (10) sites are worth consideration as being developed for public beach access, and an additional three (3) sites are possibly worth considering for development in the future. The remaining sites are either usable in their present state (without requiring the Regional District's involvement), or have limitations (such as steep slopes, or are inaccessible). This does not preclude additional consideration being given if requested by the local community.

It is not the intent of this report to advocate public trespass over private property. Some of the beach accesses may be on unconstructed roads – denoting an access on the attached map does not give the right to trespass to reach inaccessible beach accesses.

In all cases, the first step in considering development of a beach access is to adequately consult neighbourhood residents as to the local need and demand for beach access development before attempting to acquire permission from the Ministry of Highways.

2. GLOSSARY

Terms used in the individual site descriptions and the text are described here.

ACCESS: Crown land that is designated as a road right way, park or Regional District of Nanaimo beach access site which presently or possibly in the future, could provide access to the shoreline or a viewpoint. Access may be for foot or vehicle traffic to the shoreline or viewpoint.

ARTERIAL ROAD: Local driving route to the access site.

ASPECT: Cardinal compass direction the majority of the beach area faces N, S, E, W.

BACKBEACH: Crown land between mean high tide and the highest storm tide line. This area is often covered with driftwood or beach grass and marsh vegetation.

BOULDERS: Large rounded rocks larger than 10” in diameter

BLUFF: Any bench of land within the backbeach area or immediately behind, that rises steeply more than one (1) meter above the upper shoreline level. Slopes are usually steep with grade percentages often above 50% up to 100% +.

COBBLE: Rounded beach material between 3” and 10” in diameter.

DEVELOPMENT STATUS

UNDEVELOPED: No useable access available, the right of way may be forest or brush covered, an inaccessible bluff slope or cliff.

PARTIALLY DEVELOPED: Sites where access is available and some development has occurred over time. The site will have any or all of the following conditions; rough, brushy or overly steep footpath; unstable or generally unsafe stair structures; rough, unleveled or unsatisfactory parking areas; existing or potential hazards.

FOOTPATH: A path providing foot access to a bluff edge (viewpoint) or backbeach area. The footpath development may range from a well-defined and marked path to a brush overgrown route that is poorly defined as to actual location.

FORESHORE: The area between mean tide line and lowest annual tide line.

HAZARDS: Any physical feature, activity, or situation, which presently or potentially could pose a safety threat to the general public. Hazards may include; cliffs, steep slopes, bluffs, rough footpath tread, ravines, unstable ground, danger trees, strong tidal or ocean currents, slippery rock or soil surfaces, parking locations and traffic proximity.

MIXED COARSE MATERIAL: A mixture of beach materials composed of cobbles (3”-10” diameter), gravel (1/4” – 3” diameter) and sand.

MIXED FINE MATERIAL: A mixture of gravel, sand and mud.

PARKING TYPE: Parking areas may be roadsides, road ends, highway shoulders, or developed parking areas (Lot). The term Parking Lot, in this instance refers to parking areas that are off the main road or highway.

ROCK: A mixture of cobbles and boulders.

3. ACCESS TO WATER ZONES

For this report the shoreline has been divided into six (6) separate zones. The criteria for determining zonal boundaries included: topography, areas of high bluffs, and population density. In the following zone descriptions, the site numbers in brackets refer to the same sites as described in the 1980 RDN "PUBLIC COASTAL BEACH ACCESS REPORT".

ZONE #1:

Widgeon Road bluffs area including sites #1 – 10 (180 – 189).

Larkdowne Road to Maysers Road

This zone generally has high and unstable bluffs. Maysers Road site #10 has a lower bluff height. No road construction has been done to provide access to the backbeach areas. The land use is generally larger forest cover lots with low, dispersed population densities. The backbeach area is generally mixed coarse materials (sand and cobbles) and scattered boulder material. Travel along the beach areas at high tide will be greatly restricted due to thick, overhanging backbeach vegetation.

ZONE #2:

Lower bench area including sites #11 – 26 (190 – 204).

Alert Road to Noonday Road, which includes the Qualicum Bay area.

This area has a minimal bluff in the backbeach area and the Island Highway 19A is approximately level with the upper backbeach for most of its length. Many accesses administered by either Ministry of Transport and Highways (MoTH) or the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) are located within this zone and provide good access to the shoreline. The land use is generally smaller lot sizes with a higher population density. The backbeach areas have a higher percentage of fine sand and fewer cobbles, while the foreshore area is often mainly sand. Travel along the backbeach area is unrestricted by vegetation. Areas of restriction are main creeks or rivers crossing the beach, the Qualicum Indian Reserve and some areas of backbeach construction in Qualicum Bay.

ZONE #3:

McColl Bluffs / Island Highway including sites #27 – 30 (205 – 208)

At this time no roads provide access between the highway and the backbeach. This zone is a narrow strip of land between the Island Highway 19A and the backbeach. The area is composed of high bluffs with steep heavily vegetated slopes. Land use is generally larger lots with low dispersed population density. The beach areas are mixed coarse materials in the backbeach areas and cobbles in the foreshore. Tidal flats are located along portions of the foreshore area. No access to the backbeach exists at present, but excellent views of the Straits of Georgia and the out lying islands are available at the McColl Road site.

ZONE #4:

Bowser Road to Coburn Road including sites #31 – 33 (209 – 211)

This zone has bluffs ranging from very low to high with backbeach access from good to difficult.

The zone is centered around the Bowser community which is comprised of varying lot sizes and higher population density. Beaches are generally mixed coarse to mixed fine materials in the backbeach and mixed coarse and cobbles in the foreshore areas.

ZONE # 5:

Lighthouse residential area from Henry Morgan Drive to the west end of Ocean Trail, including sites #34 – 41 (212 – 220).

This zone is comprised of mainly high bluffs with variable slope stability. The land use is mainly smaller lots and a high population density. Within the area there are 3 partially developed access sites that may be receiving regular use. Henry Morgan Drive #34 has a footpath providing access to the backbeach area. Buccaneer Beach Road #36, provides road access to the backbeach area. And Ocean Trail (east end) #40 which has an open area for a potential park, a footpath providing access down to the backbeach and a park area bordering the creek from the backbeach area up to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway line. The backbeach and foreshore areas in this zone are generally mixed coarse materials with boulders in the foreshore area. Tidal flats are located along portions of this zone. Travel along some portions of the backbeach area will be restricted at high tide by thick vegetation. This area appears to have a high wildlife and bird population during parts of the year.

ZONE #6:

Deep Bay area from the east end of Shoreline Drive to Mapleguard Point including sites #42 – 49 (221 – 228).

The zone is a combination of three (3) separate sections. The first section is the southeastern area along Shoreline Drive. The smaller lots and higher population are located on the top of a bluff above the main beach access area. The middle, second, section has a high bluff restricting access to the shoreline, large lot sizes and dispersed population density. The third section, the Deep Bay area, has easy beach access, smaller lots, and higher population density. The backbeach areas are generally mixed fine materials and sand, with scattered areas of marsh grass. The foreshore areas are a mixture of mixed coarse material, scattered tidal flats and areas of mud (portions of Deep Bay).

4. SUGGESTED CRITERIA FOR ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION

In prioritizing potential access sites for permit application by the Regional District, it is suggested that the following criteria be used.

- Community expressed need (now or for the near future).
- Community willingness to participate in initial construction and ongoing maintenance.
- Lack of alternative useable access sites in the immediate vicinity.
- Special location features not represented elsewhere i.e. landforms, activities or structures.
- Existing facilities or structures that pose a hazard, and if removed by MoTH would close or greatly restrict use of the site (stairs, boardwalks etc.).
- Minimal construction and facility maintenance costs.

5. POTENTIAL SITE ACQUISITIONS

ZONE #1: None. Considering the high bluff topography, potentially unstable slopes, and low population density, no sites are recommended for acquisition at this time.

ZONE #2: Two sites within this zone are presently administered by the RDN, (Sunnybeach Road and Franksea Road). Additional sites for consideration include Alert Road #11, Crane Road #23, Nile Road #24. These are all large sites with varying amounts of development already in place. In addition, they appear to be receiving regular use by the general public. They appear to be presently maintained by the Ministry of Transport and Highways.

ZONE #3: None. Future consideration could be given to the Shull Road site # 28 for constructing a footpath down the slope to provide access to this beach area. This stretch of beach is already accessible from the Noonday Road site to the south and the Bowser Road site to the north.

ZONE #4: None. Future consideration could be given to the Midland Road site #32. The Midland Road site would provide access to water for a different population area than is served by the adjacent Bowser Road site #30.

ZONE #5: Three sites in this zone warrant consideration for acquisition. The easterly site #34 at Morgan Henry Drive, The Buccanneer Beach Road site #36, and Ocean Trail (east end) #40 all have extensive development in place. Considering the high population density in this area, the aesthetic and physical qualities of the beach areas, and the apparent present usage these are recommended for consideration. Of highest priority is the Ocean Trail site #40 because of the connection with the adjacent park area and stream-side trail. This area also has significant safety concerns that should be dealt with in the near future.

ZONE #6: With the dispersed population centers in this zone, it is recommended that sites in both major areas be considered. Shoreline Drive # 42 serves the residents of the Thompson Clark Drive area. In the Deep Bay – Mapleguard Point area, sites # 45 and #46 on Deep Bay Drive both have characteristics that warrant their consideration. The Mapleguard point site # 48 could also be considered. This site has limited parking and is presently used by the Ministry of Transport for a navigation beacon site.

6. PERMIT APPLICATION AND PROCESS

Beach accesses tend to be at the end of dedicated road allowances and come under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MoTH). Although the beach accesses are public land, MoTH does not inspect or maintain them unless problems with them are brought to their attention. In most cases they do not have a program to enhance them, nor to develop facilities such as trails on them. When neighbourhood residents approach MoTH requesting trails or improvements to beach accesses, MoTH refers people to the Regional District. MoTH will grant a permit to construct facilities within dedicated access to water, to the Regional District. MoTH is not amenable to community groups or neighbours applying for leases or permits.

When the Regional District is approached by the public regarding beach accesses, there is a process staff have to follow.

- ✓ Staff needs to see evidence of community support for the development or improvements requested. This could be a neighbourhood petition, or information presented to a recreation commission and supported by that commission.
- ✓ Staff needs to follow up and visit the site, talk to neighbours, assess its suitability as a public facility to be managed and insured under the auspices of the Community Parks function.
- ✓ Staff consult with MoTH staff to get background on the subject property and to find out if MoTH is amenable to a permit application. Any MoTH plans for future development of the road should also be investigated.
- ✓ If all the above are favourable, staff prepares a report to the Regional Board outlining the issue and requesting Board's direction.
- ✓ If the Board approves a permit application, staff complete the application forms, work with community representatives to prepare a development plan for the property, attach scale maps and submit them to MoTH.
- ✓ If MoTH approve the application, a permit is issued, the Regional District assumes the liability for the public use on the property, and the improvements can begin.
- ✓ Permit renewals will be required as the expiry dates approach.

Individual Site Descriptions

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 1 **Corresponding # (1980):** 180 **Name:** Larkdown Road, not built beach side of Harness Rd.

Arterial road: Ferndowne Rd. to Harness Rd.

Parking type: Road side **Capacity:** 10+ vehicles **Condition:** Good

Aspect: N **Adjacent property:** Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Possible eagles roosts in snags and vets, panoramic view

Hazards: Steep seepage slope 80%+ for 140 meters.

Description: There is a MOTH drainage ditch along bench, connecting to large metal culvert running down slope. R/W partially cleared to bluff edge, slope very wet and heavily vegetated. Backbeach has thick overhanging coniferous and deciduous vegetation and brush limiting beach travel at high water. The beaches along this stretch generally grade from mixed coarse materials in the backbeach to large cobbles and boulders in the lower foreshore. There is a partially developed private access immediately to the south, at the end of Ferndowne Road (Electoral Area G). A rough footpath follows an old road down to the beach level. This access cuts north across the bluff slope and is a private easement (Plan 37567).

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



View from end of Larkdown Rd.



View of beach end of R/W



Lateral view north

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 2 **Corresponding # (1980):** 181 **Name:** Loon Rd., not built on beach side of Widgeon Rd.

Arterial road: Larkdown to Harness to Widgeon Rd.

Parking type: Road side **Capacity:** 10+ vehicles **Condition:** Good

Aspect: North N

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

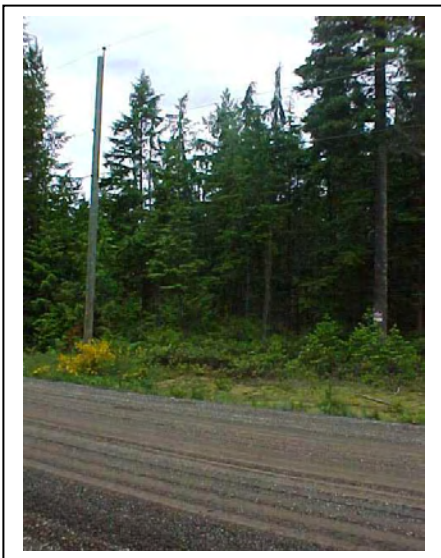
Features: Same as #1

Hazards: Same as #1

Description: Forest vegetated bluff and slope similar to # 1, with restricted beach travel at high water.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



Widgeon Road end of R/W

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 3 **Corresponding # (1980):** 182 **Name:** Oakdown Rd., not built on beach side of Widgeon Rd.

Arterial road: Same as # 2

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 10+ vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Similar to # 1, 2

Hazards: Steep bluff slope

Description: Same as # 2, with the addition of the roadside fence frame between adjacent properties.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



Widgeon Road end of R/W



Bluff forest cover

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 4 **Corresponding # (1980):** 183 **Name:** Tern Rd., not built on beach side of Widgeon Rd.

Arterial road: Widgeon Rd.

Parking type: Road side **Capacity:** 10+ vehicles **Condition:** Good

Aspect: N **Adjacent property:** Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Similar to #'s 1-3

Hazards: Similar to #'s 1-3

Description: Similar to #'s 1-3

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos: None

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 5 **Corresponding # (1980):** 184 **Name:** Baylis Rd., not built on beach side of Widgeon Rd.

Arterial road: Polegate Rd. to Widgeon Rd.

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 10+ vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Similar to #'s 1-4

Hazards: Major bank slump at edge of bluff (6-8 m's in height), steep slopes

Description: Heavily brushed ground to bluff edge; unstable, steep slope (80-100%). Possible restricted movement on beach at high water.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



Bank slump



Slope forest cover

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 6 **Corresponding # (1980):** 185 **Name:** Seal Rd., not built on beach side of Widgeon Rd.

Arterial road: Polegate Rd. then NW along E. and N. railway tracks

Parking type: Road side **Capacity:** 10 + vehicles **Condition:** Good

Aspect: NNE **Adjacent property:** Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Similar to #'s 1-5

Hazards: Steep slopes 70 - 80 %

Description: Same as #5

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos: None

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 7

Corresponding # (1980): 186

Name: Spearfish Rd.

Arterial road: Boorman Rd. to Widgeon Rd.

Parking type: Road end **Capacity:** 2-3 vehicles **Condition:** Limited parking space and restricted turnaround area exists at the road end. Private driveway access is located at and near the road end.

Aspect: NNE **Adjacent property:** Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

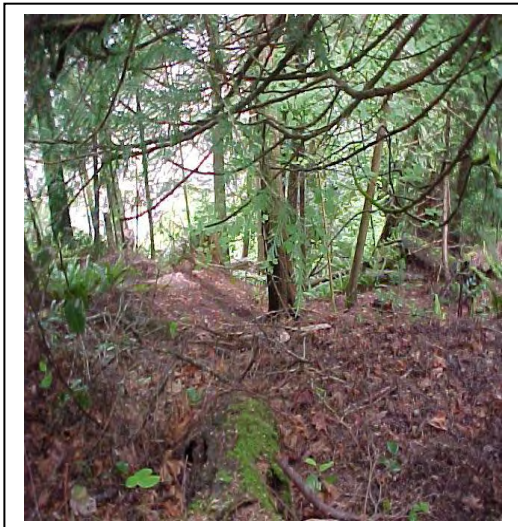
Features: Potential view site but will require major clearing of large conifers / deciduous for narrow viewscape.

Hazards: 75% slope and scattered danger tree snags (minor)

Description: Road is built approximately 3/4's of the way in from Widgeon Road towards the bluff edge. This accesses two private driveways. The remaining bluff is moderately brushed to the bluff edge. Slope is relatively stable and a switch back trail could be built down to the beach level (difficult building). As with adjacent sites access along the beach may be restricted at high water.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



Slope forest cover



ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 8 **Corresponding # (1980):** 187 **Name:** Boorman Rd., not built beach side of Widgeon Rd.

Arterial road: Island Hwy.

Parking type: Road side **Capacity:** 4+ vehicles **Condition:** Congested intersection

Aspect: NNE **Adjacent property:** Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: Overgrown, follows MoTH drainage ditch to edge of bluff.

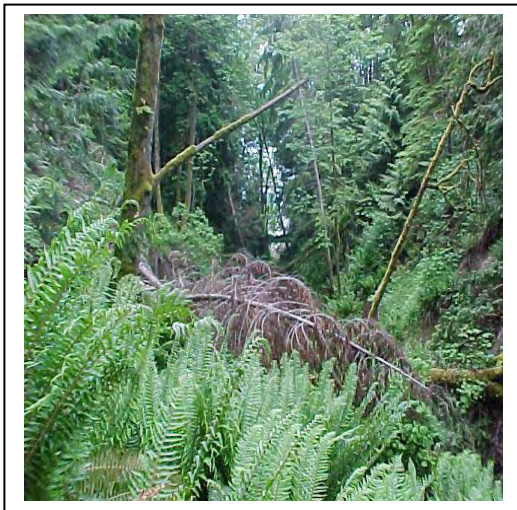
Features: Good beach, views, wildlife

Hazards: Steep, unstable slopes

Description: Appears that the R/W is totally within the lower ravine topography. Major slump at bluff edge and the lower creek ravine is moderately steep sided (70%+) and unstable. Last 1/4 of ravine has shallow sloped bottom out to beach. MoTH has erected Danger /Hazard signs at the bluff edge.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



Ravine from 1/2 way down slope



Slump and ravine slope

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 9

Corresponding # (1980): 188

Name: Driftwood Rd.

Arterial road: Island Hwy.

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 5+ vehicles

Condition: Limited by grassy shoulder and ditch

Aspect: NNE

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Good beach, views, wildlife

Hazards: Steep slope 90%

Description: Private driveway utilizes 1/3 of bluff R/W.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



Intersection of Driftwood and Lasqueti Rds.
Shows driveway entrance and R/W



Driveway on R/W

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 10 **Corresponding # (1980):** 189 **Name:** Mayser Rd., not built below highway

Arterial road: Island Hwy.

Parking type: Highway **Capacity:** 10+ vehicles **Condition:** Adequate, but narrow shoulder

Aspect: NNE **Adjacent property:** Rural residential

Development status: Partially developed. Heavily brushed in, B.C. Hydro power line R/W, into bluff edge.

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Good beach views and wildlife

Hazards: Steep bluff slope

Description: Mature conifer stand adjacent to Hydro R/W has minimal understory brush; easy access and trail construction is possible. There is a 5 m. bluff down to the back beach level and 15 m's of light brush out to back beach. Moderate, (normal) trail construction difficulty on slope area.

Development options: No treatment at this time as good access is available immediately north at Alert Rd.

Photos:



Hydro power line on R/W, highway view



Bluff slope just back of beach

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 11

Corresponding # (1980): 190

Name: Alert Rd.

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Road side (lot)

Capacity: 4 -5 vehicles

Condition: Good, minor brush

Aspect: NNE

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Developed

Present usage / activities: Possible car top boat launching, beach activities, swimming, walking and exploring

Footpath: No

Features: Good beach, views, wildlife

Hazards: None evident

Description: This is the first public access west of the Little Qualicum River. Upper beach is sand to mixed fine sediments, and the lower beach is a mixture of larger coarse materials (partially algae covered). Access northwest on the beach is open at high water, while to the southeast it will be restricted beyond approx. 1/2 km. by the backbeach vegetation. The area is not suitable for trailer boat launching due to limited parking and turnaround area (backing in off of highway)

Development options: Install beach access sign and brush NE roadside for additional 2-3 parking spots. Drainage ditch along NE boundary restricts parking expansion size. If brushing leave Sitka Mountain Ash.

Photos:



View from edge of highway



View NW from road end



View back to access R/W



View of boat launch (ramp)

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 12

Corresponding # (1980): 191

Name: Raft Rd., not built below highway

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Highway

Capacity: 6+ vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: NNE

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: Partly brushed in footpath with minor dips, leads to expanded private lawn. The lawn is an encroachment from the adjacent SE property.

Features: Good beach, views

Hazards: Potentially dangerous parking on the highway shoulder (Close to curve)

Description: Similar beach type as Alert Road site # 11. Concrete beach access monument concealed in grass. First half of the R/W is heavily brushed in, with scattered mature conifers. The beach side portion is now a well kept lawn, which extends from the SE boundary to the adjacent property line on the NW boundary. The beachfront has been reinforced with free lying logs to reduce shore erosion. These connect to private reinforcements on the adjacent properties. Easy access is available at this site.

Development options: Leave as is for now. Alternatively, post beach access sign, brush out the footpath and widen tread. Define actual property line to the SE (low priority). Privacy issue for adjacent property owner may be a major concern.

Photos:



View from beach back to R/W



View from highway towards beach
Trail in middle foreground



View from backbeach to trail/highway

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 13

Corresponding # (1980): 192

Name: Crab Road, not built

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Highway

Capacity: 4+ vehicles

Condition: Narrow shoulder on windy highway section

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: None

Footpath: No

Features: Good beach, views

Hazards: Potentially dangerous parking situation on highway

Description: Same beach type as site # 11, Alert Road. The majority of the R/W (60% +) is heavily brushed in and there is a large low depression occupying 50% of the ground area. Better access opportunities are available close by.

Development options: No development at this time.

Photos:



View from back beach to highway



View from highway to back beach area

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 14

Corresponding # (1980): 193

Name: Lawrence Rd.

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Short road and highway **Capacity:** 3 vehicles + hwy **Condition:** Small with no turnaround area.

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Rural residential, west side developed.

Development status: Developed

Present usage / activities: Potential boat launching area (4X4), walking, swimming

Footpath: No

Features: Beach, views, possible wildlife

Hazards: Backing out into highway traffic, highway parking

Description: This access is the location for a community mailbox and provides access to a private driveway. There is also a gated access road on the east side. The gate is approx. 3 meters onto the R/W. Half of the back beach is rock reinforced and the other portion may provide 4X4 access to the beach.

Development options: Post beach access sign. It may be possible to brush out moderate to heavy brush for 2 additional parking spots or to improve turnaround capability. No development at this time.

Photos:



Highway view of access



Beach view of access and boat launch ramp



Gate and brush

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 15

Corresponding # (1980): 194

Name: Cochrane Rd.

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Highway and road side

Capacity: 10+ vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: N

Indian Reserve on the east boundary.

Adjacent property: Rural residential on the west; Qualicum

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Shellfish harvesting, beach party site (curtailed by adjacent property owner), possible boat launch site (car top or 4X4). Most use is from local residents.

Footpath: 4X4 road to beach

Features: Beach, views, wildlife, shell fish

Hazards: Low priority danger tree (snag), boat trailer backing in off the highway.

Description: Easy foot access to beach area. Site has a community mailbox and bus shelter located on the R/W. Extensive depressed lowland back of the beach, this is no problem for access but may become a moist area in the wet seasons. The backbeach of the 1st Nations property has been extensively reinforced with large concrete blocks. Beach area is composed of mixed fine sediments and a sandy backshore

Development options: Post beach access sign. Fill road depression for improved vehicle access for boat launching.

Photos:



View from Cochrane road (access via right opening)



View of beach access road



Beach, backbeach and R/W



Blocked access, private fence in shade-left, depression beyond log barrier

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 16

Corresponding # (1980): 194a

Name: Island Highway

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Highway

Capacity: 15+ vehicles

Condition: Narrow shoulder, dangerous

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Rural residential and commercial

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Clam digging, walking, swimming, beach activities

Footpath: No

Features: Tidal flats, beach, views

Hazards: Proximity to highway, steep rip rapped bank down to beach, dangerous highway parking

Description: Beach similar to #15. Generally difficult access down through the boulders to beach level. Crossing the highway from parking shoulder can be dangerous. Good beach for exploration, but it is better accessed from adjacent access sites.

Development options: None at this time

Photos:



Riprap reinforced bank



Long view of beach

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 17

Corresponding # (1980): 195

Name: Baywater Rd.

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Road side / highway

Capacity: 4 + hwy

Condition: Good, minor grass

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Commercial

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: As for # 16. Possible 4X4 boat launch (steep and sandy at top)

Footpath: No

Features: Views, rough boat launch

Hazards: Backing off highway with a trailer will interrupt traffic flow on the highway.

Description: Adjacent properties are a trailer park and a motel, both of which are developed up to the property lines. The boat launch is rough but usable, better launch facilities are available at Sunnybeach site 1Km. north. Minor grass cutting will improve parking within access R/W. Travel along the beach will be restricted at high water.

Development options: Post beach access sign and do minor grounds keeping.

Photos:



View from hwy to beach



Boat ramp



Boat ramp

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 18

Corresponding # (1980): 196

Name: Sunnybeach Rd.

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Lot

Capacity: 6 - 8 vehicles +

Condition: Good

Aspect: E

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Developed

Present usage / activities: Boat launching, picnicing, beach activities

Footpath: No

Features: Good beach, tidal flats, views, boat launch, toilet, picnic tables

Hazards: None evident

Description: The Reg. District has a MoTH "Lease of Occupation" for this access site, which expires April 30, 2001. Backbeach and foreshore are mixed fines and sand making for an excellent beach, which stretches at least to Nile Creek. Access in both directions along the beach is available. Development includes; gravel parking area, a rough boat launch, 3 picnic tables, a portable toilet and community mailbox. The area receives regular use from locals as well as travelers.

Development options: Regular grass cutting is required to maintain quality experience and easy access to the picnic tables. The picnic tables are in need of staining to help preserve the wood. Monitor the condition of the tables on a regular basis. No access sign is required, as it is obvious.

Photos:



Improvements to the parking area, and installation of toilet facilities was undertaken in 1999.

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 19

Corresponding # (1980): 197

Name: Franksea Road, not built

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Highway **Capacity:** 10-15 vehicles **Condition:** Fair, muddy sections and grassy shoulder

Aspect: E **Adjacent property:** Residential

Development status: Developed

Present usage / activities: General beach activities, mainly local residents.

Footpath: New path built 1999. Well surfaced and defined **Features:** Good beach, views, wildlife

Hazards: Highway parking in the vicinity of a blind corner

Description: A MoTH "Permit to Construct" is held by the RDN for this site. The footpath is through standing timber and brush out to the backbeach. The backbeach is covered with large beach logs, easy access through this section. Beach and access similar to # 18. The information sign is concealed within the standing timber foliage.

Development options: Post easily visible beach access sign. Carry out or have local community group do minor weeding of tread and brushing of footpath buffers. Replace tread border wood with larger logs and stake in place. Cut opening through back beach logs for better access. Contact MoTH to request shoulder-parking area graded and widened to make for safer parking (not supported by MoTH at time of trail development due to safety concerns).

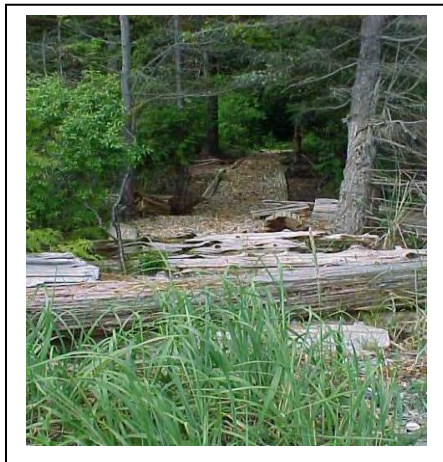
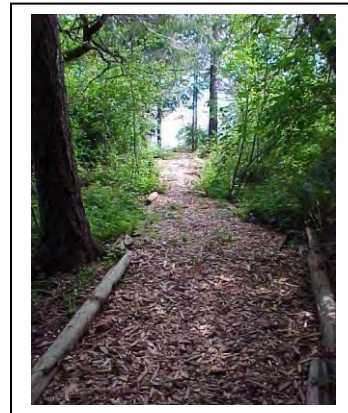
Photos:



Entrance to footpath



Start of footpath



End of footpath and backbeach



View north from access R/W

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 20 / 21 **Corresponding # (1980):** 198 / 199 **Name:** Unamed Rd. and Tarbell Road, not built

Arterial road: Island highway

Parking type: Highway **Capacity:** N/A **Condition:** N/A

Aspect: E **Adjacent property:** Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Hazards: Drainage channel

Description: MoTH has closed these accesses for safety and water drainage concerns.

Development options: None

Photos: None

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 22

Corresponding # (1980): 200

Name: Guitar Lane

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Highway

Capacity: 5 +/- vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: E

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Developed

Present usage / activities: General beach activities

Footpath: Narrow, good quality path with 2 foot bridges. The path provides good access to the backbeach.

Features: Good beach, views

Hazards: Danger tree (Maple) adjacent to trail head

Description: This access is a narrow lane R/W 10 feet in width. It is well defined by a fence and hedge for most of its length. The adjacent property to the north may be encroaching into the R/W just back of the 2nd footbridge. The footbridges are in good, safe condition. Local residents are maintaining the trail. The beach is mainly mixed fine deposits with some algae covered areas at the lower foreshore. Use is mainly by local residents.

Development options: Widen the start of the footpath (minor brushing). Move some beach logs to improve access through the backbeach area (low priority). Post Beach access sign.

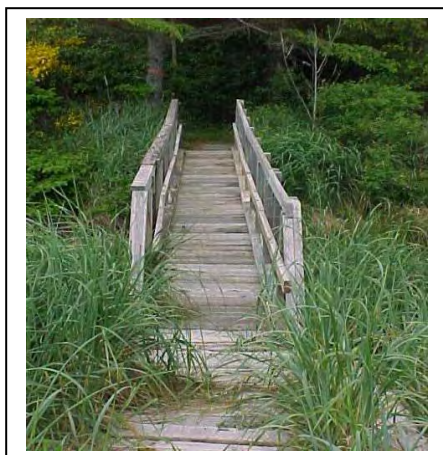
Photos:



Footpath entrance



First footbridge



Backbeach
Footbridge



Mid trail view
towards beach

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 23

Corresponding # (1980): 201

Name: Crane Rd.

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Lot / Road side

Capacity: 10 vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: E

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Fishing and general beach activities, possible boat launching

Footpath: No

Features: Good beach, views

Hazards: Low branches on Maple trees may damage RV's or campers.

Description: This is a well-used access site that provides easy walking access to the beach area. 4X4 access to the beach is also available. Nile Creek is situated within the adjacent private property with access to the upper portion fenced off.

Development options: Post beach access sign (obvious) and remove lower limbs from deciduous trees overhanging roadway.

Photos:



View to parking lot and beach



4X4 launch (left side), backbeach and foreshore

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 24

Corresponding # (1980): 202

Name: Nile Rd.

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Road side/lot, with turnaround loop

Capacity: 6 + 10 vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential N, Commercial (BC Hydro) S

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Fishing and general beach activities

Footpath: No, open level access to beach

Features: Good beach, views

Hazards: Portion of bank eroding (20 m. x 1 m. ht.), 1 small snag (minimal safety concern)

Description: Open, level ground back of beach is good for picnicing. Vehicle access to beach is restricted by a log barrier. The back beach and foreshore are composed of mixed fine deposits. Lower foreshore has algae covered rock sections.

Development options: Reinforce bank with riprap or secured logs to prevent erosion.

Photos:



Road view



View showing Hydro structure



Backbeach erosion



Parking area and log barrier

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 25

Corresponding # (1980): 203

Name: Henson Rd.

Arterial road: Island Hwy to Nile Rd. to Bovanis Rd.

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 6+ vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown, possible boat launching (trailer /car top), swimming, walking

Footpath: No, easy 5 m. walk to back beach

Features: Good beach, views

Hazards: There is a row of old log pilings situated approximately 50 meters out from the high water line. These could be a concern for boat activity or launching when concealed at high water.

Description: Beach is similar to adjacent site # 24. The road end is soft sand and will restrict boat launching to 4x4's only.

Development options: Post beach access sign at Bovanis Rd. and Nile Rd. intersection. Flag both ends of the pilings. Upgrade boat launch ramp.

Photos:



Henson Rd. to beach



Backbeach and potential launch area

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 26

Corresponding # (1980): 204

Name: Noonday Rd.

Arterial road: Island Hwy to Nile Rd. to Bovanis Rd.

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 8+ vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Fishing, beach activities

Footpath: Open sandy path (20 m) gently slopes to the backbeach

Features: Good beach, views

Hazards: None evident

Description: The road end has an unstable wooden barrier used to restrict further vehicle access. The adjacent properties are either rip rapped or reinforced with a log retaining wall. The beach is mainly mixed fine sediments with areas of algae covered lower foreshore.

Development options: Post beach access sign at Nile Road intersection. Reinforce wooden post barrier.

Photos:



Road R/W



Barrier and footpath



View of footpath access

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 27

Corresponding # (1980): 205

Name: Bass Road, not built

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Highway

Capacity: 5 +/- vehicles

Condition: Narrow highway shoulder

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Fishing

Footpath: No

Features: Good beach, views, eagles

Hazards: Parking on highway shoulder

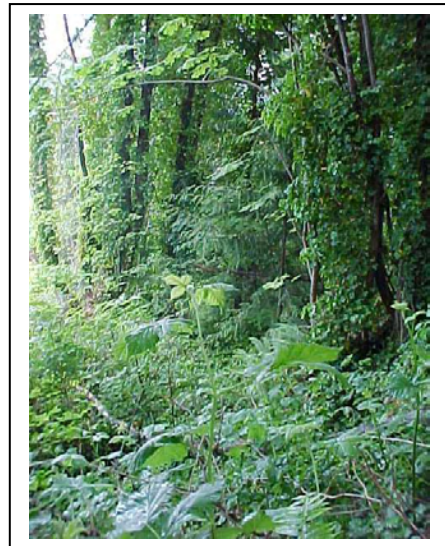
Description: Slope of 55% down to moderate - heavily brushed bench. A home is located on the lower bench to the SE.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



H



Slope vegetation



Adjacent N property line

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 28

Corresponding # (1980): 206

Name: Shell Road, not built

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Highway shoulder

Capacity: 8 vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Fishing

Footpath: No

Features: Eagles, good beach, views

Hazards: Steep slope

Description: Bluff site with potential for viewpoint. Major tree clearing required and there is a better open location north at the McColl road site. Moderate to difficult construction to gain access to the beach.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



View downslope from mid slope



View upslope to road shoulder, from mid slope

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 29 **Corresponding # (1980):** 207 **Name:** McColl Road, not built below highway

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Highway shoulder **Capacity:** 6 + vehicles **Condition:** Good

Aspect: NE **Adjacent property:** Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Scenic viewing of beach and outer islands.

Footpath: No, present access is through private property.

Features: Eagles, viewscape, good beach

Hazards: Very steep slope from highway down to lower bench.

Description: Partially brushed in view from the top of the R/W site. The highway R/W to the south is cleared and provides an excellent viewing opportunity. The private property to the south has a single switchback road crossing the bluff slope which provides access to their property on the lower bench. This road encroaches onto the access R/W at the switchback.

Development options: Consider possibility of requesting access authorization from the adjacent property owners to use their road for beach access. Brush out the R/W (shoulder area) to improve viewing.

Photos:



Private road switchback with R/W in the background



Steep slope above private road R/W adjacent to mature timber



View from cleared Island Hwy R/W

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 30 **Corresponding # (1980):** 208 **Name:** Eastdown Road, not built

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Highway shoulder **Capacity:** 8 vehicles **Condition:** Fair / narrow shoulder

Aspect: NE **Adjacent property:** Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Eagles and potential viewpoint, good beach

Hazards: None evident

Description: Major clearing required to open up viewpoint. 40% slope from highway, low to moderate brush cover. A MoTH drainage ditch runs down the slope and then meanders through the lower bench out to the beach.

Development options: Leave as is for now. Construct trail access across slope and bench to backbeach.

Photos:



Lower slope and level toe out to beach

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 31

Corresponding # (1980): 209

Name: Bowser Rd.

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Road side (lawn) and road end **Capacity:** 5-6 vehicles **Condition:** Good

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown, possible boat launching

Footpath: No, easy walking onto beach

Features: Eagles, views, good beach

Hazards: None evident

Description: Open access to beach and potential boat launching site (rough 4x4 ramp). The backshore area is mixed fine sediments grading to coarser materials on the partially algae covered foreshore.

Development options: Minor brushing and weeding to create 1 additional parking spot. Post sign at intersection with Island Highway. Clear burnt stump and rocks from launching ramp area.

Photos:



Bowser Road to beach access



Backbeach and rough boat launch area

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 32

Corresponding # (1980): 210

Name: Midland Road

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Road, on one side only

Capacity: 5 vehicles

Condition: Narrow grassy shoulder

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Good beach, views, eagles

Hazards: Steep bluff slope

Description: Steep (60%) slope from road end to level ground. MoTH drainage ditch creates a seasonal creek through the lower bench. Heavily brushed ground out to backbeach area. The house to the south may be partly located on the access R/W. The backbeach is composed of reed grass with large driftwood logs scattered throughout. The beach is mixed fine sediments grading to coarser sediments on the lower partially algae covered foreshore.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



Midland Road to access R/W



Heavily brushed in lower bench



Backbeach



View north

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 33

Corresponding # (1980): 211

Name: Coburn Road

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: R/W (private driveway)

Capacity: 2 vehicles

Condition: Restricted by ditch and brush

Aspect N

Adjacent property: Rural residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No, private driveway

Features: Eagles, viewscape, good beach

Hazards: Clay slump bank (7 m. ht.) at bluff edge

Description: A private driveway is utilizing the R/W to access a house on the lower bench. The driveway is signed Private Property. Access is limited to the driveway location due to the unstable clay bank on the remaining portion of the R/W bluff edge. Similar beach characteristics as Midland Rd. # 32.

Development options: Clarify exact property line location and if owners have license to use the R/W.

Photos:



View of R/W, driveway and house (left)



View from edge of lower driveway (R/W)



Driveway (R/W) from top of bluff towards beach



View up R/W to highway

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 34

Corresponding # (1980): 212

Name: Henry Morgan Drive

Arterial road: Island Highway to Jamieson Road to Mapleguard Drive

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 3 + vehicles

Condition: Narrow grassy shoulder

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Beach activities, walking, bird watching

Footpath: A good trail (25-35% slope max.) provides access to the beach area. Moderate ease of access.

Features: Eagles, good beach, views

Hazards: None evident

Description: Parking is limited in the immediate vicinity of the trailhead but is available within a short walking distance. The road end accesses a private driveway on the north side. The trail is in good condition but requires minor brushing at the bottom. Access along the beach may be restricted at high water due to the narrow backbeach. The beach is composed of mixed coarse sediments with more boulders and varying algae cover.

Development options: Post access sign and weed parking area and lower trail.

Photos:



Road with private driveway on left



Upper trail with MoTH drainage culvert



Lower trail with minor brush



Beach with cleared boat launch (private)



R/W with trail end (centre)

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 35

Corresponding # (1980): 213

Name: Unnamed lane off Mapleguard Drive

Arterial road: Island Highway to Jamieson Road

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 7 +/- vehicles

Condition: Narrow roadside shoulder

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Features: Eagles, good beach, views

Hazards: Steep slope

Description: The narrow lane R/W is being used to access both adjacent properties. Access is open to the bluff edge then a 75% heavily brushed slope down to the beach area. The beach is as described in # 34.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



R/W with private access (left)



View from bluff edge showing adjacent cleared property

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 36

Corresponding # (1980): 214

Name: Buccanner Beach Road

Arterial road: Island Highway to Jamieson Road to Mapleguard Drive

Parking type: Road side / pullouts

Capacity: 5 vehicles

Condition: Adequate, restricted

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Beach activities, marine life observation (tidal pools), bird watching

Footpath: Short, rough path (5 m long) at south side; easy direct access at the north side of R/W.

Features: Good beach, views, wildlife, various bird species, tidal pools

Hazards: Eroding road bank 1 m. in height at back beach

Description: The road does a 270-degree loop down from the bluff to end up parallel to the beach. This road provides access to both beach level houses on adjacent properties. Two pullouts have been built on the high side of the road to accommodate parking for 4 vehicles. The beach side road bank (2 m's in ht.) is rip rapped for approximately 20 meters to prevent increased bank erosion; an additional 20 m's are not protected. The beach is similar to previous accesses. Tidal pools at low tide provide areas for marine biological observation. Extensive seasonal use by various bird species (eagles, hawks, loons +++). The upper portion of the R/W is an undeveloped lot on Mapleguard Drive.

Development options: Post access sign at Mapleguard intersection, brush out area for extra parking spots (2-3), and riprap unprotected bank.

Photos:



View north



View north, backbeach and foreshore



View north showing adjacent house and pullouts



Eroding bank with open access in background

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 37 **Corresponding # (1980):** 215 **Name:** Blackbeard Drive, not built below Mapleguard

Arterial road: Off Mapleguard Drive

Parking type: Road side **Capacity:** 5 vehicles + **Condition:** Narrow grassy shoulder

Aspect: NE **Adjacent property:** Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Hazards: Steep ravine slope

Description: The R/W is heavily brushed in for its total length. A moderately flowing creek meanders throughout the full length of the R/W. The upper ravine has 65-85% slopes. A flat bench leads out to a sloping ridge on the north side of the ravine. This could be a good trail location if within the actual R/W. Shore characteristics similar to previous site.

Development options: Leave as is and determine exact property line.

Photos:



R/W entrance



View down the ravine



ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 38

Corresponding # (1980): 216

Name: Lane off Mapleguard Drive

Arterial road: Mapleguard Drive

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 4+ vehicles

Condition: Narrow grassy shoulder

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: No

Hazards: Steep bluff slope

Description: A narrow lane R/W. The upper portion of the R/W is being utilized by the adjacent property owner, for composting garden waste. The 80% slope down to the beach level is heavily brushed in. Beach is similar to other beaches in the vicinity. Access is available at the adjacent sites both north and south.

Development options: Leave as is for now.

Photos:



Roadside end of R/W



Upper bench portion of R/W

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 39

Corresponding # (1980): 217

Name: Jamieson Road

Arterial road: Island Highway

Parking type: Road side / end

Capacity: 5 + vehicles

Condition: Grassy shoulder

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: Narrow footpath leads to the bluff edge, from there down to beach level there is a steep windy "goat" trail. This trail is located on the adjacent private property. Slope 70-85 %

Hazards: Steep slope

Features: Beach, views, wildlife, eagles

Description: Travel along the beach will be severely restricted at high water by overhanging deciduous trees and brush. Similar beach characteristics to adjacent accesses.

Development options: Leave as is for now. The construction of stairs down the bluff slope may be considered as a future option. Overall vertical height for stairs is approximately 8 meters.

Photos:



Roadside parking and R/W entrance



Bluff slope down to beach



Backbeach vegetation cover

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 40

Corresponding # (1980): 218, 219

Name: Ocean Trail, east end

Arterial road: Island Highway to Jamieson Road to Bald Eagle Crescent to Blue Heron Drive

Parking type: Lot / Road side

Capacity: 4 + 3 vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: NNE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Developed

Present usage / activities: Bird watching, hiking and general beach activities

Footpath: A trail of variable width and slope leads to the backbeach area. The upper portion of the trail runs along the top of the creek ravine. It has exposed, steep side slopes (80-100%), exposed roots and an extreme tread outslope. These are all potential safety hazards. The lower sections; are lightly brushed in, have muddy or rutted sections, and have improvised wooden steps. At the ravine section there is a steep "goat" trail that switchbacks down to the creek edge below. This is a very unsafe access route for the unaware. The creek is also accessible by way of a wide, level trail from the bottom of the main beach access trail. At the creek, there is a narrow path that leads along the creek bank for an unknown distance. A section of this is along an eroded creek bank. The trail is becoming brushed in and has some windfalls crossing it.

Features: Views, eagles, creek trail, community park (potential), beach

Hazards: Steep side slopes on main trail, creek trail too close to creek, vertical bluff at back of upper park area

Description: The upper open area is a MoTH R/W and could be incorporated as a community park. It is a pleasant grass area and appears to be maintained by the adjacent property owners. There is excellent viewing potential from this upper vantagepoint. It will require considerable tree falling, topping and limbing to open up this view. The tree removable may destabilize the bluff slope. Excellent viewing is available from the beach. The backshore is mainly gravel, while the foreshore is mixed coarse materials with large rocks. The subtidal areas are composed mainly of sand.

Development options: Post an access sign at the Jamieson Road intersection. Upgrade main trail by improving tread surface and slope, brushing out narrow sections, installing guard rails and replacing stairs (stepping stones or wood). The switchback trail down to the creek should be blocked and the slope rehabilitated. The creek trail requires tread relocation back from creek edge, overall tread widening, brushing and clearing. A long term project would be to complete the trail right through to Blue Heron Drive. Assessment of local community interest and willingness to participate will be required if upgrading and expansion of these resources is to be undertaken.

Photos:

See over page >>>>



View south



View north



Lower creek trail showing eroding bank



Upper main trail with open side slope



Switchback route down to creek



Mid main trail showing tread out slope and open side slope



Lower mid main trail / narrow tread



Inset wooden steps

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 41

Corresponding # (1980): 220

Name: Ocean trail, west end

Arterial road: Island Highway to Jamieson Road to Bald Eagle Crescent to Blue Heron Drive

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 5+ vehicles

Condition: Narrow grassy shoulder

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Unknown

Footpath: Narrow path across upper R/W to Thompson Clark Drive. No access to the beach area.

Hazards: Moist, slippery ravine slopes

Description: The R/W consists of a heavily brushed and treed creek ravine (50-75% slope). There are many wet seepage areas throughout the ravine side slopes. The upper half of the R/W length includes a dry flat bench on the north side, but the lower portion appears to be totally within the ravine. An old overgrown trail meanders through the upper bench then disappears in to the adjacent private property. The edge of the bluff has steep slopes down to the backbeach area. Beach is similar to previous site.

Development options: Leave as is until demand increases. Ascertain exact NE property line for potential trail location.

Photos:



Road view /parking area



Footpath



Ravine cross slope view
out to beach area

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 42

Corresponding # (1980): 221

Name: Shoreline Drive

Arterial road: Island Highway to Gainsburg Road to Kopina Drive to Longview Drive to Seaview Drive

Parking type: 2 Lots / Road side
is of variable width and grassy.

Capacity: 7+ vehicles

Condition: Lot is good; roadside

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Viewing and general beach activities

Footpath: Narrow, brushy path at south parking lot. Rock steps (loose and unstable) have been incorporated. There are other very basic, steep, and overgrown paths accessing the beach along this Shoreline Drive R/W.

Hazards: 2 large Douglas fir snags (wildlife trees) located along roadside. Drop offs along back beach.

Features: Beach, views, wildlife, eagles

Description: For the entire length of the R/W there is a variable height (1-3 M's) drop off at the extreme backbeach edge. The bank at the parking lot area has been rip rapped for bank stabilization. Approximately 75 m's north of this area there is a low bank which could provide easier access to the beach. At 125 and 175 m's from south parking area, there are rough access paths to the beach area. The northern parking lot has no immediate access. People are probably using a cleared ramp on the adjacent property to access the beach area. The back beach in this area is heavily brushed in and has a 2 m bluff edge. Side movement on the upper beach area will be restricted at high water by the extensive overhanging vegetation. The beach in this area is composed of mixed coarse deposits, which are partially covered with algae.

Development options: Improve existing footpath at the southern parking lot area. Upgrade the other beach access paths with cross slope footpath (2) or the installation of fixed stairs (2). Improve roadside parking in the related areas (grading to level and remove grass cover). Determine exact north boundary for potential access path. Post a beach access sign at the Gainsburg intersection.

Photos:



South parking lot (center) and beach



Main beach area



View north from southern parking lot area



View south from north parking area

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 43 **Corresponding # (1980):** 222 **Name:** Shoreline Drive, north end

Arterial road: Island Highway to Gainsburg Road to Kopina Drive to Longview Drive to Seaview Drive

Parking type: Road side **Capacity:** 2 vehicles **Condition:** Narrow shoulder

Aspect: N **Adjacent property:** Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: None

Footpath: No

Features: Creek, beach views, wildlife

Hazards: Dangerous parking, steep ravine and bluff slopes. 2 danger trees within R/W.

Description: This R/W accesses the beach area from the upper bluff. A steep sided (75-90% slope) and heavily brushed creek ravine runs through the R/W. A house has been built on the lower bench, it may be located immediately adjacent to the R/W. The exact location of the R/W boundaries are difficult to ascertain. Difficult construction to gain access.

Development options: Leave as is. Better access is available at adjacent sites.

Photos:



Seaview Drive and Shoreline Drive intersection. R/W on left



Creek ravine view down towards beach

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 44

Corresponding # (1980): 223

Name: Parry Road, not built

Arterial road: Island Highway to Gainsburg Road

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 6 +/- vehicles

Condition: Narrow shoulder

Aspect: N

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: None

Footpath: No

Features: Views, beach, wildlife

Hazards: Steep bluff edge slope of 80%.

Description: On the upper bench, the adjacent property has a structure encroaching onto or very close to the R/W. There is a new, very large home built on the lower bench. It appears to be abutting the R/W and their driveway loop is on the R/W. Access to this beach area is from either Deep Bay Road to the north or Shoreline Drive to the south.

Development options: Leave as is.

Photos:



Upper R/W



View from bluff edge, new home located mid right of photo

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 45

Corresponding # (1980): 224

Name: Deep Day Drive

Arterial road: Island Highway to Gainsburg Road to Burne Road

Parking type: Lot / Road side

Capacity: 5 vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: E

Adjacent property: Residential and commercial

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Viewing, beach activities, marine life observation

Footpath: No

Features: Beach, tidal flats, views, wildlife

Hazards: Low back beach drop off

Description: This access site is located immediately adjacent to the Deep Bay Fishing Resort. The parking lot edge has been rip rapped (1 M) to stabilize the bank. Foot access is over the riprap. The backshore is mainly sand and mixed fine sediments. The foreshore is mixed fines with partial algae cover. At low tide the lower foreshore flats are accessible for walking and marine life observation.

Development options: Leave as is.

Photos:



Parking area and entrance to fishing resort



Backbeach and rip rap



Beach view (south)

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 46

Corresponding # (1980): 225

Name: Deep Bay Drive

Arterial road: Island Highway to Gainsburg Road to Burne Road

Parking type: Road side

Capacity: 6-10 vehicles

Condition: Grassy shoulder

Aspect: NE

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Undeveloped

Present usage / activities: Beach walking, viewing and clam digging. Possible boat launching (cartop)

Footpath: No

Features: Beach, views, tidal flats, clam digging

Hazards: None evident

Description: Narrow grass strip between road and upper beach and the upper backshore has variable grass cover. The lower foreshore has a large tidal sand flat. Movement along the beach may be restricted at high water by the private property. Private residences are located on the opposite side of the road. Foot access to the beach is through beach grass by way of rough footpaths.

Development options: Sign as public access. Improve the footpaths through the beach grass (low priority).

Photos:



Beach grass and backbeach, north view



Road side parking area

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 47

Corresponding # (1980): 226

Name: Deep Bay Drive

Arterial road: Island Highway to Gainsburg Road to Burne Road

Parking type: Road side **Capacity:** 10 + vehicles **Condition:** Grassy shoulder in front of residences

Aspect: SW **Adjacent property:** Residential

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Boat launching (hand) and storage, walking, sunbathing

Footpath: 2 rough accesses to the lower beach area.

Features: View of harbour / marina, tidal flats, and an old concrete structure is located on the beach.

Hazards: Steep, 2 m. high slope from road to beach level.

Description: The backshore consists of mixed fine deposits partially covered with beach grass. The foreshore is composed of mixed fines, which are partially covered with algae. The bay has lower water quality making the adjacent access sites preferable. One footpath is a sand ramp crossing the slope. The outer slope of the ramp is supported by the placement of beach driftwood. The other access is a gently sloping grass ramp that is used to hand launch a private boat. A 1/2 meter drop off exists at the bottom of this ramp. The beach area approximately 100 meters to the south is wider with less beach grass and more appealing for beach activities.

Development options: Rebuild the sand ramp access path.

Photos:



Sand access ramp



Backbeach and grass slope



Beach and slope view west



Beach view southeast



View south

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 48

Corresponding # (1980): 227

Name: Deep Bay Drive, end

Arterial road: Island Highway to Gainsburg Road to Burne Road

Parking type: Road side / end

Capacity: 8+ vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: SE to W to NW

Adjacent property: Residential

Development status: Partially developed

Present usage / activities: Sunbathing, picnicing, walking, swimming, possible kayak launching

Footpath: 2 paths access the backbeach area. The one to the south beach is wide, level and well defined. The path accessing the north east area is narrow, level and brushing in with beach grass.

Features: Prominent point with good sand beach, light beacon, views

Hazards: Steep sloping beach and marine traffic.

Description: A Ministry of Transport navigation light beacon is situated within the R/W area. The road end has concrete barriers installed to restrict any vehicle access to the beach area. The backshore and foreshore areas are composed of mixed fine sediments and sand. The beach area is moderately sloping and any water activities must consider the marine traffic passing this headland.

Development options: Widen the footpath to the NE area. Sign as public access.

Photos:



Road end and parking area



Barriers, main footpath and backshore vegetation



South beach area, east view



Point area with view south west

ELECTORAL AREA H
BEACH ACCESS INVENTORY 2000

Access no: 49

Corresponding # (1980): 228

Name: Burne Road

Arterial road: Island Highway to Gainsburg Road

Parking type: Large lot

Capacity: 40 vehicles

Condition: Good

Aspect: W

Adjacent property: Commercial

Development status: Developed

Present usage / activities: Parking lot for wharf access

Footpath: No

Features: Federal Harbourmasters office, public washrooms

Hazards: Steep bank leading down from parking area

Description: The majority of the land area is under the administration of the Small Crafts Authority (Govt. Of Canada). Negotiations are ongoing with MoTH for transfer of title to the Federal Government. There is still a narrow, brushy MoTH R/W on the south side of the parking lot. It is between the parking lot and the adjacent private boat launch.

Development options: Leave as is.

Photos:



Parking lot and wharf



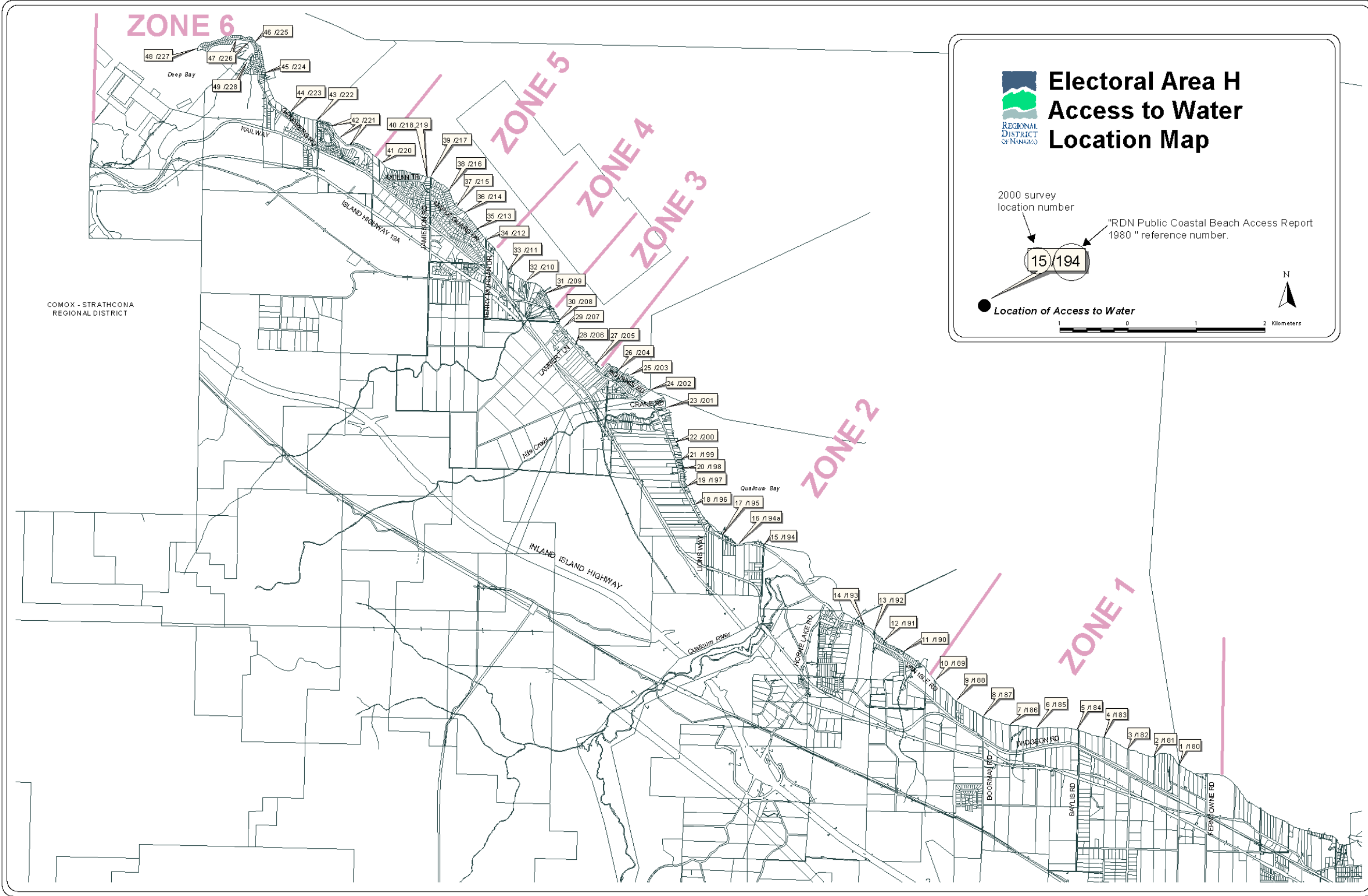
View from wharf



View from wharf - south



View of MoTH R/W (in front of parked trucks)

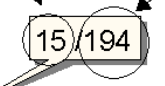


**Electoral Area H
Access to Water
Location Map**



2000 survey
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"RDN Public Coastal Beach Access Report
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● Location of Access to Water

