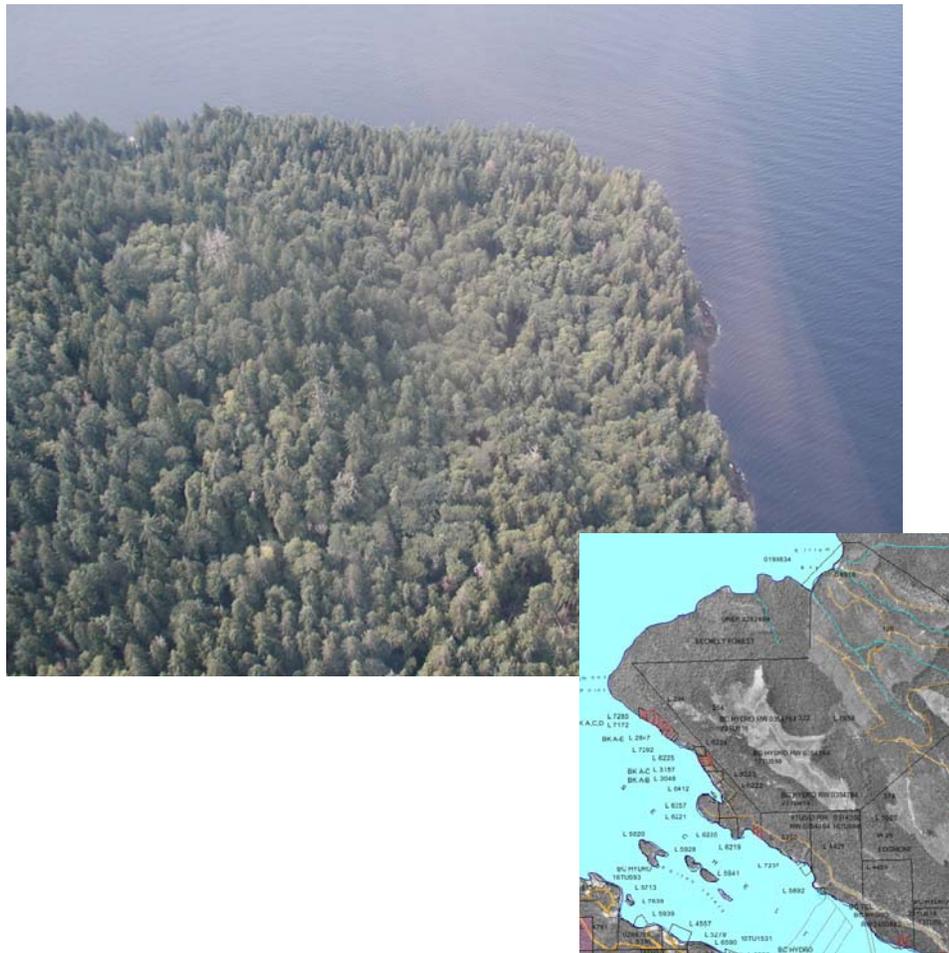


Proposal for Creation of a Park at Egmont Point



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1. Introduction

This proposal is for the creation of a Park at Egmont Point. It is backed by unanimous support of the residents of East Egmont and a large majority of residents of Egmont as documented by the petition listed in Appendix A.

Egmont Point is the gateway to Egmont, Sechelt Inlet and Princess Louise Inlet. To visitors coming to the area by sea through Agamemnon or Jervis Inlet or by land to Egmont, Egmont Point provides visual backdrop for the area.

The residents of Egmont believe that the economic viability of their community is strongly linked to maintaining Egmont Point as a natural area. Tourists come to the area to enjoy its natural vistas and natural wonders such as Skookumchuck Rapids, Freil Falls, and Princess Louisa Inlet.

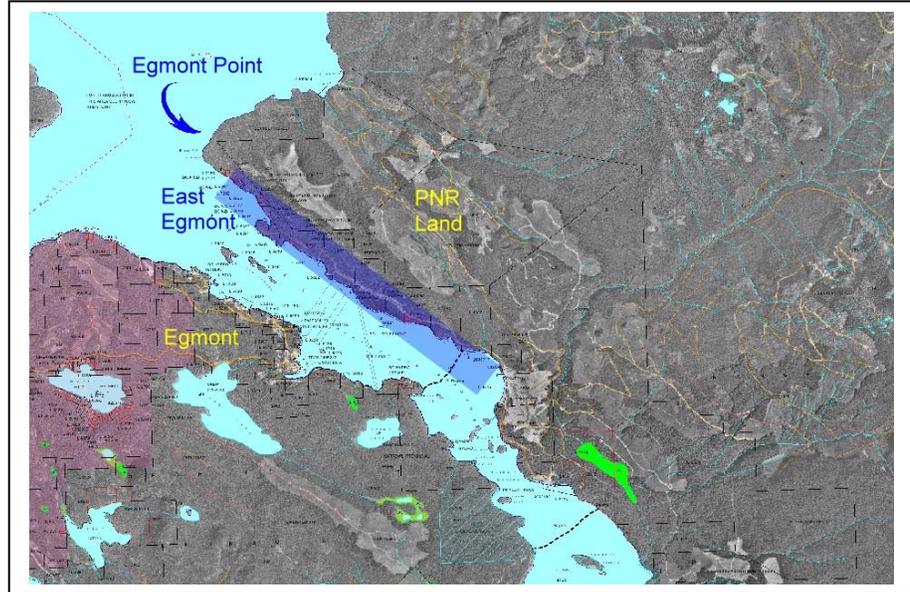


Figure 1. Egmont Point and Area

Residents who reside next to Egmont Point rely on the Point to act as a buffer between their property and heavily logged private land. They also depend on the area being maintained in its natural state to protect potable water sources.

The Park area having been logged in the 1920's, contains mature forests. There is limited access to the area. The Park area can only be reached by boat and there are no developed or maintained trails. Two small bays adjacent to Killam Bay provide fair weather protection for watercraft; however, the water depth limits anchorage.

Adjacent to the Crown Land that is being proposed as park area is a large private holding owned by Pacific Northwoods Resources (PNR). The private property was initially created through a land swap agreement with the Province. The land swap was put together without due consideration for the topography, watersheds or ecological requirements for the area. This has lead directly to the problems that are being experienced by the residents attempting to balance tourism and lifestyle with resource extraction.

PNR has made inquiries about purchasing the remaining Crown Land on Egmont Point through a direct purchase agreement with Land and Water British Columbia Inc. It is understood that LWBC has advised PNR that it will not consider an application for all the Crown land at Egmont Point. However, LWBC has also advised PNR that it would consider an application over a smaller area of Crown land, if PNR can demonstrate an economic justification for the acquisition, and can show that development of the area would not affect viewsapes and other environmental values. Therefore, it is important that this park dedication request proceed in a timely manner, and in recognition of the opportunity remaining to PNR. It is understood that PNR's planning consultant has offered to cooperate in the coordination of these two interests.

Conservation Association or through a land swap with the Province for other Crown Land adjacent to their existing property.

The advantages of this option include all of the advantages previously mentioned for the other options plus:

- Egmont's important near viewscape on Egmont Point is fully protected thus maintaining the scenic integrity of the area and protecting the area's tourist potential.
- The slope behind the private residents in East Egmont is fully protected from logging. This will protect the resident's watershed, preserve the stability of the slope and protect the landowner's property value.
- It will improve the viability of the park area that is created from the Crown Land behind the residents by integrating it with the rest of the proposed park area.

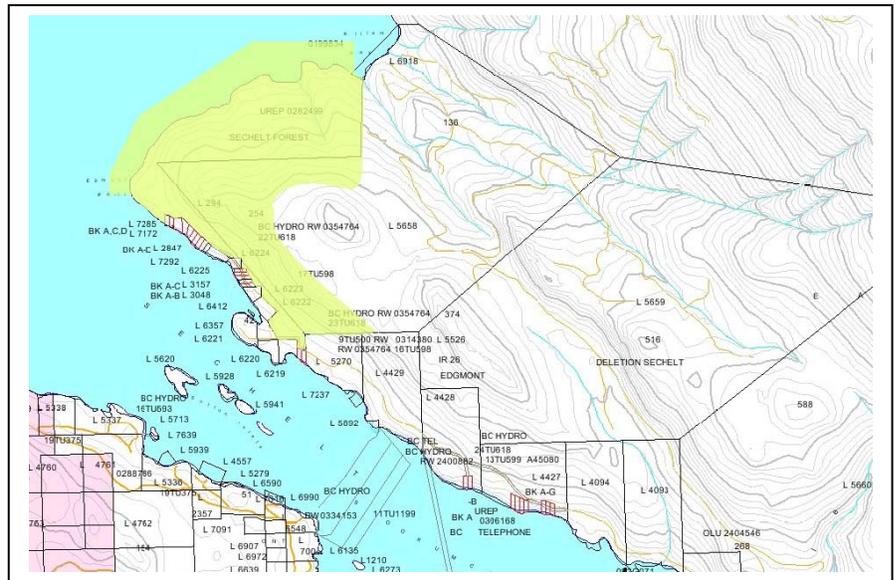


Figure 4. Full Park Option

3. Proposed Improvements

The residents strongly believe that no improvements should be made when the area is converted to park status. It is understood that minimal improvements may be required to support kayak camping or short term boat moorage.

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Appendix A. Petition from Residents Supporting Creation of a Park on Egmont Point