

Marine Parks – What is our Purpose....

- vehicle to raise money to acquire land for the purpose of establishing new marine parks using several models:
 - seek matching funds from various levels of government.
 - seek matching funds from other conservancy groups.
 - contribute to existing funding drives with other contributors.
 - provide 100% of the funding.
 - acquired land must become part of the Marine Park network.
- foster relationships among recreational boaters and governmental agencies to promote the establishment of more marine parks.
- contribute technical input, through the Council, to ensure our acquisitions and existing parks are suitable, served and maintained.
- ensure there will be more marine parkland for the public in the future.

Boat Havens: catalogue of desirable small boat anchorages that began informing government planning processes of recreational needs in 1996. Currently n=126 are digitally recorded on government charts but not all have received adequate protection.

Safe Anchorages: Local Coastal Planning Process (2005) promoted the identification of marine properties as permanent reserves for the use of small vessels seeking shelter and wilderness enjoyment.

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Highlights from the Past Year....

- Property opportunities continue to show-up. e.g.) Farquharson Island in Cracroft Inlet (50 36.30 N 126 19.73 W), Good anchorage for 1.8 million.
- Global Economy Issues – difficult time to seek government support.
- Currently have ~ 300K but we are currently keeping our powder dry.
- Contributed written material and pictures to several commercial publications
- Six promotional presentations were made to B.C. Clubs.
- “PayPal” initiated as a means to collect donations.
- Poster Campaign was initiated at marinas and yacht clubs to support our burgee offer.
- Website upgrade - www.marineparksforever.ca/index.htm
- Bequeaths continue to be a source of revenue including those encouraged by the family of one of long-serving delegates – **Dick Niven**.
- We are closer to receiving the rights to the electronic copy of the BC Marine Parks Guide and several boxes of left-over stock.
- Our Treasurer, Mary-Lou Stathers stepped down to be replaced by Stewart Murray.
- American representative on the Society to broaden our base – tax benefits.

Fisheries.....

- Rockfish are being managed via a Conservation Area Approach.
 - closed areas are being assessed and results continue to show an increase in number, biodiversity and age classes in the protected areas.
 - conservation area information available
- Halibut – continued debate on the recreational share, averages 4-5%
- Salmon
 - recreational opportunity decisions will be based on in-season numbers.
 - Central and North Coast recreational fishing prospects will be similar to 2009 for all stocks
 - South Coast stocks, particularly coho, remain depressed and recreational opportunities will be limited.
 - recreational fishing guides available
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- Information Access at: <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/>
 - look for “Fisheries” ↔ “Recreational Fisheries” ↔ “Recreational Fishing Regulations” ↔ “British Columbia