

# Tourism and Recreation – Environmental, Conservation and Recreation Tenures

## description

The management of Crown land and coastal and marine resources plays a pivotal role in expanding and diversifying the economy, sustaining the environment, and fostering the health and well being of residents and communities in British Columbia. Crown land is typically, and most commonly, referenced in regards to the province’s terrestrial land base, and constitutes 94% of that land base, but it also applies to submerged lands (i.e., those lands covered by water) including tidal lands (i.e., the shoreline). Provincial Crown land includes the seabed floor of inland waters whereas the Federal Crown land extends over the seabed floor in offshore areas, as well as in designated ports and federal protected areas. The federal and provincial governments have not agreed where to place the boundary between inland and offshore areas, although there are agreements regarding jurisdiction in some areas (e.g., Strait of Georgia).

The tenure map series depicts provincial tenures only. Provincial agencies issue tenures for a variety of uses that may include everything from marine-based renewable energy development to commercial tenures for guide outfitters.

This atlas page depicts Crown land allocations for the environment, conservation and recreation, as well as allocations for local/regional parks, that overlap with marine areas of BC as of April 2010. These types of tenures can enhance the nature experience for participants in marine recreation and tourism. The types and number of land allocations issued for, or accepted applications for, the environment, conservation, and recreation and local/regional park purposes are detailed in Table 1.

TABLE 1: CROWN LAND ALLOCATION RELATED TO ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Purpose	Number issued by Land Allocation Type									
	designated use area	free Crown grant	sponsored Crown grant	lease	licence of occupation	map reserve	notation of interest	OIC reserve	prohibited use area	right of way
Buffer Zone						1	2			
Ecological Reserve					5		13			
Environmental Protection / Conservation	19				15	108		1		5
Fish and Wildlife Management	6				39	13	5			1
Fishery facility	1				11		4			
Forest Management Research	2				9	5	1			
Greenbelt					2	1				
Heritage / Archaeological Site	1				3	1				
Local/Regional Park	6	1	60	53	3	1	1		1	1
Protected Area Strategy						6				
Public Access / Public Trails					5	3	2			
Science Measurement / Research					25		3			
UREP / Recreation Reserve	2				160	54	26			1

## data sources

- Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, GeoBC

## data resolution

- 1:20,000

## date compiled

- October 2012

## reviewers

- Not reviewed.

## reviewer comments

- None provided.

## caveats of use

- Tenures and other Crown land allocations are issued and expire over time; the latest release of these data from the BC Land and Resource Data Warehouse should be gathered before use.
- Crown land allocations have been enlarged on the accompanying map to increase visibility at this scale.
- Recommended date of expiry for use of these data in a marine planning context: None provided.

## map, feature data and metadata access

- Visit [www.bcmca.ca/data](http://www.bcmca.ca/data) for more information.

## references

- Crown Land Allocation policy can be found at: [www.al.gov.bc.ca/clad/leg\\_policies/policies/crown\\_land\\_allocation.pdf](http://www.al.gov.bc.ca/clad/leg_policies/policies/crown_land_allocation.pdf)
- Information on provincial tenures issued for environment, conservation, and recreation is available at: [www.agf.gov.bc.ca/clad/Documents/LPSB/Policies/reserves.pdf](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/clad/Documents/LPSB/Policies/reserves.pdf)



# BCMCA Atlas

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#### Legend

**2010 Tenures**

- Buffer Zone
- Ecological Reserve
- Protection/Conservation
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Fishery Facility
- Forest Management Research
- Greenbelt
- Heritage/Archeological Site
- Local/Regional Park
- Protected Area Strategy
- Public Access/Public Trail
- Science Measurement/Research
- UREP/Recreation Reserve

**Note:**

- Tenures change over time. These tenures are current as of April 2010.

**Data Sources:**

Province of British Columbia

**Base Data:**

ESRI Base Data, GeoBase, GeoBC, NOAA, Natural Resources Canada, USGS, Washington State Government

**Thematic Data:**

For more information on data sources and methods please refer to the facing page to this map

**Projection:** BC Albers NAD83

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Nautical Miles

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\* Written scales are approximate and are based on a 11 x 17 inch paper size.

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