

Tourism and Recreation – Protected Areas

description

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are designated for many different reasons by both federal and provincial agencies in Canada. MPAs can help mitigate the impact of a multitude of stressors in the marine environment. They help facilitate the sustainable use of our ocean resources and can protect and conserve the natural beauty, diversity of species and ecosystems of ocean and coastal areas. They, along with their terrestrial counterparts on the coast, also provide for enhanced opportunities for marine based tourism and recreation.

In Pacific Canada, there are a variety of legislative tools used for protected area designation. (Table 1). Management intent and the type of regulations implemented in any MPA are mainly determined by the Act under which the area was designated. Depending upon which agency created the MPA and why, multiple agencies may be responsible for different aspects of the management of any single MPA. MPAs typically have management plans that outline management objectives and regulations, providing guidance for allowable uses, including recreation and tourism, within their boundaries. For newer Protected Areas, these plans may still be under development. Many MPAs have an adjacent terrestrial protected area component that enhances their ability to attract tourism and recreation.

TABLE 1. AGENCIES, LEGISLATION, AND TYPES OF PROTECTED AREAS IN THE CANADIAN PACIFIC

Agency	Legislation	Types of Protected Areas
Environment Canada (Federal)	Wildlife Act; Migratory Birds Convention Act; Species at Risk Act	Migratory Bird Sanctuary, National Wildlife Area
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Federal)	Oceans Act; Fisheries Act; Species at Risk Act	Marine Protected Area
Parks Canada (Federal)	Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act; Canada National Parks Act; Species at Risk Act	National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, National Park Reserve
British Columbia Ministry of Environment (Provincial)	Ecological Reserve Act; Protected Areas of British Columbia Act; Park Act; Wildlife Act; Land Act; Environment and Land Use Act	Conservancy, Ecological Reserve, Protected Area, Provincial Park, Wildlife Management Area



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data sources

- Migratory Bird Sanctuaries, National Wildlife Areas: Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service
- Marine Protected Areas: Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, Proposed National Marine Conservation Area Reserve: Parks Canada
- National Park Reserves: Natural Resources Canada, Geomatics Canada, Surveyor General Branch (via Geogratis)
- Provincial Protected Areas (Conservancies, Ecological Reserves, Protected Areas, Provincial Parks, Wildlife Management Areas): Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, GeoBC

data resolution

- Migratory Bird Sanctuaries, National Wildlife Areas: varies between 1:50,000 and 1:250,000.
- Marine Protected Areas: none provided.
- National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, Proposed National Marine Conservation Area Reserve: none provided
- National Park Reserves: boundaries are accurate to within 10 metres for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve and to within 100 metres for all other boundaries.
- Provincial Protected Areas: 1:20,000.

date compiled

- Migratory Bird Sanctuaries, National Wildlife Areas: March 2005
- Marine Protected Areas: April 2008
- National Marine Conservation Area Reserve: 2005
- National Park Reserves: December 2010
- Provincial Protected Areas: January 2011
- Proposed National Marine Conservation Area Reserve: 2012

reviewers

- Not reviewed.

reviewer comments

- None provided.

caveats of use

- 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 for more information.

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Legend

Environment Canada

- Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- National Wildlife Area (NWA)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

- Marine Protected Area (MPA)

Parks Canada

- National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCA)
- Proposed NMCA
- National Park Reserve

Province of British Columbia

- Conservancy
- Ecological Reserve
- Protected Area
- Provincial Park
- Wildlife Management Area

Note: Environment Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service) has proposed a NWA in the area around the Scott Islands and Fisheries and Oceans Canada has proposed a MPA around the Hecate Strait sponge reefs.

Data Sources:

Environment Canada (CWS),
 Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
 Natural Resources Canada, Parks Canada,
 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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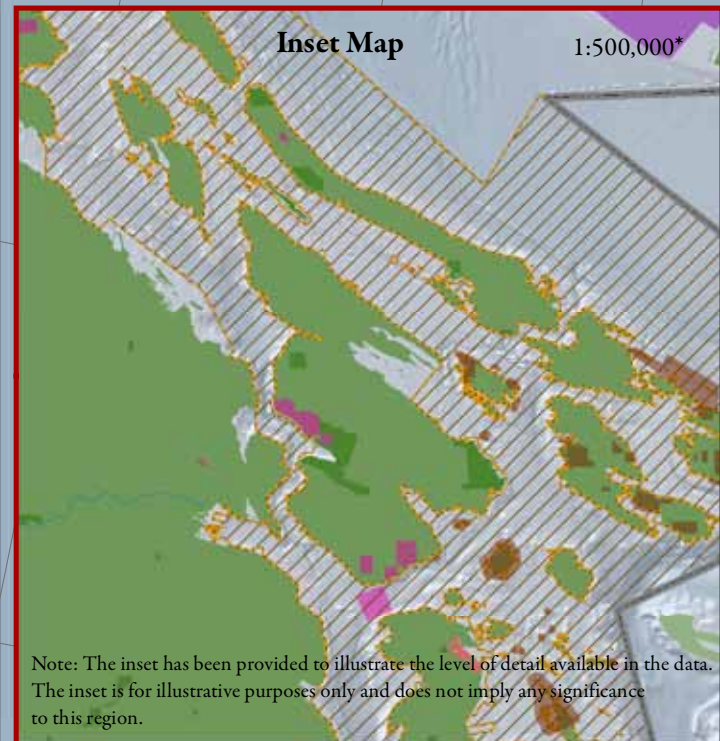
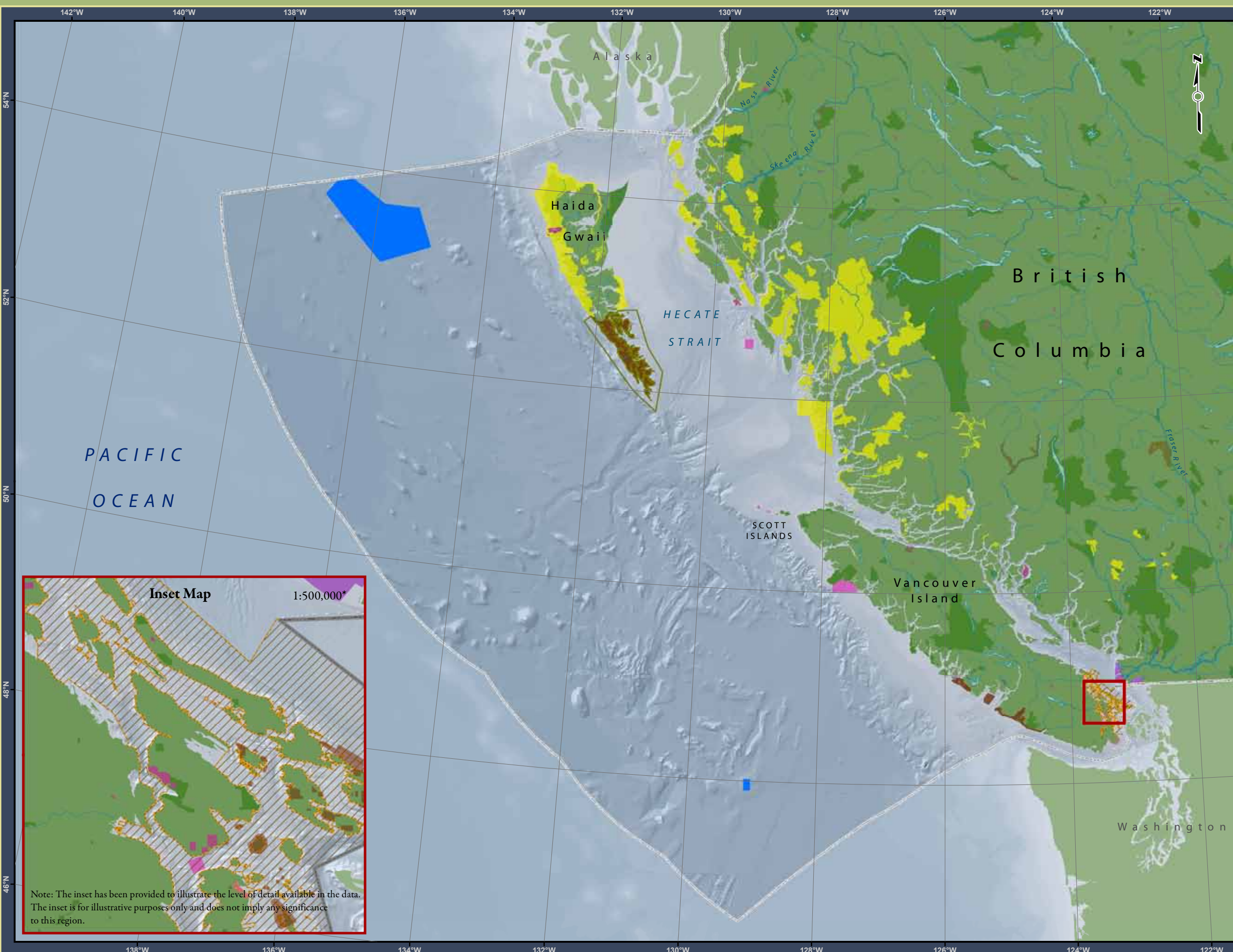
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* Written scales are approximate and
 are based on a 11 x 17 inch paper size.

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Note: The inset has been provided to illustrate the level of detail available in the data. The inset is for illustrative purposes only and does not imply any significance to this region.