



Islands Trust

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Information Notice - Mapping Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA's)

The purpose of this notice is to re-state our commitment to identifying ESA's and whether development permit designations should be applied to these areas. This project is part of our work-program and is due to be completed next year. Work on this project has begun but the mapping work is complicated and is taking longer to complete than we had initially anticipated. When the mapping work is completed, this information will be subject to community review. We want to ensure that we have the information and community input necessary to make an informed decision about ESA's in order to identify development permit areas (DPA's).

Addressing any mapping initiative is a work-program management issue. Currently, the planner is focused on completing the OCP policy text and then he will focus on addressing the use of ESA mapping to identify DPA's. This is a two step process so that we can finish the OCP text in a timely manner and also because we need to wait until the ESA mapping is complete. For example, while we are excited to see the work that has been completed by Parks Canada, there will still be a significant amount of work needed to translate that work into a useable format for Islands Trust purposes. Once that "translation" is completed we will be in a better position to initiate analysis of DPA's.

Please contact either the Trustees or the planner if you have any questions about the OCP review process or the ESA mapping project.

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