

Wakes Cove Provincial Park

Valdes Island

Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection

June 19, 2002



- June 27, 2001 – First Open Cabinet Meeting
- \$25 million approved for the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy program
- Part of our commitment to Canada to work toward creating a national park in the Southern Gulf Islands

Of the \$25 million:

- \$5 million would go towards acquiring lands for the national park
- \$20 million towards purchasing private lands to enhance the provincial protected areas system on islands outside the national park, such as Salt Spring, Valdes, Galiano and Savary

- The government's New Era document promised that cabinet decisions on any new parks would be made in public.





Location of Wakes Cove

Nanaimo ●

●
Vancouver



**WAKES COVE
PARK**

VANCOUVER

STRAIT OF GEORGIA

ISLAND

●
Victoria





Wakes Cove Recreation Values:

- Supplies a sheltered anchorage in the north-central part of the Gulf Islands that offers excellent recreational opportunities for kayakers and other small boaters
- Offers good hiking, nature appreciation, picnicking, wildlife viewing and wilderness camping



- The Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is committed to maintaining and enhancing our park recreation system and it is a priority for me that services in our parks remain affordable and accessible



- In May, the Recreation Stewardship Panel was established to consult with the public and investigate a range of options to improve the delivery of recreation services in British Columbia



- British Columbia's parks system is one of the best in the world and it is important that we continue to preserve significant areas for future generations



- This is a unique opportunity to protect a beautiful waterfront property in an increasingly populated and internationally popular region



- With the designation of Wakes Cove Provincial Park, British Columbia will be moving forward with our commitment to protect lands with outstanding conservation or recreation values in the Gulf Islands

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