

RSTBC Introduction

Develop, maintain and manage a network of 1300 recreation sites and over 1000 recreation trails to provide safe, quality recreation opportunities for the public.

Protect present and future recreation values on Crown lands outside of parks and settled areas

Manage dispersed recreation use on Crown lands outside of parks and settled areas



Partnerships

RSTBC relies on partners for the maintenance and operation of established sites and trails

Who:

- Regional/Municipal Governments
- Registered Societies
- Clubs
- Individuals and contractors

Benefits

- Liability Insurance
- Standards
- Funding and other forms of assistance
- Input

Potential Partners for the Gambier Island Trail Network

- SCRD
- Gambier Island Conservancy
- Gambier Island Community Association
- Islands Trust
- Others.....



Gambier Island Trail Network Project



RSTBC Goals

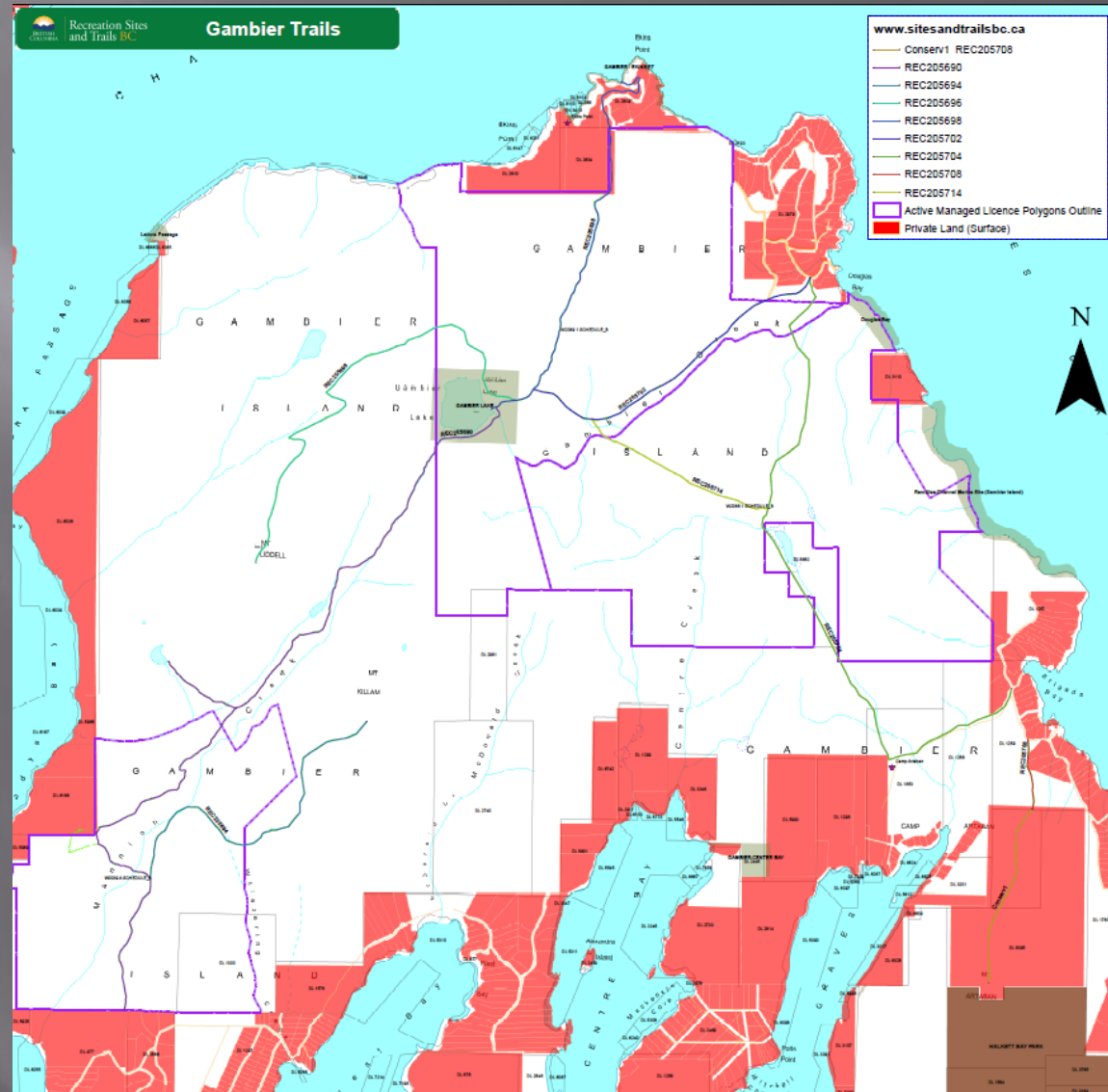
- Secure these trails for the future
- Integrate with Marine Sites

How to achieve this

- FRPA Sec 56 Establishment
- Referral Process

Establishment Benefits

- Forest Recreation Regulation Objectives
- RSTBC support



The referral process is a legal requirement incorporating meaningful consultation with various stakeholders and First Nations.

Unexpected concerns are discovered

Referee's

- Various Provincial Gov. Agencies
- Islands Trust
- SCR D
- Squamish Nation
- Tsleil-Watuth Nation
- Gambier Forest Resources Ltd
- Mineral Tenure Holders

Potential Concerns

- Industrial activity conflicts
- Private land interactions
- Mineral Claims
- First nations cultural and spiritual concerns
- Trail Standards and Liability

Referral Process Results

Once the referral process is completed there will be issues that will need to be resolved

- Changes to the draft management plan
- Rerouting of certain trails
- Measures to address conflicts with industrial activity
- Accommodation for First Nations concerns
- Sensitive species, ecosystems, and wildlife issues

Current Status of the Trail Network Project



Preliminary Review by District Recreation Officer

This stage is complete

Referral Process

Referrals for the Authorisation for works and Establishment of the Trails are almost ready for sending

Timeline

Once received there is a 30 day response period for initial comments

FRPA Section 56 Legal Establishment

Done through an Order In Council

-signed by the Minister of FLNRO after review by RSTBC Director