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**Subject:**Re: FW: Invitation to participate in Step 2 of the process to prepare a management plan for Island View Beach Regional Park

**Date:**Fri, 10 Jul 2015 09:14:25 -0700

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**To:**Lynn Wilson <lwilson@crd.bc.ca>

Hi Lynn

The environmental review to be done under Step I of the planning process was intended to be the foundation upon which any new park plan is to be built. If that Environmental Review is flawed, then anything built upon it will also be flawed. Accordingly the CRD Parks Committee set the standard, that the information was to be "***factual, technical and scientific***". <https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/committeedocuments/regionalparkscommittee/20140521/2014-05-21rpcagenda.pdf?sfvrsn=6>

In the final report on the Environmental Assessment, CRD Parks state:

***There are 33 species at risk in or immediately adjacent to the park; 9 species at risk are known to be resident or breeding in the park and the other 24 species at risk are of concern because they are birds that either use the park habitat during various times of the year or reside in the adjacent terrestrial or marine environments and are potentially influenced by park management actions and park users.***

**This raises three major concerns for me:**

1. The "9 species at risk" CRD Parks say are "**known to be resident or breeding in the park**" include:
  - Sand Verbena moth
  - Common night hawk
  - Fleshy Jaumea
  - American Glehnia

What "*factual, technical and scientific*" information do you have to confirm these 4 species are resident or breeding in the park? I have looked through the references cited by the CRD and been unable to find evidence these are resident or breeding in the park- in fact the material I have seen suggests they are not present. I have previously repeatedly asked Todd Golumbia for this information and was not given it. Will you please provide me with this.

2. The 5 species that are unquestionably known to be in the park, are

*Yellow sand verbena*

*Beach bindweed*

*Black knotweed*

*Contorted-pod evening-primrose*

*Georgia Basin Bog Spider*

however, I can find no material in the CRD report that gives "*factual, technical and scientific*" information as to their location; their condition, or their susceptibility to risk by public use of the park. Please provide me with this information.

3. ***"the other 24 species at risk are of concern because they are birds that either use the park habitat during various times of the year or reside in the adjacent terrestrial or marine environments and are potentially influenced by park management actions and park users."***

I have looked through the references provided by the CRD and have been unable to find confirmation that these marine birds either use the park or reside in the adjacent terrestrial or marine environments and are potentially influenced by park management actions and park users. Please provide me with the "*factual, technical and scientific*" evidence to confirm this statement about the marine birds.

Also missing is any "*factual, technical and scientific*" information that shows *when* and *where* these marine birds might be present in the park or "*in the adjacent terrestrial or marine environments*". Please provide me with this information.

What park management actions or activities of park users do you envisage would influence these marine birds?

**How can Step 2 be conducted when Step 1 is incomplete?**

It appears to me that Step 1 was not conducted to the standards set out by the

Regional Parks Committee that it was to be based on *factual, technical and scientific* information, which among other things requires completeness. As Step 1 is undeniably incomplete how can the public give informed opinions on Step 2? This is the dilemma I find myself in.

Will you give me the information I have asked for in my notes 1-3 above please. I want to be a part of the planning process for Island View Beach Regional Park, but just as with the public, I would not be able to offer an informed opinion on the basis of the limited and unsubstantiated statements made.

Thanks

Jason