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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

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Hi Jason:

We appreciate that you want to participate in the planning process for Island View Beach Regional Park, and indeed, we value your input into the process. In your email below, you ask for information about SAR from Step 1 of the planning process as a prerequisite to contributing to Step 2. We do not believe that this information is necessary to participate in Step 2, and we are not providing you with any additional information about SAR.

CRD Regional Parks Committee Chair, Susan Brice, sent you a letter on March 30, 2015 answering similar FOIVB requests for this information; in her letter, Chair Brice states that she is satisfied with the information presented in Step 1 (see attached letter), but also encouraged you to come forward if you had additional information that was counter to what was presented. However, Chair Brice requested that this information be prepared or endorsed by a registered professional biologist in the Province of BC who has expertise in ecosystem and species protection and management. We have not received any such information from FOIVB to date.

So, without opening up Step 1, what we are looking for in Step 2 is to develop an understanding of the issues and interests the public wants us to address in the park management plan. These can be simple statements, such as:

- Issue: The need for additional information about Species at Risk identified in and adjacent to the park
 - Interest: the presence of SAR may impact how the public uses the park and where they can go in the future. I want all areas of the park open to the public except for any verified locations of SAR.

Using this structure, we could meet with FOIVB to identify issues/interests that are of most concern to you. This information would be included in a summary report and it will feed into Step 3. Step 3 will include a community dialogue session this fall to talk about the most important issues identified, and to develop possible options for addressing them in the management plan.

If the FOIVB would like to engage in Step 2 in this manner, we would be happy to do so. However, Step 2 of the planning process closes on July 31st, so we would need to meet before then. If the FOIVB can't meet before July 31st, then I encourage the group to complete the online response form (<https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/island-view-beach-management-plan>), which is found about half way down the webpage.

Regardless of your method of participation in Step 2, we still encourage FOIVB to participate in the Step 3 community dialogue this fall and in the Step 4 review of draft management plan in 2016.

Thank you again for your interest in Island View Beach Regional Park. Please let me know if FOIVB wants to meet before July 31st.

Sincerely,



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