

BALLENAS-WINCHELSEA - LOCAL TRUST AREA

Relevant land use planning information for the 19 islands, islets, and rocks that make up the Ballenas-Winchelsea archipelago



- 1.2 square kilometers in area
- 29 km of coastline in the archipelago
- 23 hectares protected (13% of the LTA)
- First settled by the Coast Salish people and the archipelago is within the traditional territories of the Nanoose, Cowichan, Halalt, Lake Cowichan, Lyackson, Penelakut, Qualicum, Chemainus, We Wai Kai, and K'omoks First Nations

**Note: No Census Data exists for this Local Trust Area...*

Bylaws:

Official Community Plan (No. 27)
**Includes a Shoreline Development Permit Area and Land Use Bylaw (No. 28)*

Zoning:

35% residential, 65% community,
0% resource, 0% commercial/industrial

The Archipelago is made up of:

- Ada Islands (East, North, & West)
- Amelia Island
- Ballenas Island (West & South)
- Douglas Island
- Gerald Island
- Maude Island
- Mistaken Island
- Ruth Island
- Southey Island
- Wallis Island
- Winchelsea Islands (A,B,C & D)
- Yeo Island (East & West)

Several occurrences of endangered species and ecosystems exist in the Archipelago:

- Many Garry oak-Arbutus communities
- Shore Pine – Cladina – Kinnikinnick plants
- The very rare Water-plantain buttercup has also been identified on East Ballenas Island



- Within Electoral Area A of the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN)
- There are currently no Building Permits or inspections
- Accessed via private boat, water taxi, or float plane only
- Residential buildings exist on inhabited Mistaken Island, and there is a cabin on South Winchelsea, owned by the Land Conservancy of British Columbia
- A portion of the LTA is crown land leased to the Department of National Defence for the Experimental and Test Ranges known as "Whiskey Golf"
- Business licenses not required in Ballenas-Winchelsea Local Trust Area
- Registered Covenants:
 - 0 Nature Reserves, 0 NAPTEP Covenants, and 1 Conservation Covenant