



National Park Reserve Feasibility Study

South Okanagan – Lower Similkameen

Parks Canada

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E-News Update

As the national park reserve feasibility study enters its final year, we hope that you will continue to seek information and stay involved.

This email update is being sent to those who have been involved with the study in the past, or have asked to be on our contact list. If you do not wish to receive email updates, please let us know.

INFORMATION SOURCES

Over the past two years we have developed newsletters and info sheets to provide updates and answer common questions. This information is available on our website at:

www.pc.gc.ca/sols

Information is also provided to public libraries in Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton or Okanagan Falls, and at the Regional District office in Penticton.

Our most recent newsletter, attached, shares some of the feedback we heard on our draft Park Concept from last year's open houses, and other consultations.

The report on open houses is also available upon request.



Okanagan Life Magazine article: "Clash of the Conservationists" a detailed look at the issues, can be viewed at:
www.okanaganlife.com/okanagan-life-feature-story/archive/2006-Oct-Clash.php

Also available:

Newsletters:

- Fall 2004 – *Introduction to the Feasibility Study*
- Winter 2005 – *Community Voices*
- Spring 2006 – *Draft Park Concept*
- Fall 2006 – *Park Concept Feedback***

Info Sheets:

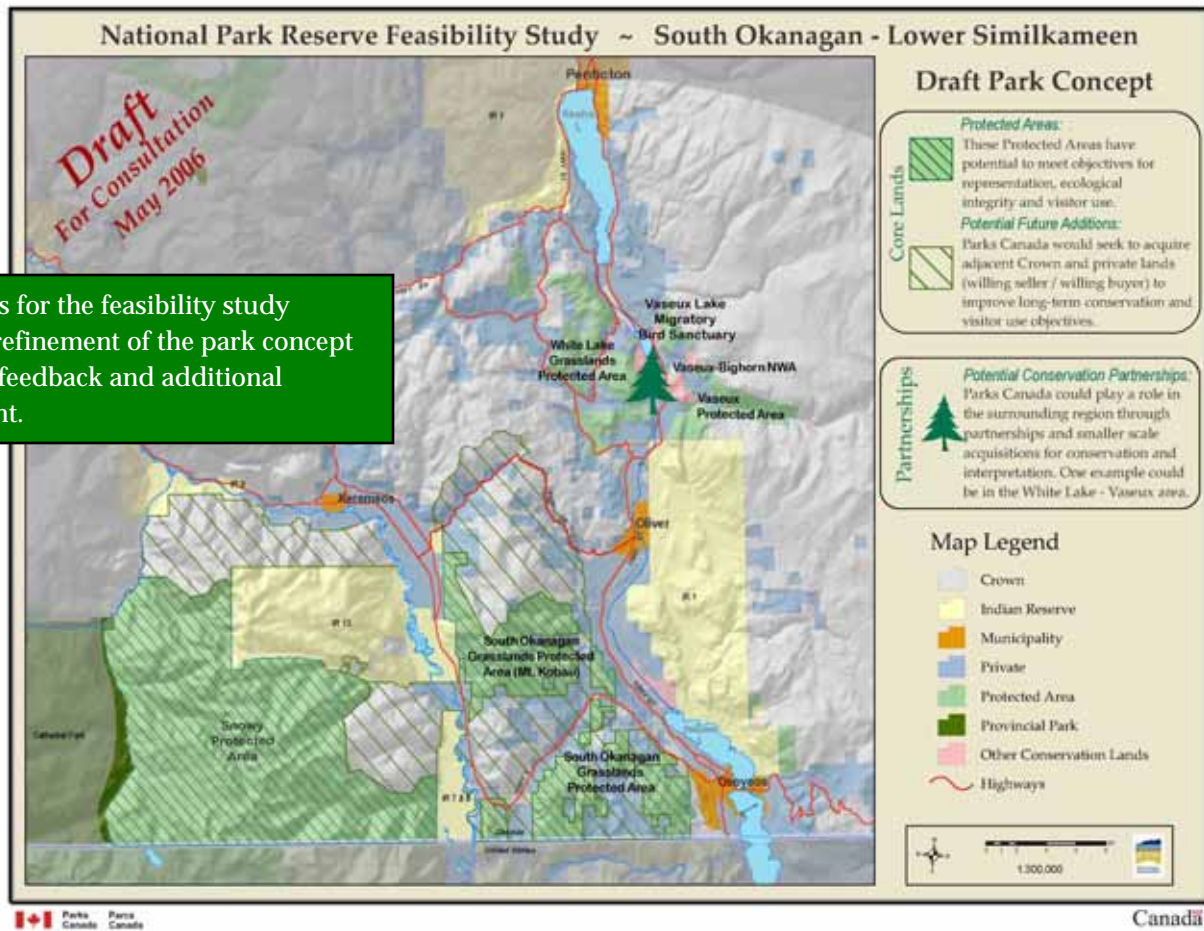
Explaining National Parks:

- *National Parks – an Introduction*
 - *User Fees*
 - *Managing Fires and Fire Risk*
- Building a Park Concept:
- *Draft Planning Targets*
 - *Joining a Working Landscape*

Understanding the Process:

- *Feasibility Study*





Next steps for the feasibility study includes refinement of the park concept based on feedback and additional assessment.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Next steps for the feasibility study include:

- Request for Proposals for a Social, Economic and Environmental Assessment of the park proposal. This study will include stakeholder consultation.
- On-going discussions with tenure holders and other stakeholders
- Develop a vision of how the park could provide opportunities for recreation and other visitor opportunities, and how the park could be developed and managed.
- Open Houses to review Park Proposal later this year.

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Study Process Where we are now

