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## DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC VISION PROJECT BACKGROUND MATERIAL SUMMARY SHEET

### 1. Title

Rural Resource Lands Comprehensive Land Use and Development Plan (Draft)

### 2. Location:

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### 3. Year Published:

2007

### 4. Brief Summary:

This is the first OCP for the mostly unsettled area from north of Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew to the South Cowichan Regional District. The goal of the OCP is to:

- Encourage the preservation of the sustainable natural resources of the area;
- Maintain and enhance its scenic and recreational resources;
- Provide public access to the ocean and other waterways;
- Encourage the use of parks and trails in the area;
- Preserve to the extent possible, natural features and;
- Provide guidance when new land use designations and development are proposed.

Based upon these goals, the objectives of the plan are:

- To work towards the goals of the RGS in the Plan area;
- Maintain a sustainable resource base within the Plan area;
- Discourage large-scale development that is intrusive to resource based lands;
- Ensure that development proposals are compatible with the proposed location and that significant landscape features are preserved;
- Support continued resource activities in this region and;
- Protect the natural environment

### 5. Opinion on Relevance to Project:

Although the Resource Lands are outside of the geographic areas of the Otter Point and Shirley OCPs, they function as our “backyard” and retain an important link to the two communities. A significant portion of the estimated \$1,000,000 in tax revenue from these lands comes to the JDF Electoral Area. Recreation, industry, eco-tourism and wildlife in Otter Point and Shirley are partially dependent on the Resource Lands. Changes in land use in portions of the Resource Lands could greatly impact Shirley and Otter Point as was recently seen with the two Jordan River developments.

**6. Categories Covered:**

Governance  Recreation  Economy   
Environment  Community Development   
Others (Specify): Taxation \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Reviewer:**

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