

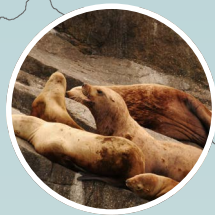
Conservation status of Ballenas-Winchelsea Island Local Trust Area

The Ballenas-Winchelsea (Executive) Local Trust Area is one of 13 local trust areas and island municipalities that make up the Islands Trust Area. The Ballenas-Winchelsea (Executive) Local Trust Area, located off the coast of Vancouver Island between Nanaimo and Deep Bay north of Qualicum Beach, includes 19 islands and islets. It is within the traditional territories of numerous First Nations who have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Ballenas-Winchelsea (Executive) archipelago of rugged islands and islets are home to some of the rarest ecosystems in the

world and are under threat from climate change and habitat degradation. The Islands Trust Conservancy does “nature check-ups” to measure the state of island ecosystems to see how well we are meeting the Islands Trust’s mandate to “preserve and protect”. Guided by a science-based Regional Conservation Plan, our work is important because, like the species and habitats that support us, the quality of human life depends on ecosystem health. We all have a part to play in protecting these fragile islands in the Salish Sea for future generations.

Species at risk



Steller Sea Lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*)

Special Concern (Federally),
blue listed (Provincially)



Peregrine Falcon, *anatum* subspecies (*Falco peregrinus anatum*)

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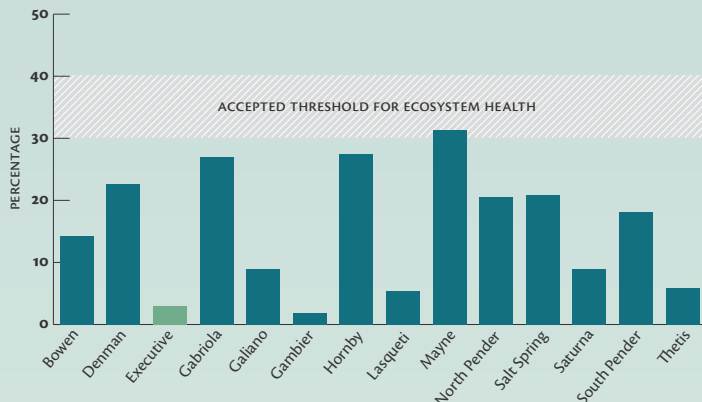
These islands & islets are blanketed with wildflowers vulnerable to human impacts

Parks & protected areas



14% PROTECTED

Land Converted to Human Use in the Islands Trust Area



Once land is converted for human use, that land is less available for nature. As land conversion reaches or goes above a 30-40% threshold, the number of species in a given habitat decline more rapidly.



Learn more at islandstrustconservancy.ca

How do forests help us?

CARBON EMISSIONS ABSORBED BY BALLENAS FORESTS ANNUALLY

EQUIVALENT CARBON EMISSIONS EMITTED BY PASSENGER VEHICLES ANNUALLY



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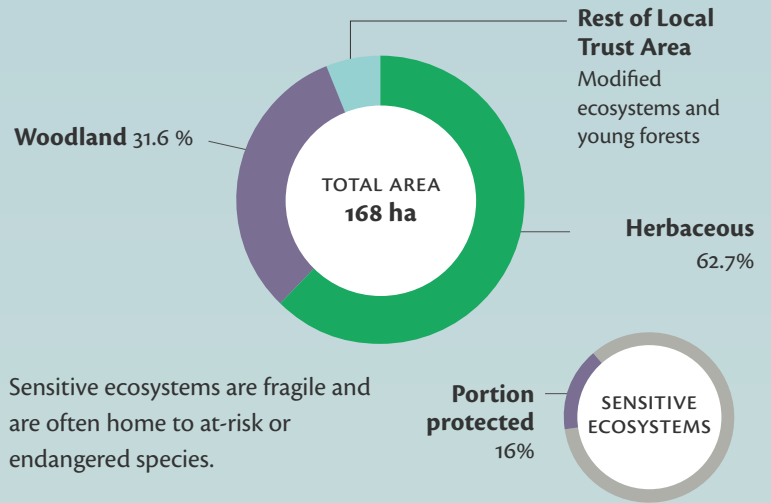


= 1,000 tonnes of carbon

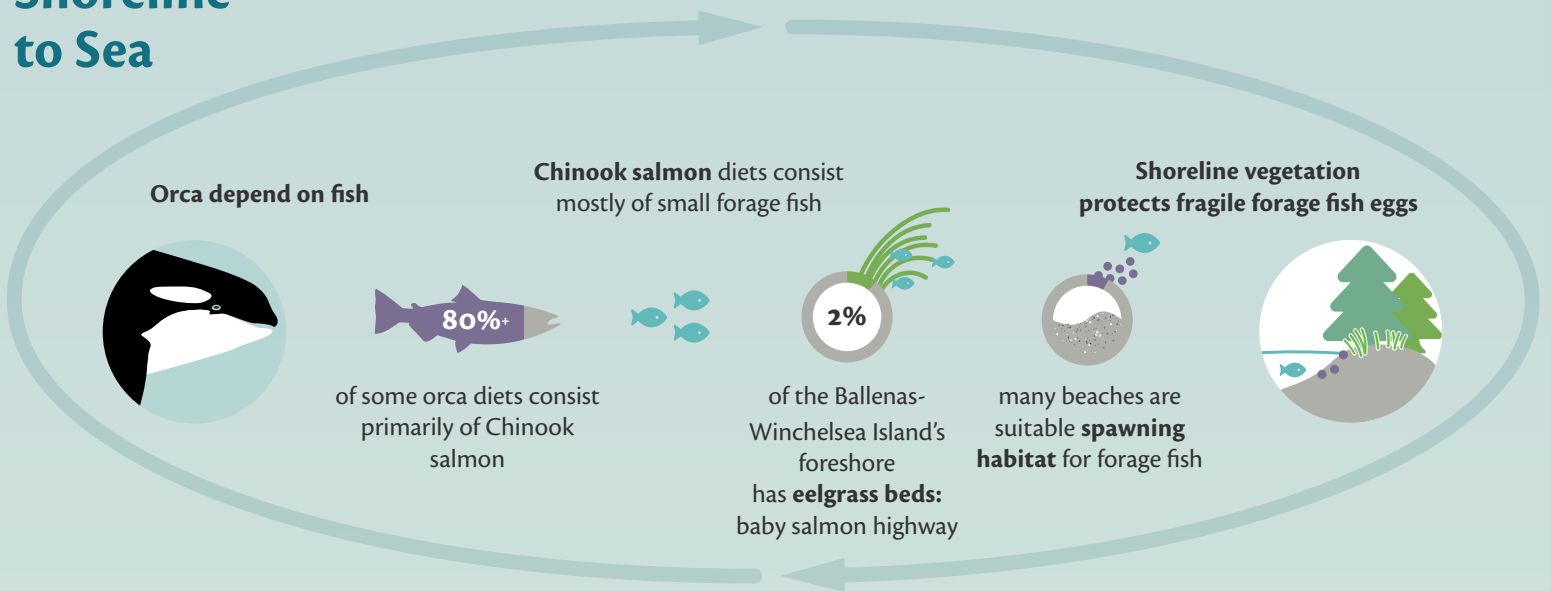
= 500 vehicles

The forests in the Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands sequester 89 tonnes of carbon/year which equates to removing the emissions of 175 passenger vehicles per year.

Sensitive ecosystems



Shoreline to Sea



Marine health starts at the shoreline. Your actions can make a difference!

Modified Ecosystems as of 2017

More than 65% of the Islands Trust Area is in private land ownership. Pressures to develop and change the natural landscape are tremendous. The Islands Trust Conservancy works with landowners to protect private land with conservation covenants, land donations, fundraising for nature and stewardship.

