

PARTICIPANTS:

Every household in the Saratoga Beach area (from beach to new highway -- south of Oyster River plus eight households adjoining north side of Oyster River) was visited for the purpose of this survey. One member of three households is not included in the survey (two because of their desire not to be--due to their profession, and one because many attempts found him not at home.). Resort cabins were not visited on the assumption that these residents would be transient. Population count is 18 years old and over.

QUESTIONS ASKED:

1. In what category would you place yourself concerning the proposed dredging and construction of breakwaters in the Oyster River estuary?
2. Environment Canada is conducting a six month study of the Oyster River. Their report is due in December. If they do not object to this project, the Department of Lands Forest and Water Resources, the Department of Recreation and Conservation and the Comox-Strathcona Regional Board will be involved. They may favour a public hearing. In what category would you place yourself at that time?
3. What are your reasons and/or do you have any remarks you would like to make on the subject?
4. Would you be interested to attend or to speak at such a public hearing? Do you think a representative of the area's residents should speak at the public hearing?
5. Do you think that a sea channel is necessary in this area---not necessarily in the proposed site, but somewhere in the near vicinity?
6. It is possible that the construction of the channel and breakwaters may be financed 50% by the Federal Government, with the understanding that there would be a safe entry for small craft in distress, and that there would be a public road and free public use of a boat ramp. Considering this, and the fact that the foreshore is part of a public recreational reserve set aside by a public hearing in 1937, would you say that this would be a proper use or not a proper use of public land and public funds?
7. Are you aware of the objections being raised? (e.g. Department of Fish and Wildlife, B.C. Steelhead Society (Father Brandt), SPTC, the Honorable Tom Barnett, Naramata conference, etc.)
8. Are you a boatowner?
9. Are you a resort owner?
10. How many years have you lived in this area?
11. How many members are there in your family living here?
12. What is the opinion of the other members of your family? (18 years and over)
13. Have you been concerned about other problems of the Oyster River?
  - a) Logging in the upper reaches causing flooding and silting?
  - b) Bulldozing of the river bed?
  - c) Campbell River Water Board wanting to take 11 million gallons per day from the Oyster River for their water supply?
14. After reading Pacific Playground Development's June brochure advertising their proposed plans for the development of the Saratoga Beach area, how

would you classify yourself on a personal basis?

15. Boatowners were asked if they would use the channel if it was constructed. At time of survey, only 'noes' were documented, therefore, at time of percentage taking the 'yeses' were assumed.

CONCLUSION:

Advocates of the channel stress the need for a safe harbour and convenience for boatowners.

The most predominant concerns are the destruction of the natural environment, and the possibilities of depletion of fish and depletion of sand.

A prominent complaint was the lack of a public road or public access to the river mouth.

There was general agreement that the project should be a well studied one, and many believe that a longer study is necessary than the present six month study being done by Environment Canada.

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(Not asked in this survey, but brought up by many participants was the concern over the adequacy and purity of water in relation to the development plans of Pacific Playgrounds.)

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# Saratoga Beach Area

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	Strongly Against	Against	Qualified Against	Indifferent	Don't know	For	Qualified For	Strongly For	Channel necessary somewhere in area	Don't know	Channel not necessary in area	PROPER use of PUBLIC land & funds	Don't know	Not proper use of PUBLIC land & funds
POPULATION	38%	16.5%	1.5%	6.5%	5.5%	10%	5.5%	15.5%	43.8%	13.2%	42.9%			
HOUSEHOLD (fractions)	38%	15.5%	1.5%	8.5%	8%	8.5%	5.5%	14%	43%	14%	43%	39%	11%	57%
BOAT OWNERS 55%	34.2%	8.5%	<del>1.5%</del>	11.4%	11.4%	8.5%		26%	57%	3%	40%	40%	14%	46%
RESORT OWNERS 19%	41.7%	12.5%		8.3%		12.5%		25%	33.3%	8.3%	58.3%	33.3%	8.3%	58.3%
83% of " " are boatowners		54.2%		8.3%		37.5%								
NON RESORT OWNERS 81%	37%	16.5%	1.5%	8.5%	9.5%	7.5%	7%	11.5%	45.5%	15%	39%	40%	11.5%	49%

\*some qualified to the effect that channel will be gov't. financed & therefore public.

## PACIFIC PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR SARATOGA BEACH AREA

↑	↑	↑*	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑*
39%	6%	16%	5%	31%	3%		
45%		21%		34%			

- \* qualified as to: proper water & sewage; trailers or size<sup>as</sup> only objection.
- \* qualified as to: if sanitation requirements met; if development is inevitable.