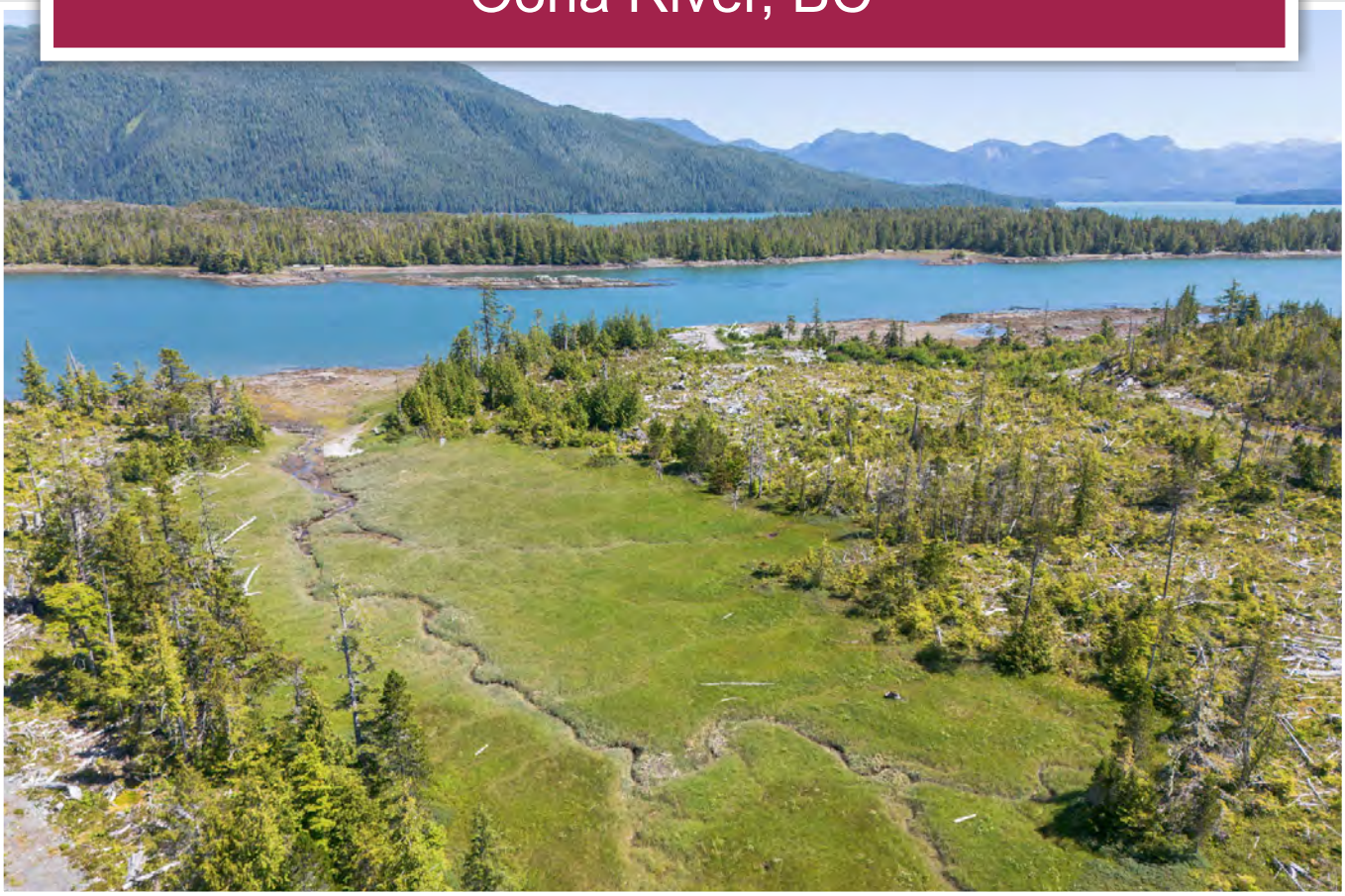
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PROPERTY DETAILS

Listing Number:	26239
Price:	$495,000
Taxes (2026):	$1,175.62
Size:	135.6 acres
Zoning:	None.

DESCRIPTION

Discover 135.6 acres of spectacular, remote, and beautiful oceanfront wilderness in Kelp Passage on Porcher Island. Boasting approximately 1.8 km of ocean frontage, road access, safe anchorage, and multiple building sites, this property is ideal for an off-grid retreat, recreational escape, or future homestead.

The land was selectively logged in 2016 and now offers open, sun-filled building sites with sweeping coastal views over Kelp Passage. There is no power on the property, making it well suited to a true off-grid lifestyle, whether as a private wilderness getaway or a self-sufficient homestead.

Anglers and boaters will appreciate the property's exceptional location: Humpback Bay is just a 10-minute boat ride away, the mouth of the Skeena River is only 10 minutes distance, and the renowned fishing grounds of Eddy Passage are approximately 30 minutes by boat. The welcoming community of Oona River is just 8 km away by road, offering a friendly neighbour and modest conveniences nearby while preserving the privacy, quiet, and serenity that make this property so remarkable.

LOCATION

Oceanfront lot near Oona River, Porcher Island—Prince Rupert Rural. Access to Oona River is either by ferry, float plane or boat. Prince Rupert is the nearest access point.

DIRECTIONS

Contact the listing agent for viewing.

AREA DATA

Porcher Island

Porcher Island is of one of British Columbia's largest coastal islands, located about 42 km south of Prince Rupert in the Skeena region. The Oona River flows into Ogden Channel and is surrounded by rugged island terrain, inlets, and forested lowlands. Porcher Island and the area that surrounds it features some of the best salmon fishing the world has to offer. In the protected bay just off the property, you can find Dungeness crab in abundance, and deeper out you can catch spot prawns, and bottom fish like ling cod and rock cod. Around to the west side of the island you will find deeper water that will produce pacific halibut.

Oona River

The small settlement at Oona River has a longstanding maritime and resource-based character, originally established by Scandinavian homesteaders in the early 20th century and historically linked to fishing, boat building, and logging. Oona River remains one of the few surviving communities on Porcher Island and supports eco-tourism, and outdoor recreation, with access mainly by boat or float plane. Wildlife is rich around the estuary and coastal waters,



with seabirds, waterfowl, and marine life in the channels and tidal flats, and the surrounding waters and shoreline provide opportunities for boating, kayaking, and nature observation in a largely undeveloped, natural coastal environment.

VEGETATION

The vegetation around the Oona River on Porcher Island is characteristic of British Columbia's north coast coastal temperate rainforest, dense, lush, and shaped by high rainfall and mild coastal temperatures. The forests are dominated by western red cedar, Sitka spruce, western hemlock, and yellow cedar, with mature stands often mixed with second-growth areas from historic logging. These trees grow tall and closely spaced, creating a shaded forest floor rich in mosses and lichens.

Along the riverbanks and estuary, vegetation shifts to riparian species such as alder, willow, cottonwood, and devil's club, which thrive in the moist soils. The understory is thick with salal, huckleberry, salmonberry, ferns, and skunk cabbage, especially in low-lying or boggy areas. Near the shoreline and tidal flats, grasses, sedges, and salt-tolerant plants appear, transitioning into estuarine marsh vegetation that supports fish habitat and bird life. Overall, the area around Oona River is heavily forested, green year-round, and largely undeveloped, reflecting a healthy, intact coastal ecosystem.

RECREATION

Life at Oona River, tucked into the sheltered shores of Porcher Island, is defined by quiet, remote access to the outdoors. Boaters and kayakers slip out from protected inlets to explore the surrounding coastline, while beachcombers and wildlife watchers find endless stretches of shoreline to themselves. The waters here are prized among sport anglers, with salmon, halibut, lingcod, and crab all within easy reach, and the estuaries and beaches draw seabirds, eagles, seals, and the occasional passing whale. On land, informal trails wind through coastal forest, offering foraging, hiking, and nature exploration for those drawn to a genuine off-grid lifestyle.

A short trip away, Prince Rupert serves as the region's hub, rounding out the recreational picture

with a wider range of amenities and activities. Known as one of British Columbia's premier saltwater sport fishing destinations, the city offers quick access to deep-water channels and productive nearshore fishing grounds. Beyond fishing, residents and visitors can kayak, sail, scuba dive, and join wildlife viewing tours, or head inland to hike and mountain bike scenic routes like Butze Rapids, Tall Trees, and Mount Hays. The city's cultural life is just as rich, with museums, Indigenous cultural sites, and community festivals showcasing the deep heritage of the North Coast.
Together, Oona River and Prince Rupert combine untouched coastal wilderness with the convenience of a full-service regional centre nearby—an ideal setting for outdoor enthusiasts, anglers, and anyone seeking a relaxed, nature-immersed coastal lifestyle.

HISTORY

Long before European settlement, the tidal flats of Oona River were worked by Indigenous fishers, whose stone fishing weirs are still revealed twice daily as the tide recedes offering evidence of salmon runs and a way of life stretching back thousands of years. The river itself takes its name from the Coast Tsimshian word for skunk cabbage, a plant that still flourishes along its banks.

European settlement began in earnest around 1907, when Scandinavian homesteaders arrived on Porcher Island in anticipation of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway reaching nearby Prince Rupert. Through the government's land preemption system, newcomers staked claims that grew into a scattering of small communities across the island—Humpback Bay, Refuge Bay, Welcome Harbour, Hunts Inlet, Spiller River, Lawson Harbour, and Oona River among them. At its peak, Oona River was a tight-knit village of more than 100 residents and 25 homes, supported by a sawmill built in the 1920s and a thriving logging and commercial fishing economy. The community became especially



known for its hand-built wooden boats—sturdy red and yellow cedar vessels crafted for the BC salmon fishing fleet, some of which remain in use today.

While many of the island's original settlements faded with changing times, Oona River endured, and today it stands as the largest of the surviving communities on Porcher Island. Its longstanding Salmon Enhancement Project continues to protect and rebuild coho stocks, carrying forward the same connection to the water that first drew people to this coastline.

MAP REFERENCE

53°59'28.65"N and 130°14'55.58"W

SERVICES

None.

LEGAL

DISTRICT LOT 1681, RANGE 5, COAST RANGE 5, LAND DISTRICT

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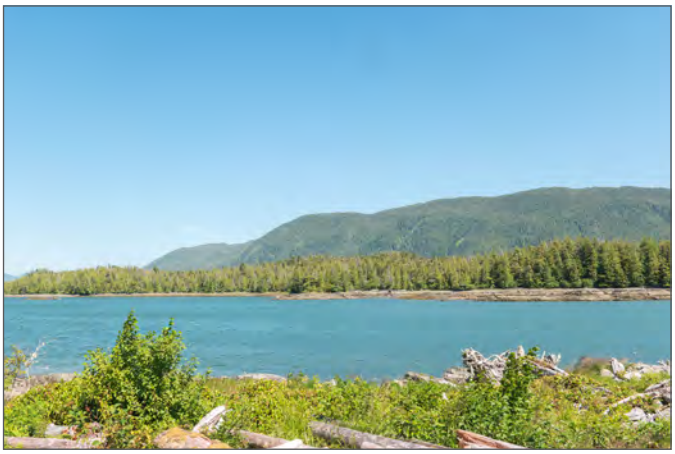








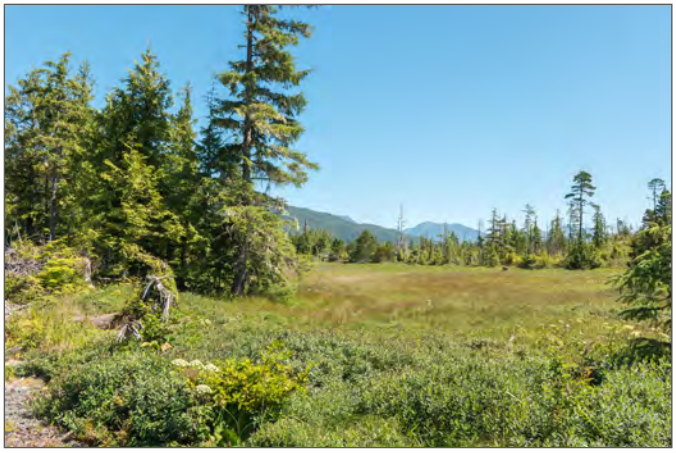














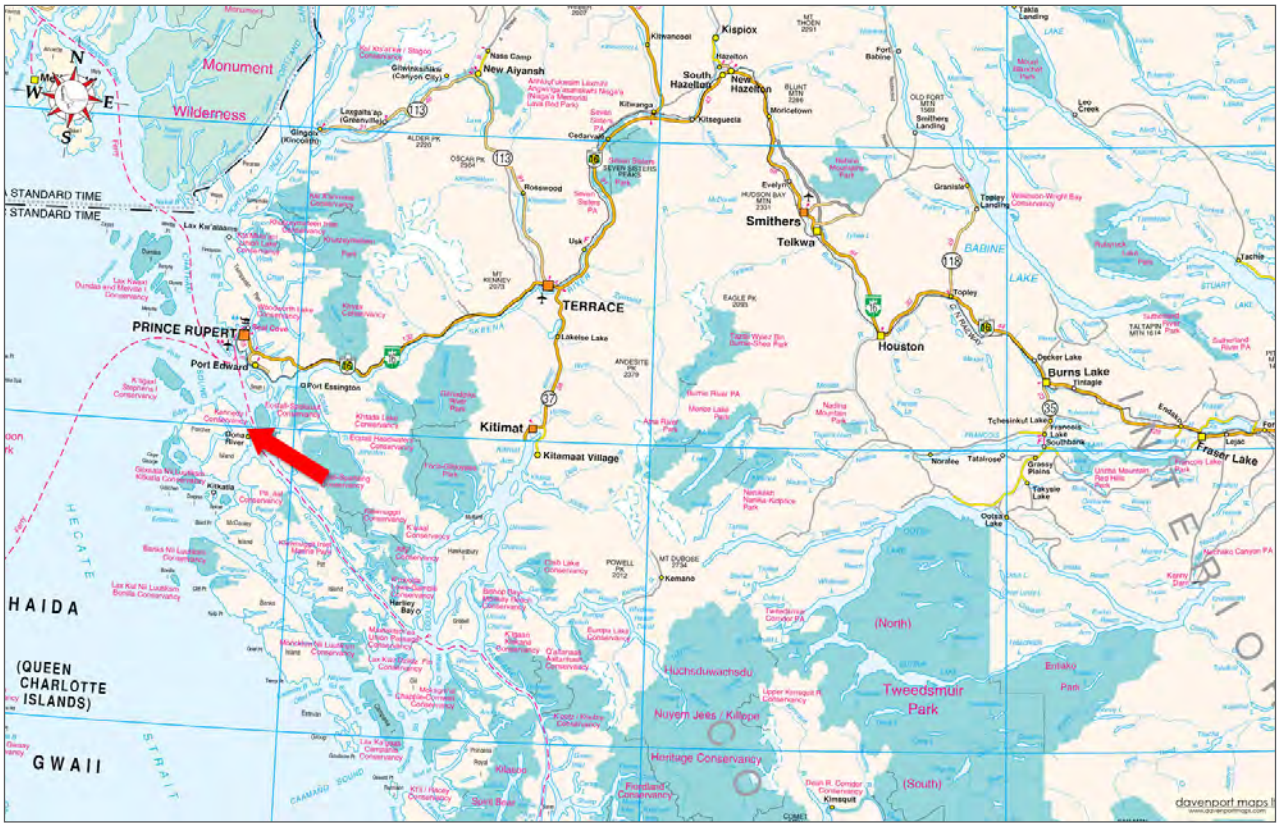


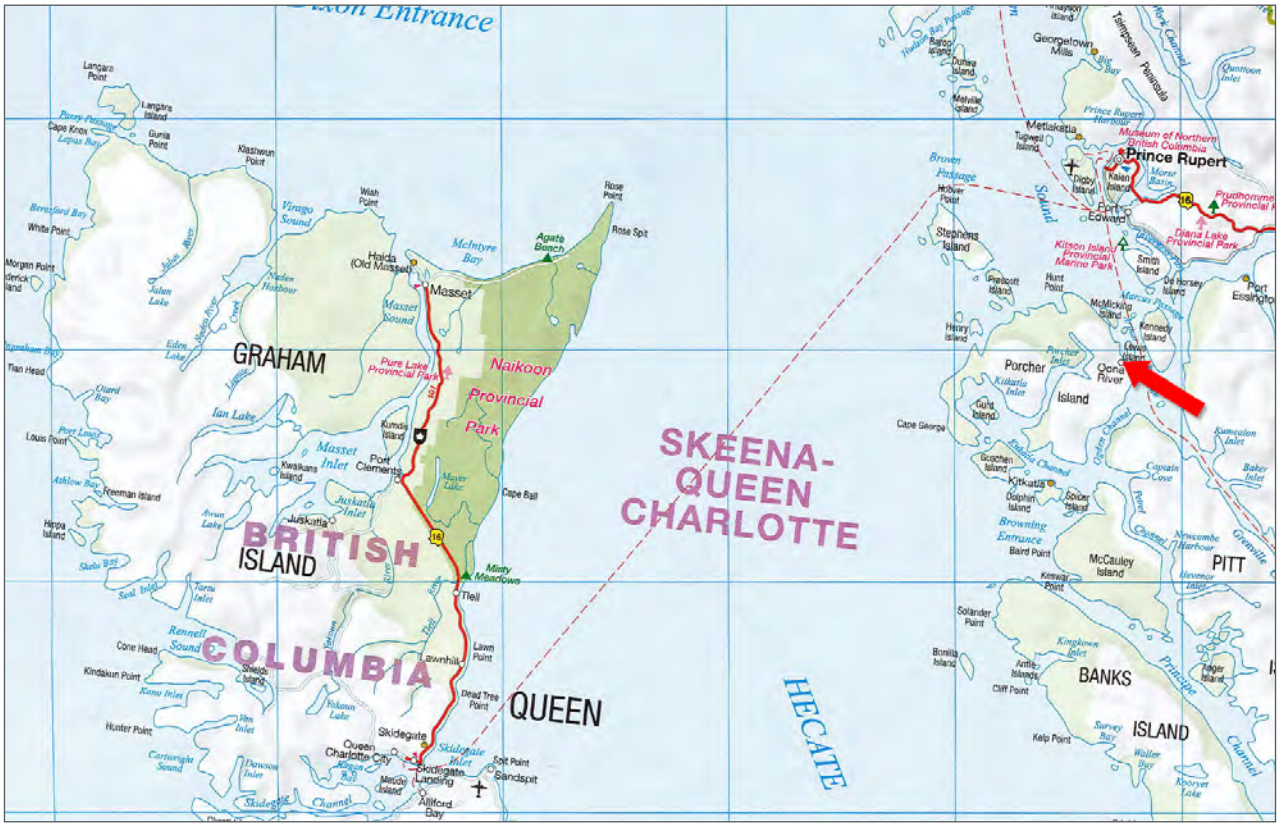






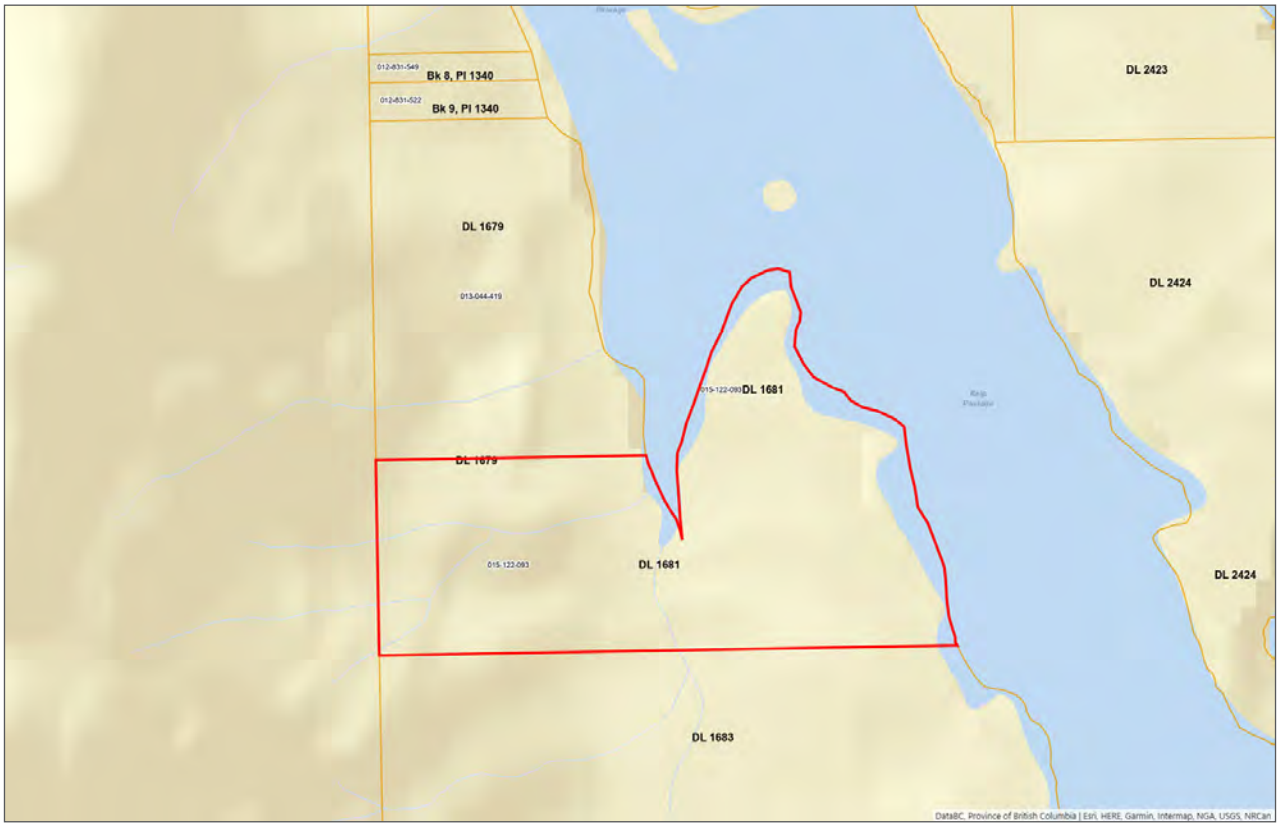

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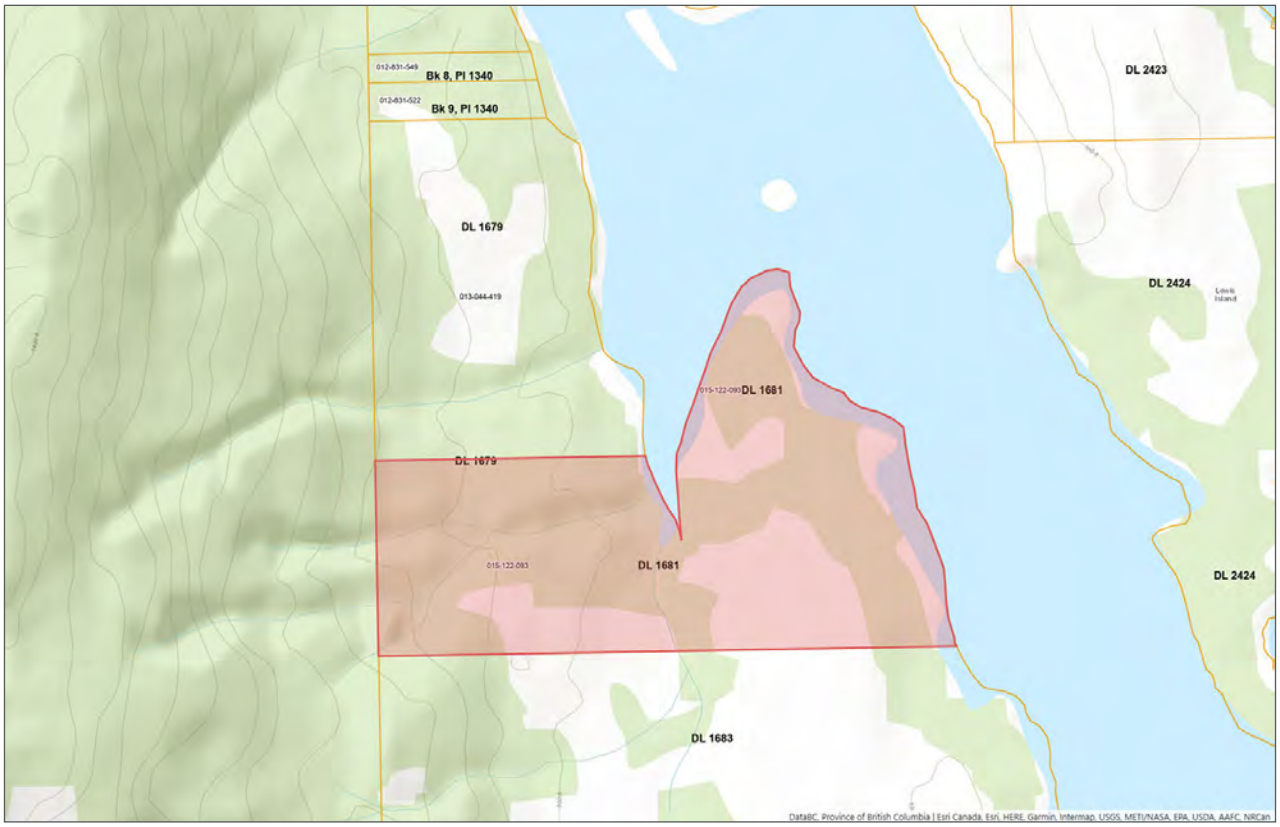

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