



File # 81500-40 Vargas Island
November 07th, 2014

Dear Flying Enthusiast:

Re: Beach landings/takeoff from Ahous Bay Vargas Island Park

Over the summer, BC Parks received complaints indicating conflicts between beach campers and private small fixed wing operators. The complaint was based around campers feeling their safety was at risk. This was in relation to planes flying over the beach above their campsites or when the pilots conducted landing and take-off practices in close proximity to campsites.

At this time, BC Parks is looking for solutions to ensure all park user groups can continue to enjoy the parks. We are asking all pilots who land at Ahous Bay and other beach camping areas within BC Parks to respect other park users and give as wide a berth as possible to campsites. In general most campers use the southern portion of the bay. At this time, we are asking pilots to land/take off from the less used area just south of the lagoon, unless occupied by campers.

If you have any questions please contact Senior Park Ranger Francis Bruhwiler at the BC Parks office in Tofino at 250-725-2149 or Area Supervisor Kathryn Ryan-Wilson at 250-954-4618. Francis.Bruhwiler@gov.bc.ca or Kathryn.RyanWilson@gov.bc.ca

Sincerely,

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