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Lands Service - Circular Letter No. 68Forest Service - Circular Letter No. 2753Re: 10 Chain Lake Shore Reserves

Commencing May 1, 1971, the Lands Service and the Forest Service shall reserve all Crown lands within 10 chains of any lake in the Province and all islands lying within any lake in the Province to ensure that the optimum use and development of all such lands for multi-use purposes including public recreation is carefully considered before allowing dispositions.

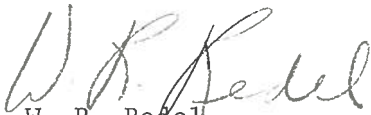
All dispositions within a Provincial Forest associated with the extraction of the forest resource shall be on an S.U.P. basis and shall be the responsibility of the Forest Service. All other dispositions which can be accommodated within a Provincial Forest without endangering or interfering with extraction of the forest resource shall be the responsibility of the Lands Service and shall be dealt with under the provisions of the *Land Act* following deletion from the Forest by Order-in-Council.

Subdivisions for summer residential use will be planned by the Lands Service on those lakes in the Province where there is a strong demand after the recreational potential of the lake has been fully assessed and adequate Crown lands have been set aside for public use. Crown subdivisions will meet the standards imposed by the Provincial Subdivision regulations. All lots created by Crown subdivision will be disposed of by public competition on a leasehold basis only with no option to purchase.


Although applications to acquire Crown land within the 10-chain reserve shall be refused it will be in order for the public to file with the Land Commissioner or District Forester a nomination to acquire a lease or S.U.P. of Crown lands within the 10-chain reserve for a particular purpose. The Land Commissioners and District Foresters shall set up elective lists for lakes within their particular districts

as enquiries are received at the counter. Where the lake in question is situated within a Provincial Forest the nomination shall be filed with the District Forester. On all other lakes the nomination shall be filed with the Land Commissioner. A summary of the nominations filed at each office should be forwarded to the Co-ordinator, Lands Service, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, British Columbia, at the end of each month. These lists together with the recommendations of the field staffs of the Lands Service and the Forest Service shall be used in determining the priority of development of Crown subdivisions as well as all other dispositions contemplated by the Lands Service or the Forest Service within the 10-chain reserve area.

All applications for Crown land within the 10-chain reserve above mentioned that were filed with the appropriate Land Commissioner or District Forester prior to May 1, 1971, will be processed in accordance with the previous policies of both services.


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