



June 28, 2023

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Chair and Board of Directors
Strathcona Regional District
SRD Corporate Office
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Sent by email to: info@srd.ca

Dear Chair and Board of Directors:

This letter is to advise you that "Gypsy Shoal" and "Jap Lake" are no longer official names. They were rescinded on June 27, 2023, as detailed in appendix A, and shown on the attached map. The shoal is the elevated bed of a body of water at the Lower Rapids, Okisollo Channel, between Quadra and Okis Islands, Strathcona Regional District. The lake is on East Thurlow Island, east of Simmons Lake, Strathcona Regional District.

In accordance with the Geographical Naming Policy, all regional districts, and Indigenous governments whose territories the features are in, and relevant regional and community organizations were invited to comment on the naming proposals. The BC Geographical Names Office received no concerns or objections for the proposals to rescind the derogatory names.

The proposal was to rescind the names due to their derogatory nature and did not include replacing them at this time. Please note, the place name records, available online through the [B.C. Geographical Names Web App](#), will forever include the history of these names having once been official, but the names will no longer be labelled on provincial maps or distributed as official B.C. place names. Until such a time that a broadly supported naming proposal is brought forward and officially adopted in accordance with the B.C. Geographical Naming Policy, references to each of these features will likely be in relation to nearby named features or by GPS coordinates.

Please redirect this notification to the appropriate contact within your government as needed or let me know if it should be sent elsewhere. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Enclosures

cc. David Leitch Chief, Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Names Rescinded June 27, 2023

“Gypsy Shoal” rescinded as the official name for the elevated bed of a body of water at the Lower Rapids, Okisollo Channel, between Quadra and Okis Islands, Strathcona Regional District.

- Originally adopted September 9, 1924
- This shoal is located at: 50.3094, -125.2636
- Name record: <https://apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/4183.html>

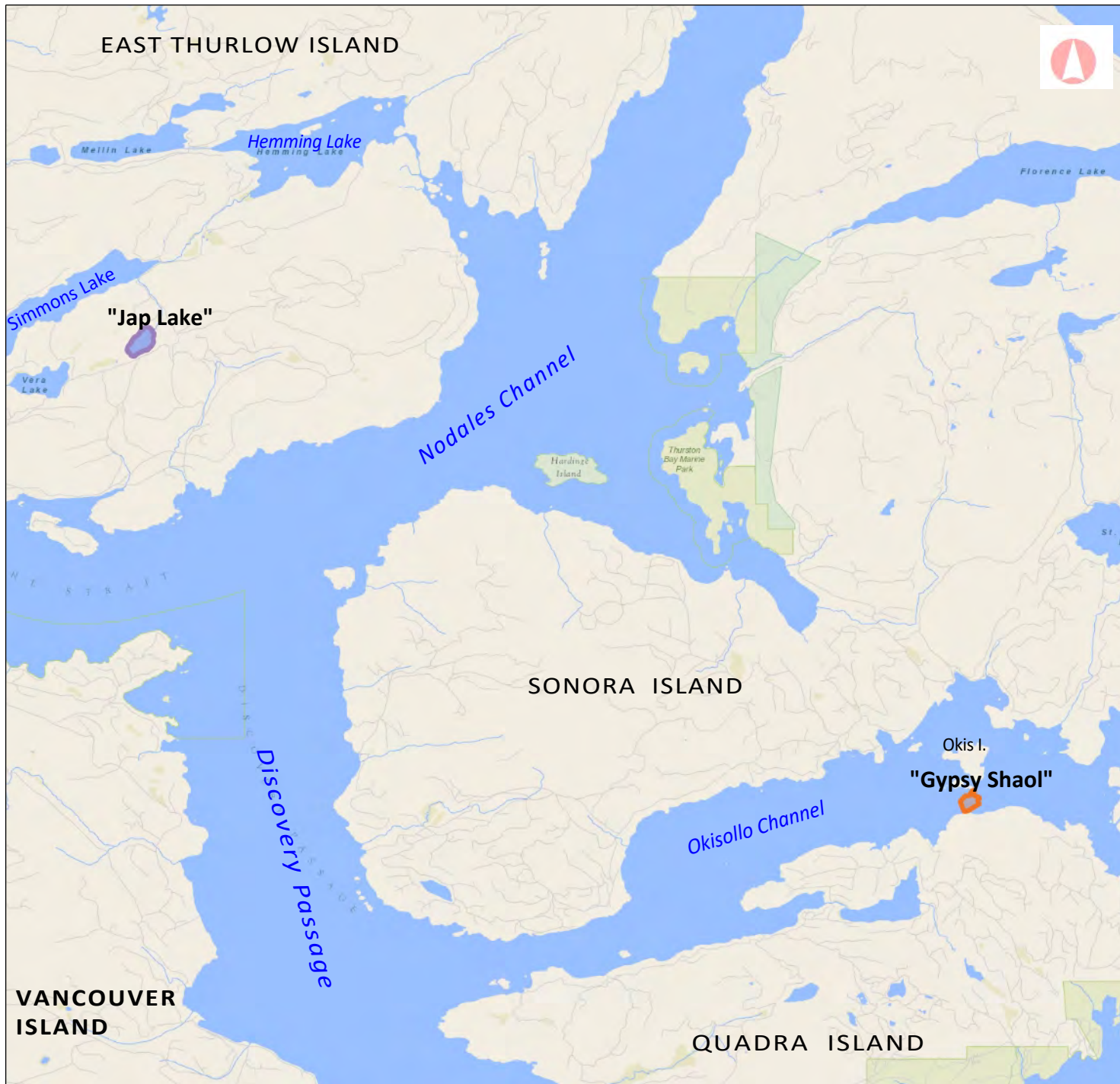
“Jap Lake” rescinded as an official name for the lake on East Thurlow Island, east of Simmons Lake, Strathcona Regional District.

- Made an official name November 6, 1952
- This lake is located at: 50.3755, -125.4505
- Name record: <https://apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/bcgnws/names/40645.html>

The proposal did not include replacement names for these features.

Distribution List:

Campbell River Search and Rescue Society
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association
Homalco (Xwemalhkwa) First Nation
Hydrographic Services
Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre
K'omoks First Nation
Nanwakolas Council
National Association of Japanese Canadians
Natural Resources Canada
Strathcona Regional District: SRD Corporate Office
Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society
We Wai Kai Nation
Wei Wai Kum First Nation



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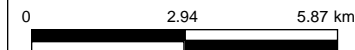
Names Information

"Jap Lake"

Rescinded: June 27, 2023
 Location: 50.3755, -125.4505
 NTS Map: 92K/6

"Gypsy Shaol"

Rescinded: June 27, 2023
 Location: 50.3094, -125.2636
 NTS Map: 92K/6



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 Projection: WGS_1984_Web_Mercator_Auxiliary_Sphere

Key Map of British Columbia

