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# *Information Bulletin*

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## **Parks Canada introduces new way to purchase a camping permit for Broken Group Islands: Buy before you boat**

**UCLUELET, BC, April 13, 2015** – Visitors spending the night on one of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve's Broken Group Islands' campsites will now need to purchase a camping permit before starting their adventure.

Camping fees apply in the Broken Group Islands from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The overnight camping fee is \$9.80 per person and the rate for commercial tour providers is \$8.80 per person. These fees are reinvested in the park and help fund outhouses, docks and sheltered areas for visitor comfort and enjoyment. The permits can be purchased at the following locations:

- Ucluelet Chamber Office (1604 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet)
- Port Alberni Chamber of Commerce & Information Centre (2533 Port Alberni Highway)
- Toquaht Nation's Secret Beach Campground and Kayak Launch
- Port Alberni Ambassadors will be selling aboard the Francis Barkley

Passes can also be purchased or extended over the phone by calling Parks Canada during daytime hours at 250-726-3500, Monday-Friday or Pacific Rim Visitor Centre at 250-726-4212 throughout the week. In this case, a permit is sent to the visitor by email. Payments can be made by cash or credit card.

This new approach will simplify the camping permit process so fees do not need to be collected each night from seven different remote camping areas.

If visitors need information or assistance the Tseshaht Beach Keepers will continue to be available as they patrol the islands throughout the summer months to maintain camping areas, check camping permits, provide information to visitors and share stories of the Tseshaht's rich history in the area.

The Broken Group Islands are a kayaker's paradise. The islands are a stunning archipelago of protected bays, shell beaches, densely forested islands, windswept islets, and reefs that create a maze of channels and waterways. The area is steeped in First Nations history and accessible only by boat.

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