



Bowen Island Feasibility Assessment: Synopsis of Public Consultations – Phase 1

The first phase of consultations was co-hosted by the Bowen Island Municipality and Parks Canada. This phase involved three Information Sessions in August of 2010 on Bowen Island and in North and West Vancouver. Parks Canada also staffed an information booth at Bowen Island’s annual community festival, Bowfest. The information sessions and the booth at Bowfest were attended by approximately 380 people in total. Bowen Island received the largest turnout with approximately 200 attendees, while North Vancouver was the smallest with 35 attendees

The purpose of these consultations was to:

1. Introduce the Bowen Island Feasibility Assessment;
2. Introduce Parks Canada’s National Parks System and the Parks Canada mandate;
3. Provide opportunities for participants to learn about the Feasibility Assessment process and learn how they can be involved;
4. Seek feedback to identify key concerns and opportunities; and
5. Identify subject areas for further clarification.

Comments from information sessions, conversations with Parks Canada staff, feedback forms and email helped shape the overview of opportunities and concerns. In total 95 comments (53 feedback forms, 15 comments from the comment board, and 27 emails/written letters) were received in phase 1 of the consultation process. These comments were analysed, recurring themes were noted, and quotations were selected to help convey the variety of viewpoints and the nature of the sentiments.

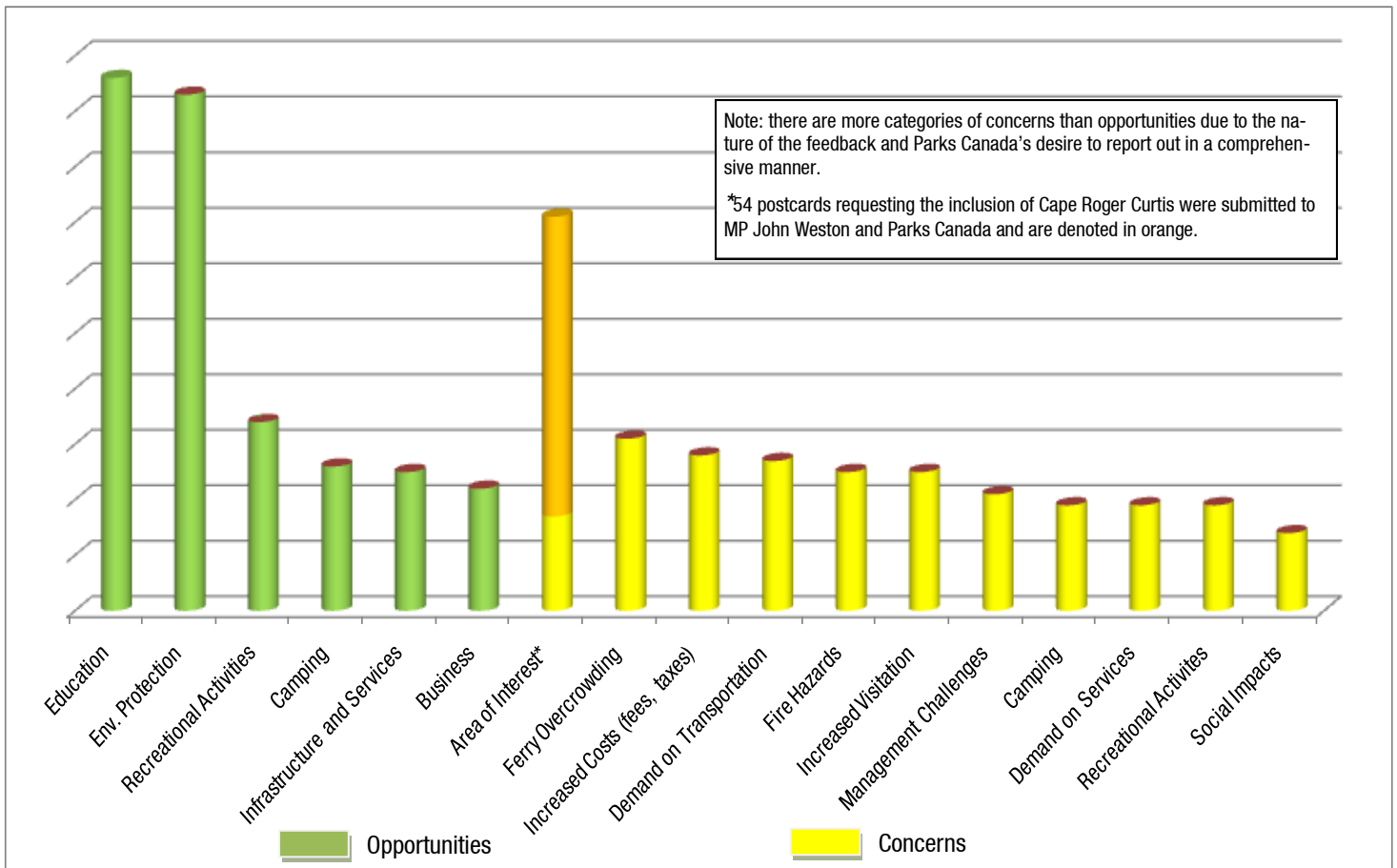


Figure 1 Summary of Opportunities (green) and Concerns (yellow and orange*) based on relative frequency.

Available Reports:

What We Heard: Phase 1 Public Consultations. Available by request from: bowen@pc.gc.ca

