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University of Victoria Hakai Protected Area

Port Hardy

Campbell River

Powell River Courtenay

Strathconal: Provincial/Park

Vancouver Por Alberni Parksville

Ladysmith . Lake Cowichan Duncan

Richmond Surrey Chilliwack

Whistler)

Squamish

Garibaldi Provincial Park

Delta Abbotsford Bellingham Sidney-

Anacortes Victoria

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Everett

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Olympic National Park

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Okanogan National Forest

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Wenatchee •Issaquah

Washing





How does the removal of *Mazzaella japonica* affect the recovery of native species?

Denman Island

Hornby Island

Mailbox Beach

Buccaneer Beach

Vancouver Island

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6.00 km

Imagery Date: 8/4/2012

49°29'21.89" N 124°41'51.72" W elev 18 m



Eye alt 26.80 km 🔘





Long-Term Removal Experiment



Mazzaella removal
Control
Buffer zone

2 Sites5 ReplicatesRandomized Block



Algal Community Data



Algal Community Data – February 2014



Buccaneer Beach	df	SS	MS	Pseudo- F	Р	Mailbox Beach	df	SS	MS	Pseudo- F	Ρ
Treatment	1	1.98171	1.98171	20.044	0.006	Treatment	1	1.5076	1.50761	6.4198	0.011
Residuals	8	0.79096	0.09887			Residuals	8	1.8787	0.23484		

Native Algal Species Recovery



w=17, **p=0.011**

w=23.5, **p=0.0486**





Future Directions and Management



Thank you

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