

**2003 – 2004 Highway Maintenance Contracts  
Frequently Asked Questions  
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**Service Area 05 (Sunshine Coast)**

Q1. Please clarify the ownership status of Texada Island yard and Madeira Park yards. According to yard information posted on Ministry website, the Madeira Park yard will be available from private owner for lease in next round and yet the annual lease is \$0 (no lease agreement shown in the RFP document). Texada Island on the other hand, will be offered by BCBC for sale or lease and yet there is no lease information on BCBC website.

**A. Texada Island is still owned by BCBC however we now understand Emcon is finalizing the purchase of this site from BCBC, negotiations commenced during the summer of 03 and Emcon should have title by the end of this month.**

**As for the Madeira Park Yard, a portion of this yard is available to the proponents at \$0. This agreement can be found in the Sechelt Lease/Sub Lease agreement in Schedule A.**

Q2. Can you please explain why Service Area 5 has radio charges for repeaters that are not located in the service area boundaries ( ie Mt Wahsington, Bowen Island etc.)

**A. The Powell River coast is in Service Area 5 and is best served by the Mt. Washington Repeater. Bowen Island's repeater provides the best coverage for the stretch of road from Port Melon to Gibson's which is in Service Area 5. Contractors are expected to pay for repeaters that provide the best radio coverage in the service area. The physical location of the repeater is not the determining factor.**

**Some repeaters cover two service areas (Mt. Washington for example). These repeaters have a higher usage, therefore a higher chance of failure and higher repeater equipment costs. In these instances we will collect \$800 per month from each service area to offset the higher operating, maintenance and repair costs.**