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Search fails to find missing kayaker near Sooke

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Red kayak found Tuesday, but no sign of 57-year-old

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Caption: Several Coast Guard vessels, as well as a military helicopter and a search plane, were deployed to find a kayaker who was reported missing June 19 near Sooke, B.C. (David Horemans/CBC)

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There's still no sign of a 57-year-old kayaker who set out Monday morning for a paddle in Beecher Bay, near Sooke, B.C..

The man's vehicle was found at Beecher Bay in East Sooke on Tuesday, after he had been reported overdue. A full-scale search was launched covering a 1,000-square kilometre area of the Juan de Fuca Strait, from Sooke to Victoria.

A red kayak, similar to the one the man was paddling, was found but no other clues have been located.

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Several coast guard vessels, as well as a military helicopter and search plane, scoured the area until darkness. An update on the search is expected later Wednesday.

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