

Unit 26. Belle Isle Sound [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	514 ha	Shoreline	19.8 km
Substrate	mud	Slope	Sloping
Exposure	low	Depth	Deep
Current	low	Benthic Summer Temp	Cold
Roughness	Low		

Management Emphasis – General Marine**Description**

The area is characterized by a low exposure, low current sound with few biological attributes.

Unit Attributes

Herring spawning at entrance to Sound (1 spawn recorded)

Juvenile and adult salmon holding area (local knowledge)

Salmon streams by Indian Reserve, at head of unit and half way along Sound (local knowledge)

High prawn value

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 2

Forest industry has identified potential log dump sites along north & south shores at head of Sound

Tsawataineuk traditional territory

Adjacent Indian Reserve (1) – Bat-L-Ki

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Extensive fishing areas throughout

Log storage site (1), Heli-log sites, camp tie-up

Safe anchorage (1) – Belle Isle

Sport salmon fishery

Commercial prawn fishery

Acceptable Uses & Activities

Tenured Uses

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| X Community & Public Institutional | ✓ Conservation |
| X Light Industrial | ✓ Log Handling, Storage & Infrastructure |
| X Marine Telecommunications & Utilities | X Private Moorage |
| X Rural Development | ✓ General Commercial |

Aquaculture:

- X** Finfish
- X** Marine Plant
- X** Shellfish Beach
- X** Shellfish Deep Water Aquaculture

Commercial Recreation:

- ✓ Lodges and Base Camps
- ✓ Guiding Operations

Ongoing Non Tenured Activities

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| ✓ Commercial Fisheries | ✓ First Nations |
| ✓ Marine Transportation | ✓ Public Recreation |

Code

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| ✓ | The use or activity is considered acceptable and appropriate. Applications for tenure of this use should be accepted for processing and evaluation. |
| o | The use is considered conditionally acceptable. Applications for tenure for use require more specific information on capability and potential to accompany a tenure application before it is accepted for processing. |
| • | The use is acceptable at existing levels of tenure, subject to limited modifications as required by government. Applications for new tenures should not be accepted. Abandoned or unutilized sites should not subsequently be made available for the same use. |
| X | The use is considered inappropriate. Applications for tenure of this use should not be accepted for processing and evaluation. |

Management Provisions

This unit should be managed to accommodate existing uses.

New tenures should not impede safe anchorage at Belle Isle Sound

New tenures should not alienate recorded commercial dive fishery sites.

Log tow operators are encouraged to avoid prawn trap fishery areas.