

Unit 45. Beaver Harbour [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	1,749 ha	Shoreline	30.2 km
Substrate	sand	Slope	flat
Exposure	moderate	Depth	shallow (0-5m)
Current	low	Benthic Summer Temp	warm
Roughness	low		

Management Emphasis - Community**Description**

The unit contains extensive clam beaches, virtually all of which are subject to a sanitary closure. The unit also contains significant First Nations uses.

Unit Attributes

This unit is significant for waterfowl and migratory birds(scaup, scoters, Bufflehead, Harlequin Ducks, Canada Geese, gulls) and is a CWS area of interest.

Bald Eagle nesting sites (4)

Kelp beds (2 identified – 27 ha)

Salmonid Streams: observed, 3 assumed; salmon migration route

Seal haulout or rafting site – Round Island

Moderate to high invertebrate values

Intertidal Clams subject to sanitary closure (5 beaches – 150 ha)

High herring spawn values (21 spawns recorded)

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (Dillon Point)

Traditional territory of Kwakiutl First Nation

Adjacent Indian Reserves – Fort Rupert, Kippase, Shell Island, Thomas Point

Private land- all of Deer Island

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: No information provided

Kayak staging area

Scuba diving in vicinity of Masterman Island

Local/regional park

Swimming, beachcombing

Boat launch site

Sewer/effluent line

Electric power line

Sand and gravel

Navigation Aid

Walking trail along coastline from Dillon Point to Patrician Cove

Commercial gillnet, salmon troll fisheries

Navigation route to Port Hardy through unit (CCG)

Acceptable Uses & Activities

Tenured Uses

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

Aquaculture:

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

Commercial Recreation:

- X Lodges and Base Camps
- ✓ Guiding Operations

Ongoing Non Tenured Activities

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

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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 maintain marine habitat, and to sustain First Nations activities while accommodating limited and compatible commercial activities.

New tenures should minimize impact on public recreation and First Nations activities.

New tenures should not alienate recorded commercial dive fishery sites.

Opportunities should be maintained for beach use for commercial and public recreation.

Commercial and industrial use applications within the unit should be referred to CWS.

Conditional marine plant aquaculture uses require submission of supporting biophysical information with license or lease application.