

## Unit 25. Moore Bay, Shawl Bay [click here for a detailed map](#)

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<b>Marine Area</b>	2304 ha	<b>Shoreline</b>	61.1 km
<b>Substrate</b>	mud	<b>Slope</b>	sloping
<b>Exposure</b>	low	<b>Depth</b>	mid-depth
<b>Current</b>	low	<b>Benthic Summer Temp</b>	warm
<b>Roughness</b>	low		

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### Management Emphasis - Recreation

#### Description

The area is characterized by an indented rocky shoreline and low current bays.

#### Unit Attributes

Shawl, Edmund, and Laura Bays, and Penphrase Passage are significant for migratory birds (Western Grebes, Common Murre, Marbled Murrelets, Goldeneyes, gulls, grebes, Common Mergansers). These are CWS areas of interest.

Intertidal Clams (3 beaches – 8 ha)

Eelgrass throughout area (local knowledge)

Major adult salmon holding areas; juvenile salmon present in area

Salmon streams south of Wishart Peninsula and at head of Sir Edmund Bay (local knowledge)

Herring spawning (16 spawns recorded); especially Kinaird Island (local knowledge)

Orca summer resting, winter and spring feeding areas: Resident and West Coast transient populations are listed as threatened nationally (T), and imperiled provincially (S2). They are provincially red-listed.

Harbour Porpoise area: provincially blue-listed species (S3)

High invertebrate values

Humpback resident area: provincially blue listed species

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (south portion of unit & Sir Edmund Bay)

Good off bottom scallop and oyster capability (south of Trivett Rock)

Forest industry has identified potential log dump sites along entire Wishart Peninsula & south shore Penphrase Passage to Sharp Passage

Tsawataineuk traditional territory

#### Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Some fishing and shellfish harvest areas. Extensive cultural areas throughout; pictographs on bluff in Sir Edmund Bay

Year round commercial tenures (4)

Seasonal commercial tenure

Marina at Shawl Bay

UREP/Recreation Reserve: MOF Recreation Site

Remote campsites

Boat havens at Laura Bay (under *Land Act* notation of interest)

Log handling & storage (3) upland logging camp, heli-log sites

Salmon farm

Sport salmon fishery; crab harvesting in Moore Bay, Shawl Bay

Commercial prawn fishery

## Acceptable Uses & Activities

### Tenured Uses

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

#### Aquaculture:

- ✓ Finfish
- ✓ Marine Plant
- X Shellfish Beach
- ✓ 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 |

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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

The unit should be managed to maintain existing activities and uses, with a focus on recreation in the northern portion of the unit.

New finfish aquaculture applications should be limited to southern portion of Penphrase Passage, south of Trivett Rock.

Maintain *Land Act* notation of interest over Laura Bay boat havens.

New tenures should minimize interference with existing tourism facility at Shawl Bay.

General development should be focused at Sir Edmund Bay and commercial recreation development at Shawl Bay.

Marinas and log dumps/heli dumps should be compatible with recreational boating.

New tenures should not alienate recorded commercial dive fishery sites.

Shellfish deepwater aquaculture tenures should not infringe on existing recreational, commercial and First Nations fisheries.

New tenures should be located and designed to minimize visual and aural effect on identified campsites.

The regional district should address local recreational interests in its review of tenure referrals.

Commercial and industrial use applications should be referred to CWS.