

## Unit 15. Burdwood Group [click here for a detailed map](#)

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<b>Marine Area</b>	852 ha	<b>Shoreline</b>	19.3 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>	moderate		

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### Management Emphasis - Recreation

#### Description

The unit contains a group of compact islands with significant cultural and recreational values.

#### Unit Attributes

Kelp beds (1 identified – 6 ha)

Juvenile, adult holding area and migration route for salmon; close to major Chum salmon holding area in Viner Sound (local knowledge)

Moderate to high invertebrate values

Intertidal Clams throughout (3 beaches confirmed – 3 ha)

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

Important for white sided dolphins, harbour porpoises: Harbour Porpoises are a provincially blue-listed species

This unit and adjacent upland were proposed as Burdwood Goal 2 protection area by CCGAT in CCLRMP process; only upland now in CCLRMP terms of reference

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1

Moderate off bottom scallop capability (entire area)

Traditional territory of Tsawataineuk and Kwicksutaineuk/Ah'K'waha'

Cultural Heritage/Archaeological sites identified (9)

#### Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: extensive shellfish areas throughout

Kayak route around unit; sheltered anchorages

Remote campsites

Salmon farm (1)

Sport salmon fishery, shrimp fishery

Commercial salmon troll, gillnet, seine fisheries, prawn fishery

Main marine transport route through northwest

## Acceptable Uses & Activities

### Tenured Uses

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

#### Aquaculture:

- Finfish
- X 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 ensure recreation and commercial recreation avoid impacts to First Nation cultural heritage values and archeological sites. It should be further assessed as a marine protection candidate.

Place entire unit under *Land Act* notation of interest in favour of WLAP for marine conservation and recreation purposes.

Tenures to be managed to minimize interference with seasonal public recreation activities including shellfish harvesting and access to upland campsites.

Uses should be compatible with any future protection area planning or designation of adjacent upland.

New tenures must be located and managed to avoid impact to cultural heritage/archeological values.

New tenures should be located and managed to minimize disturbance to onshore bird rookeries.

New tenures should not alienate recorded commercial dive fishery sites.

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

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

Finfish aquaculture tenure modification may be approved to accommodate anchoring requirements and/ or waste management regulation requirements, which include fallow sites.

Conditional marine telecommunications/ utilities uses require submission of supporting biophysical information with license or lease application.