

**Unit 48.        Goletas Channel** [click here for a detailed map](#)

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<b>Marine Area</b>	13742 ha	<b>Shoreline</b>	91.4 km
<b>Substrate</b>	sand	<b>Slope</b>	sloping
<b>Exposure</b>	low (west) moderate (east) high (Bates Pass)	<b>Depth</b>	deep (mid-depth-Bates)
<b>Current</b>	low (high – Bates)	<b>Benthic Summer Temp</b>	cold
<b>Roughness</b>	low (west), moderate (east & Bates)		

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**Management Emphasis - General Marine****Description**

The planning unit is characterized by a long, narrow passage with dispersed uses and activities.

**Unit Attributes**

The western entrances to Goletas Channel, a marine area, and shoreline areas west of Duval Island, are significant for migratory birds (Bald Eagles, Harelquin Ducks, Marbled Murrelets, Phalaropes, gulls, Common Murres, Rhinoceros Auklets, scaup, Pacific Loon). These are CWS areas of interest.

Red listed Round Tiny Inarticulate Discinisca Lamp Shell (globally unranked, provincially imperiled G?S2) found in bottom areas in Goletas Channel and south of Hope Island.

Red listed Tiny White Black-spotted Chiton (globally unranked, provincially imperiled G?S2) found in the marine benthic area of unit near Cape James

Kelp beds (13 identified –170 ha)

Moderate to high invertebrate values

Intertidal Clams : (2 beaches – 19 ha)

Salmonid Streams: 13 observed, 11 assumed

Marine mammal area (esp. Orca, porpoise) Resident and West Coast transient populations are listed as threatened nationally (T), and imperiled provincially (S2). They are provincially red-listed.

Estuary (17 ha)

Seal haulout or rafting site (1 identified)

Cape Scott Provincial Park on upland adjacent to Shushartie Bay.

Northwest Trail projected to extend along Vancouver Island Coast to Cape Scott Park

Shellfish capability not confirmed

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (throughout)

Tlatlasikwala and Kwakiutl traditional territories

Indian Reserve – Hope Island

Some private upland at Shushartie Bay

**Current Uses & Activities**

First Nations: Shellfish, fishing and culturally significant areas along Hope and Nigei islands.

Sport salmon (in vicinity of Duvall Point), ground fisheries

Commercial salmon troll, gillnet, seine fisheries; hook & line, longline ground fisheries

Scuba diving north of Shushartie Bay

Remote campsites

Marina at Duval Point Lodge

Log handling & storage at Shushartie Bay

Principle navigation route to Vancouver Island west coast through unit (CCG)

## Acceptable Uses & Activities

### Tenured Uses

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

#### Aquaculture:

- ✓ Finfish
- Marine Plant
- 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.
○	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 opportunities for existing uses while accommodating marine transportation requirements and fisheries.

Tenures should be compatible with adjacent upland park and recreational management uses.

New tenures and activities should minimize impact on seal/sea lion haulouts.

New tenures should minimize interference with existing tourism development.

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 shellfish and marine plant aquaculture uses require submission of supporting biophysical information with license or