

Unit 63. **Belize** [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	7383 ha	Shoreline	184.6 km
Substrate	mud	Slope	sloping (5-20%)
Exposure	low	Depth	deep (200-1000m)
Current	low (<3 Kn)	Benthic Summer Temp	cool (<9C)
Roughness	low		

Management Emphasis – General Marine

Description

The unit is a steep-walled fjord with low current. It contains a number of log handling sites.

Unit Attributes

Belize Inlet is significant for Rhinoceros Auklets and is a CWS area of interest.

Kelp beds (1 identified – 2 ha total area)

Salmonid Streams: 12 observed, 8 assumed

Major salmon rearing area (local knowledge)

Seal haulout or rafting site (1 identified)

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (along Belize west of Allison Sound); OA 2 (Mereworth Sound)

No shellfish aquaculture capability

Gwa'sala'Nakwaxda'xw traditional territory

Indian Reserve (1) – Tsai-Kwi-Ee

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: No information provided

Log handling & storage

Other tenure

Boat haven at Strachan Bay (under *Land Act* notation of interest).

Sport prawn, crab, shrimp fisheries; ground fishery

Commercial prawn, crab, shrimp fisheries; ground 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:

- X** Lodges and Base Camps
- ✓ Guiding Operations

Ongoing Non Tenured Activities

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

Code	
✓	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 mixed activities and uses.

Maintain *Land Act* notation of interest over Strachan Bay boat haven.

Commercial and industrial use applications within Belize Inlet should be referred to CWS.