

**Unit 10.**      **Boat Bay** [click here for a detailed map](#)

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<b>Marine Area</b>	659 ha	<b>Shoreline</b>	20.8 km
<b>Substrate</b>	sand	<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 forms the entrance to Johnstone Strait, and experiences high recreation and tourism use as well as use for whale research activities.

**Unit Attributes**

Most of this unit is significant for waterfowl and alcids, and is a CWS area of interest

Moderate invertebrate values

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

Kelp beds (1 identified – 60 ha)

Part of migratory route for mainland inlet pink salmon and Gulf of Georgia chinook salmon

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

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1

Tlowitsis traditional territory

**Current Uses & Activities**

Fist Nations: Food fishery and gathering areas throughout unit

Remote campsites

UREP/ Recreation Notation of Interest

Trail on Boat Bay upland supports recreation and wildlife viewing activities

Kayaking destination area; kayaking routes throughout

Boat havens at Growler Cove (under *Land Act* Notations of Interest) and Boat Bay (under *Land Act* UREP Notation of Interest).

Sport salmon, ground fisheries; crab fishery

Commercial salmon troll, gillnet, seine fisheries; prawn fishery

## 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:

- 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 |

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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 promote uses and activities compatible with adjacent upland conservation areas, and to provide a focal point to reduce the impact of seasonal recreational boating traffic on Robson Bight Ecological Reserve. It should be further assessed as a marine protection candidate.

Place entire unit under *Land Act* Notation of Interest (including Boat Bay and Growler Cove boat havens) in favour of WLAP for marine conservation and recreation purposes.

Tenure applicants are encouraged to develop working relationships with Tlowitsis First Nation. New tenures should not preclude opportunities for the seine fishery shore tie-ups in vicinity of Cracroft Point.

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

The regional district should address local recreational interests in its review of tenure referrals. Management plans for commercial recreation guiding operations should attempt to reflect consultation with Tlowitsis First Nation to avoid harm to sensitive cultural sites.

MSRM & LWBC should work with affected groups, the regional district and the Tlowitsis First Nation to develop a strategy for management and allocation of campsites in this unit for both recreational and tourism uses.

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

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