Unit 17. Tribune North *click here for a detailed map*

Marine Area	2620 ha	**Shoreline**	34.5 km
Substrate	mud	**Slope**	sloping
Exposure	low	**Depth**	mid-depth
Current	low	**Benthic Summer Temp**	Warm
Roughness	low		

Management Emphasis – Recreation

Description

The unit is a long, steep passageway with limited beaches and moderate development activity.

Unit Attributes

CWS area of interest: Watson Cove is a significant waterfowl habitat (Surf Scoters); Pelagic Cormorant, Glaucous-winged Gull and Pigeon Guillemot nesting colony at Deep Sea Bluff

Kelp beds (1 identified – 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.

Humpback Whale resident area: provincially blue listed species

Harbour Porpoise habitat – year round: provincially blue-listed species

White sided dolphins in area

Salmon migration route; juvenile and adult salmon holding area (local knowledge)

Salmon streams (local knowledge)

Herring spawn at Rainy Point (local knowledge)

High prawn values

Scenic waterfalls in and west of Watson Cove

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA1 throughout

Moderate off bottom scallop and oyster capability at west end of unit

Forest industry has identified potential log dump sites along entire south shore & half of north shore

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

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Fishing areas throughout with one shellfish harvest area at entrance

Salmon farms (2)

Log dump (1), heli-log sites

Commercial prawn, shrimp, salmon troll, gillnet and seine fisheries

Marine transport and navigation route (CCG)

Acceptable Uses & Activities

Tenured Uses

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:

- • Finfish
- ✓ Marine Plant
- **X** Shellfish Beach
- ✓ Shellfish Deep Water Aquaculture

Commercial Recreation:

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

Ongoing Non Tenured Activities

✓	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 maintain its potential as a recreational boating corridor between the Broughton Archipelago provincial park and the Ahta/Ahnuhati upland protection area while accommodating compatible development.

Licenses or permits for commercial recreation guiding use of this unit are conditional on operating practices that follow established guidelines and / or performance based standards for minimizing impacts on bird colonies and migratory bird habitat.

Log tow operators are encouraged to avoid prawn trap fishery areas.

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

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

All applications for use within 1km of bird colonies should be referred to CWS.