

Unit 30. Cypress Harbour [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	1676 ha	Shoreline	29.7 km
Substrate	mud	Slope	sloping
Exposure	low	Depth	deep (200-1000m) to mid-depth
Current	low	Benthic Summer Temp	warm to cold
Roughness	low		

Management Emphasis – General Marine

Description

The unit includes part of Sutlej Channel, an area is characterized by low current, and sheltered, deep water. The unit has several log handling sites. Cypress Harbour is a popular destination for boaters and kayakers.

Unit Attributes

Salmon migration route and adult holding area

Salmon stream in Duck Inlet (local knowledge)

High prawn value

Moderate to high invertebrate fishery

Eelgrass around Cecil Island (local knowledge)

Springs, pink, sockeye, chum salmon in Sutlej Channel (local knowledge)

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 area: provincially blue-listed species

Grey Whale sightings in Sutlej Channel (local knowledge)

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (majority); OA 2 (eastern end)

Good off bottom clam/oyster and scallop shellfish aquaculture capability (Sutlej Channel)

Traditional territories of Tsawataineuk and Gwawaenuk

Forest industry has identified potential log dump sites along both shores.

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Salmon & dogfish fishing areas. Productive clam beds, in Stopford Bay, Philip Point to Bover Point. Cultural areas throughout. Concerned about impact of existing salmon farm on shellfish beds, salmon migration.

Salmon farm at Cypress Harbour, slated for relocation

Log handling and storage (2); heli-log sites, camp tie-up

UREP/Recreation reserves (2): MOF Recreation site

Safe anchorage at Cypress Harbour

Remote campsites

Sport & aboriginal fishery for shrimp, prawn and crab fisheries (especially Wood Point to Walker Point, Donald Head)

Commercial shrimp, prawn and crab fisheries

Acceptable Uses & Activities

Tenured Uses

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community & Public Institutional | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Light Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Log Handling, Storage & Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Telecommunications & Utilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Moorage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Fisheries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Nations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Recreation |

Code	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The use or activity is considered acceptable and appropriate. Applications for tenure of this use should be accepted for processing and evaluation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 existing commercial uses.

Tenure applicants are encouraged to develop working relationships with the Gwawaenuk and Tsawataineuk First Nations.

New tenures should not impede safe anchorage at Cypress Harbour.

New tenures should not alienate recorded commercial dive fishery sites.

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

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.

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