

Unit 40. **Hanson** [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	1400 ha	Shoreline	17.7 km
Substrate	sand	Slope	sloping
Exposure	low	Depth	photic
Current	high	Benthic Summer Temp	warm
Roughness	moderate		

Management Emphasis - Recreation

Description

The area is characterized by rugged shoreline and pocket beaches. This unit is critical habitat for whales, and is a popular destination for sea kayakers and whale watching businesses. It also experiences considerable marine traffic.

Unit Attributes

Important orca habitat: Resident and West Coast transient populations are listed as threatened nationally (T), and imperiled provincially (S2). They are provincially red-listed.

Kelp beds throughout (2 identified – 33 ha)

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA1

Traditional territory of Tlowitsis and Namgis

Hanson Island upland recently established as OIC protection area under CCLRMP process until June 30, 2003

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Extensive fishing activity in Johnstone Strait with shellfish harvest and culturally significant areas along Hanson Island

Marine based wildlife viewing

Marine transportation: secondary north-south navigation route through unit (CCG)

Scuba diving

Kayaking destination area; kayaking routes throughout

Remote campsites, campsite at Blinkhorn Peninsula is subject to a *Land Act* Notation of Interest

Commercial salmon troll, gillnet, seine fisheries; prawn fishery

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 maintain recreational opportunities and uses compatible with any future protection area management regime, while recognizing marine transportation requirements. New tenures should be compatible with any future protection area planning or designation of adjacent upland on Hanson Island.

Tenure approvals should be deferred adjacent to Hanson Island until June 30, 2003 or sooner to accommodate completion of collaborative management discussions.

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

Conflicts should be minimized between whale watching and marine transportation activities.

Foreshore tenures should be located to avoid seine fishery shore tie-ups.

The regional district should address local recreational interests in its review of tenure referrals.

Opportunities should be maintained for beach use for commercial and public recreation.

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.