

Unit 47. Nigei Gordon Group [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	6092 ha	Shoreline	98.7 km
Substrate	hard	Slope	sloping
Exposure	moderate	Depth	photic
Current	high	Benthic Summer Temp	cold
Roughness	moderate		

Management Emphasis - Conservation

Description

The unit encompasses God's Pocket provincial marine park. It is characterized by several important scuba diving sites including Browning Pass, diverse species including sea lions, marine mammals and waterfowl. Recreational activities in Browning Pass occasionally conflict with marine transportation.

Unit Attributes

CWS areas of interest: Glaucous-Winged gull breeding sites along portions of the Gordon Islands, and Bald Eagle nesting sites (24) especially along Balaclava Island shoreline; Doyle Rocks and Crane Island contain breeding colonies for Glaucous-winged Gull

Kelp beds: (13 recorded – 110 ha)

Moderate to high invertebrate values

Shellfish aquaculture capability not confirmed

Intertidal Clams (4 beaches – 24 ha)

Seal/sea lion haulout or rafting sites: (4 recorded): The Northern Sea lion is a red listed species

High rockfish values

Non-native cultural features (2)

Gordon Islands – opportunity for additional finfish sites

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (scattered)

Kwakiutl traditional territory

Adjacent Indian Reserves (2) – Glen-Gla-Ouch, Wakems

Private land on central Balaklava, Cascade Harbour and Heard Islands

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Shellfish areas on Gordon Islands. Fishing areas throughout with some culturally significant areas on Nigei Island

Scuba diving sites (5) – Browning Pass (3) contains Browning Wall, one of best cold water dive sites on Pacific Coast.

Remote campsites

Private moorage (1) – Cascade Harbour (Marina)

Year round commercial tenures (2)

Salmon farms (3) including 1 slated for relocation

Log handling and storage sites (1); upland logging camp

Water-line (1); Sewer/effluent line (1)

Sport salmon, ground fisheries

Commercial urchin fishery; salmon troll, gillnet, seine fisheries; hook & line, longline ground fisheries

Browning and Christie Pass both used for navigation and transport (CCG)

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 type="checkbox"/> Log Handling, Storage & Infrastructure |
| <input checked="" 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 conserve key marine biological values as a basis for compatible commercial recreation uses. The Browning Pass portion should be further assessed as a marine protection candidate.

Place Browning Pass portion of unit under *Land Act* notation of interest in favour of WLAP for marine conservation and recreation purposes.

Licences 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.

Tenure provisions should be strengthened to minimize marine mammal and bird mortality at time of renewal.

New tenures should not alienate recorded commercial dive fishery sites.

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

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

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

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

Conditional shellfish and marine plant aquaculture uses require submission of supporting biophysical information with license or lease application.