

Unit 5. Havannah Channel [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	1732 ha	Shoreline	48.5 km
Substrate	sand	Slope	flat
Exposure	low	Depth	photic
Current	low	Benthic Summer Temp	warm
Roughness	low		

Management Emphasis – General Marine

Description

The area is characterized by low exposure and low currents combined with shallow, warm marine environment. Recurring plankton blooms have disrupted existing salmon aquaculture operations.

Unit Attributes

Ray Point and Root Point are significant areas for waterfowl and are CWS areas of interest.

2 kelp beds (16 ha)

Moderate to high invertebrate values

10 intertidal clam beaches (34 ha)

Salmonid Streams (2 observed, 6 assumed); salmon migration route

Herring spawning (5 spawns recorded)

Orca summer resting, winter feeding habitat: Resident and West Coast transient populations are listed as threatened nationally (T), and imperiled provincially (S2). They are provincially red-listed.

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (excluding Boughey Bay)

Good off-bottom scallop capability (Hull Island, northern portion of Havannah Channel)

Good beach clam & oyster capability (2 sites- Boughey Bay)

Tlowitsis traditional territory

Indian Reserves (3)

Private upland at Soderman Cove, Burial Cove, and Hull Island

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Shellfish sites throughout Call Inlet entrance, off Hull Island, and the coastlines of Havannah channel and Bockett Islets. Fishing grounds extending from Ray Point throughout to Whitebeach Point. Culturally significant areas along Havannah Channel shoreline

Salmon farms (2) including 1 slated for relocation; second tenure comprises two sites (western end)

Log dumps (2)

Year round commercial tenure

Marina

Commercial wharf

Towboat reserve

Boat haven at Burial Cove

Safe anchorage at Boughey Bay

Recreational boating; regular log towing area through main channel

Commercial prawn, shrimp, crab fisheries

Transport and navigation routes through Havannah Channel (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 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 a variety of existing uses and accommodate new opportunities where compatible with marine biological conditions.

Tenure applicants are encouraged to develop working relationships with Tlowitsis First Nation.

Management plans for commercial recreation operations should attempt to reflect consultation with Tlowitsis First Nation to avoid harm to sensitive cultural sites.

Establish *Land Act* Notation of Interest over Burial Cove boat haven.

New tenures should not impede safe anchorage at Boughey Bay.

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.

Commercial and industrial use applications within 1km of Ray Point and Root Point should be referred to CWS.

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.