

Unit 55. Cape Caution [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	8872 ha	Shoreline	239.6
Substrate	hard (sand to hard - Cape caution)	Slope	flat (0-5% slope)
Exposure	high	Depth	shallow (0-5m) to mid-depth (50-200m)
Current	low (<3 Kn)	Benthic Summer Temp	cool (<9C) to warm (9-15C)
Roughness	moderate to low (low – cape caution)		

Management Emphasis - Recreation

Description

Cape Caution is an important recreation destination. The unit lies on navigation routes to Seymour/Belize complex and to northern destinations.

Unit Attributes

CWS areas of interest: several offshore islets and the area between Baccleugh and Bremner Points are significant for migratory birds (Black Oystercatcher, Glaucous-Winged Gull, Pigeon Guillemot); breeding colonies located at Annie Rocks, Harris and Rogers Islands, Emily Group and McEwan Rock. McEwan Rock is also a breeding colony for Pelagic Cormorants). These are habitat of the blue-listed Cassin's Auklet.

Kelp beds (16 identified – 194 ha)

Moderate invertebrate values

Intertidal Clams (5 beaches – 22 ha)

Sea lion haulouts: The Northern Sea lion is a red listed species

Red-listed Artic Cookie Star has been identified in Slingsby Channel (Outer Narrows)

Grey whale summer feeding area (blue listed species)

High rockfish values

Herring spawning (1 spawn recorded)

This unit and adjacent upland areas were proposed as Cape Caution Goal 1 protection area by CCGAT in CCLRMP process; only upland now in CCLRMP terms of reference

Upland areas recently established as temporary OIC protection areas until June 30, 2003

Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (within 1 km of shore excluding Allison Harbour)

Good deepwater scallop, marine plant and oyster capability at Alison Harbour, Schooner Channel, Cougar Inlet, Treadwell Bay.

Good deepwater oyster potential at Southgate Group.

Medium deepwater scallop and marine plant potential in Southgate Group, Murray Labyrinth (entrance to Schooner Channel)

Gwa'sala'Nakwaxda'xw Traditional Territory

Adjacent Indian Reserve – Saagoombahlah

Private land at Allison Harbour & north shore of Bramham Island

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: No information provided

Major log transportation route through Slingsby Channel (CCG) and temporary tie-up area

Light aircraft landings on beaches

Boat havens at Miles Inlet (under *Land Act* Notation of Interest) and Treadwell Bay (under *Land Act* UREP Notation of Interest)

Marine portion of unit established under *Land Act* UREP Notation of Interest in 1997

Safe Anchorages at Allison Harbour and Southgate Group

Scuba diving; swimming, beachcombing

Kayaking destination, Remote campsites

Guided nature viewing

Year round commercial tenure

General tenure

Environment/Protection/Conservation reserves (2)

Sport salmon fishery

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

Log handling at Allison Harbour

Acceptable Uses & Activities

Tenured Uses

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| ✓ Community & Public Institutional | ✓ Conservation |
| X Light Industrial | ✓ Log Handling, Storage & Infrastructure |
| O Marine Telecommunications & Utilities | ✓ Private Moorage |
| X Rural Development | X General Commercial |

Aquaculture:

- ✓ Finfish
- ✓ Marine Plant
- ✓ Shellfish Beach
- ✓ Shellfish Deep Water Aquaculture

Commercial Recreation:

- X Lodges and Base Camps
- O Guiding Operations

Ongoing Non Tenured Activities

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| ✓ Commercial Fisheries | ✓ First Nations |
| ✓ Marine Transportation | ✓ Public Recreation |

Code
✓ 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 for recreation and uses that are compatible with management of the adjacent upland area. The marine portion should be further assessed as a marine protection candidate.

Place entire unit (including Treadwell Bay boat haven) under *Land Act* notation of interest in favour of WLAP for marine conservation and recreation purposes.

Maintain *Land Act* notation of interest over Miles Inlet boat haven.

Activities and uses should be managed to minimize disturbance of red / blue listed species habitat.

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.

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

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

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

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