

## Unit 57. Numas Islands [click here for a detailed map](#)

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<b>Marine Area</b>	4809 ha	<b>Shoreline</b>	14.8 km
<b>Substrate</b>	hard	<b>Slope</b>	flat (0-5% slope)
<b>Exposure</b>	moderate	<b>Depth</b>	mid-depth (50-200m)
<b>Current</b>	low (<3 Kn)	<b>Benthic Summer Temp</b>	cool (<9C)
<b>Roughness</b>	moderate – low		

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### Management Emphasis - Conservation

#### Description

The unit is comprises a small island group and surrounding waters in the Queen Charlotte Strait. It supports important bird colonies and marine mammal habitat.

#### Unit Attributes

CWS area of interest: shoreline and nearshore areas are significant for migratory birds including the blue-listed Rhinoceros auklet; Staples Islet contains Black Oyster Catcher, Glaucous-winged Gull breeding colonies

Blue listed Gmelin's Sedges located in saltmarshes; marine bottom areas in this unit are habitat of the red-listed Round Tiny Inarticulate Discinisca lamp Shell

Moderate prawn values

High rockfish values

Moderate to high invertebrate values

Industry assessing salmon aquaculture potential in area

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

Humpback Whale feeding area: provincially blue listed species

Feeding area for Pacific White sided dolphins & Dalls porpoises

Kelp beds throughout (2 identified – 30 ha total area)

This unit and adjacent upland were proposed Numas Islands Goal 2 protection area by CCGAT in CCLRMP process; only upland now in CCLRMP terms of reference

No shellfish aquaculture capability information available

Traditional territory of Gwawaenuk and Kwakiutl First Nations

#### Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Important Gwawaenuk food collection area.

Kayaking routes throughout

Sport ground fishery

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

Principle north-south transport route runs along outer edge of unit (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 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 maintain conservation values, while acknowledging continued exercising of First Nation food fishery, social and ceremonial rights. The Numas Islands portion of unit should be further assessed as a marine protection candidate.

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

Licences or permits for commercial recreation guiding use 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 not alienate recorded commercial dive fishery sites.