

Unit 8. Minstrel [click here for a detailed map](#)

Marine Area	751ha	Shoreline	33.5 km
Substrate	mud	Slope	flat
Exposure	low	Depth	deep
Current	low	Benthic Summer Temp	warm
Roughness	low		

Management Emphasis - Recreation

Description

The area is characterized by a low exposure, low current and deep warm marine environment supporting diverse biological values. Phytoplankton blooms may limit finfish aquaculture opportunities.

Unit Attributes

Kelp beds throughout unit; eelgrass throughout, especially at head of Lagoon Cove (local knowledge)
Moderate to high invertebrate values
Intertidal Clams (7 beaches – 11 ha)
Humpback Whale resident area: provincially blue listed species
Salmon migratory route, smolt holding area
Finfish aquaculture potential: OA 1 (northern area)
Good off bottom scallop capability (entire area)
Moderate beach clam and oyster capability between Dorman & Farquarhson Islands
Tlowitsis traditional territory
Private upland southern end of Minstrel Island, Farquarhson Island and eastern shore of Lagoon Cove

Current Uses & Activities

First Nations: Shellfish areas along the Blow Hole, Lagoon cove and Bennett Point. Fishing grounds along Clio channel out to Knight Inlet. Sensitive cultural areas extending up inlet
Commercial floating lodge and moorage at Lagoon Cove
Year round commercial tenures (2)
Seasonal commercial tenure
Occasional log transport through area
Remote campsites
Primary boating route
Boat safe anchorage at Lagoon Cove
Sport salmon fishery, especially Chinook salmon between Minstrel and Turnour Island shore
Commercial prawn, shrimp, crab fisheries

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 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 important recreation values and activities in this area. New tenures should be located and designed to minimize visual and aural effect on identified campsites.

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.

New tenures should not impede safe anchorage at Lagoon Cove.

New tenures should not alienate recorded commercial dive fishery sites.

New tenures in Lagoon Cove should not impact existing commercial crab fishery.

New tenures should minimize interference with log towing routes and recreational boat traffic.

Shellfish deepwater aquaculture tenures should not infringe on existing recreational, commercial and First Nations fisheries.

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

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