

Unit 10a - Northwest Douglas Island

Background

The tidelands and submerged lands in this unit receive some of the highest recreation and fishing use in the planning area. Subunits 10a4-12, which include the area around Outer and False Outer points, receive high public use for both salmon and halibut fishing. In addition, the shoreline is popular for walking, picnicking, exploring tidepools, and watching wildlife. The CBJ uplands adjacent to Subunit 10a10 are used for parking. There is a trail along the beach and uplands through Subunits 10a5-10a10 between Outer Point and False Outer Point. Subunits 10a25 and 10a29 were selected by the state in 1989 from the USFS for community expansion and recreation. Subunit 10a28 was selected for community expansion and recreation in 1989 (NFCG 315 and 318). Silver Bay Logging has proposed a bulk fuel storage facility, mooring dock, and barge landing adjacent to the existing boat launch in Subunit 10a17.

Douglas Island Bench Route. Road corridors have been studied to route traffic along the northwest side of Douglas Island. One route would cross state-selected uplands near Cove and Elevenmile creeks (Subunits 10a25 and 10a28).

Conceptual New Growth Area. Subunits 10a16, 10a17, 10a25, and 1029 are designated by the CBJ Comprehensive Plan as a Conceptual New Growth Area. CBJ ordinances require that developers must submit a master plan to CBJ prior to developments being approved.

Boat Harbor and Launch. The existing CBJ-operated boat launch is located in Subunit 10a17. The 1983 CBJ Small Boat Harbor Development Plan proposed expanding the existing North Douglas boat ramp to two lanes. This plan also looked at the potential for using Fritz Cove for a marina. The area studied is just east of Subunit 10a17 in the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge. If the marina, boat launch, or the Gastineau Channel crossing (between the Eaglecrest Road and Mile 8 on Egan Drive) are built, there will be increased demands on the uses of the state lands in this unit.

AMSA. The Fritz Cove area that includes Subunits 10a3-16 was recommended as an Area Meriting Special Addition (AMSA) by the JCMP. The area is used extensively for water-related recreational activities, has high scenic values, and aquatic and terrestrial habitat. An AMSA plan has not been initiated. The intent of the AMSA would be to assist in coordinating state, federal, and CBJ involvement in developing new growth areas and the proposed channel crossing.¹⁷ The purpose of the proposed AMSA as described in the CBJ Coastal Management Plan is to minimize the impacts of development on the public's use of the shoreline and the scenic values of the area between Fish Creek and Outer Point.

¹⁷ The most likely locations for channel crossings that were studied by DOTPF are in the Mendenhall State Game Refuge and are not addressed by this plan.

Management Intent

This unit will be managed primarily to maintain the area's high public values for recreation and fish and wildlife habitat and harvest. Transportation improvements, including roads, trails, and materials extraction are an allowable use as long as significant impacts on the values for which these subunits were designated are minimized. Subunit 10a25 is co-designated Materials (Mt) and Dispersed Recreation (Rd) and will be managed consistent with these designations.

Management Guidelines

Transportation. DNR should consult with DOTPF before issuing authorizations in Subunits 10a25 and 10a28 to ensure that opportunities for construction of the Bench Road are not impaired.

Mineral Closures. The estuarine area, from mean high water to a water depth of 40 feet (measured at mean low low water), at the mouth of Peterson Creek will be closed to new mineral location to protect important rearing areas for anadromous fish. The maintenance of the high quality estuarine rearing habitat adjacent to this stream and avoiding impacts to the associated water quality and marine plant and animal communities is essential to sustain the productivity of the Juneau area commercial- and community-harvest fisheries. A map of this closure can be found in Mineral Order 653 in Appendix B.

Floathomes. Consistent with the JCMP, floathomes are prohibited in this unit east of Elevenmile Creek on state tidelands and submerged lands.

Bulk Fuel Storage. This facility has been proposed just east of the existing boat launch in Subunit 10a17. The area has been designated a Conceptual New Growth Area by the CBJ Comprehensive Plan. The area included in the tidelands lease application has not been designated Waterfront Development because of the lack of information about the proposed development site. In addition, there are concerns about the resulting loss of parking and boat launch expansion opportunities, and whether or not the adjacent CBJ lands are available for a bulk fuel storage facility. This type of development may, however, be allowed along the north Douglas coastline. Review of the proposed lease should be in conjunction with the CBJ submittal requirements [CBJ Ordinance 49.70.13a(b)] and master plan submittal procedures [49.70.140(a)] which will assist DNR and other agencies with identifying the full effect of the proposed development on state tidelands and submerged lands.

Mineral Closures. Subunit 10a25 will be closed to new mineral entry because of potential conflicts between using the site for materials and mining claims. Reopening the subunit to new mineral entry will be considered when the materials site is closed. A map of this closure can be found in Mineral Order 653 in Appendix B.

Land-Use Designation Summary

For keys to the one-letter and two-letter abbreviations used in this table, see the beginning of this chapter.

UNIT 10A: NW DOUGLAS ISLAND						
Area no. & name	DNR designation	CBJ zoning district	Land type	Adjacent ownership	Resource or use	Other comments
10a1	Hb Hv	RR	SU	State	Herring overwintering; Tanner and king crab commercial and personal use harvest	
10a3 George Rock	Hv	RR	SU	State	Shrimp, king and Tanner crab personal use and commercial harvest; intensive halibut and salmon sportfishing	
10a4 Shaman Island	Ha Hv Rd	RR	SU	State	Halibut and salmon sportfishing; king crab rearing habitat	
10a5 Outer Point	Hv Rd	OS	T	CBJ	Halibut and salmon sportfishing	Outer Point trail along adjacent CBJ-owned uplands; heavily used for sportfishing
10a6 Mouth of Peterson Creek	Ha Hv Rp	OS	T	Private and CBJ	Anchorage; halibut and salmon sportfishing; anadromous stream mouth; tide flats estrarine marsh; black bear spring and summer habitat	Bluff trail and Outer Point trail along shoreline. Peterson Creek trailhead at tidewater
10a7	Ha Hv Rd	OS	T	CBJ and State	Anchorage; public clam harvest; intensive salmon and halibut sportfishing; Dungeness crab personal use harvest; anadromous fish rearing	Outer Point trail along adjacent CBJ uplands
10a8	Hv Rd	OS	T	State	Public clam harvest; salmon and halibut sportfishing; Dungeness crab personal use harvest	Bluff trail along adjacent CBJ-owned uplands
10a9 False Outer Point	Hv Rd	OS	T	CBJ	Salmon, halibut, Dolly Varden sportfishing	Bluff trail along adjacent CBJ-owned uplands
10a10	Hv Rd	OS	T	CBJ	Public clam harvest; area of most intensive roadside salmon sportfisheries	Bluff trail along adjacent CBJ-owned uplands
10a11	Hv Rd	OS	SU	State	Salmon and halibut sportfishing; Dungeness crab commercial harvest	
10a12 False Outer Point beach	Hb Hv Rd	RR	SU	State	Very intensive halibut and salmon harvest; herring overwintering habitat; one of most intensive roadside fisheries	
10a13	Hb	RR	SU	State	King and Tanner crab commercial and personal use harvest; herring overwintering habitat	
10a14	Hb Hv	RR	SU	State	Salmon and halibut sportfishing; herring overwintering habitat	
10a15	Hv Rd	OS	T	CBJ	Halibut and salmon sportfishing	

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10a16	Hv Rd	RR C-Proposed New Growth Area	T	State selected	Halibut and salmon sportfishing	
10a17	Hv Pt Rp	RR C-Proposed New Growth Area	T	State selected	Intensive halibut and salmon sportfishing	North Douglas Boat Launch (CBJ operated). Proposed fuel loading and barge landing facility
10a25 Eleven Mile Creek	Rd Mt	OS/RR C-Proposed New Growth Area	UP	CBJ/ State selected/ USFS	Proposed trail along Eleven Mile Creek; proposed trail along bench at 600' level	Potential materials site
10a28	G	RR	UP	USFW/ CBJ	Proposed trail along ridgetop	
10a29	Pt Rp	RR C-Proposed New Growth Area	UP	State selected		North Douglas Boat Launch (CBJ operated). Proposed fuel loading and barge landing facility

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Land Ownership

-  State Selected
-  Municipal
-  Private

Designations

- G** General Uses
- Ha** Fish & Wildlife Habitat
- Hb** Fish & Wildlife Habitat
- Hv** Fish & Wildlife Harvest
- Mt** Materials
- Pt** Public Facilities - Transfer
- Rd** Recreation - Dispersed
- Rp** Recreation - Public Use Site
-  Anchorage

