Unit 11a - North Lynn Canal

Background

Mining and Mineral Potential. The USFS uplands in this subunit have high mineral potential and include the Kensington Mine, Jualin Mine, and numerous federal mining claims. The Kensington site currently has a 100-person camp, a mine road from the beach to the lower adit, waste rock storage, and settling ponds. The state tidelands adjacent to these lands are currently proposed for support facilities for the Kensington Mine (Subunit 11a3). Kensington Venture, Inc. has submitted an application for a barge ramp and fuel transfer facility just south of Sherman Creek (ADL 105546). This lease would be used for placing mooring buoys and dolphins that would be associated with loading fuel and materials from barges to the shore. The company is also applying for a right-of-way along state tidelands for an outflow pipe from the processing facility to Sherman Point. In addition, a road along the USFS-owned shoreline to Echo Cove may be proposed to support mining at both the Kensington and Jualin mines at some time in the future.

Recreation. Because of the exposed coastline, this unit receives less recreational use than Berners Bay. Cruise ships and the Alaska Marine Highway ferries travel one to two miles offshore through Unit 11a on their way to Haines and Skagway. Scenery and wildlife viewing are an important use of this unit. The unit also supports camping and use by powerboats, kayaks, and barges.

Management Intent

With the exception of the tidelands in Subunit 11a3, state lands in this unit will be managed to provide a semi-primitive recreation experience, wildlife habitat, and harvest opportunities. Over the long-term, roads and utility corridors may be considered that provide improved access to the area for mining or serve as part of a regional transportation and utility system.

Kensington. The state tidelands and submerged lands in Subunit 11a3 will be managed to support the water-dependent activities associated with the development of the Kensington Mine while avoiding or minimizing the impacts on the two anadromous stream mouths, salmon and halibut sport fishing, and commercial gillnet fishing for which this subunit is co-designated.

Upland Parcels. Subunits 11a7 includes patented federal mining claims that came into state ownership through escheat. The isolated upland parcels will be managed primarily to support activities associated with mineral exploration and development.

Management Guidelines

Northern Route Access Corridors. When authorizing activities on state lands where a regional transportation corridor is proposed, DNR will assure options for the road connection are maintained. Before DNR authorizes any phase or segment of a regional road corridor north from Juneau, appropriate agencies and the public will have the opportunity to comment.

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 11A: NORTH LYNN CANAL						
Area no. & name	**DNR designation**	**CBJ zoning district**	**Land type**	**Adjacent ownership**	**Resource or use**	**Other comments**
11a1	G	RR	T/SU	State/ USFS		
11a2	Ha Hv	RR	T/SU	State/ USFS	Herring spawning; salmon and halibut sportfishing	
11a3 Kensington Mine	Ha Hv Wd	RR	T	USFS/ Private	Two anadromous stream mouths; salmon and halibut sportfishing; salmon gillnet fishing; herring spawning; salmon nearshore rearing, nearshore estuary, early marine rearing	Proposed Kensington tideland facilities
11a4 Sherman Rock	Hv	RR	T/SU	USFS	Salmon and halibut sportfishing; gillnet fishery	
11a5	G	RR	T/SU	USFS		
11a6 Point St. Mary	Ha Hv	RR	T/SU	USFS	Salmon gillnet fishing; salmon sportfishing; herring spawning	
11a7 Ivanhoe	Ha M	RR	UP	USFS and private	Near-term potential for mineral development; winter goat habitat	
11a10 Brown	Ha Hv	RR	T	USFS	Anadromous stream mouth; salmon and halibut sportfishing	

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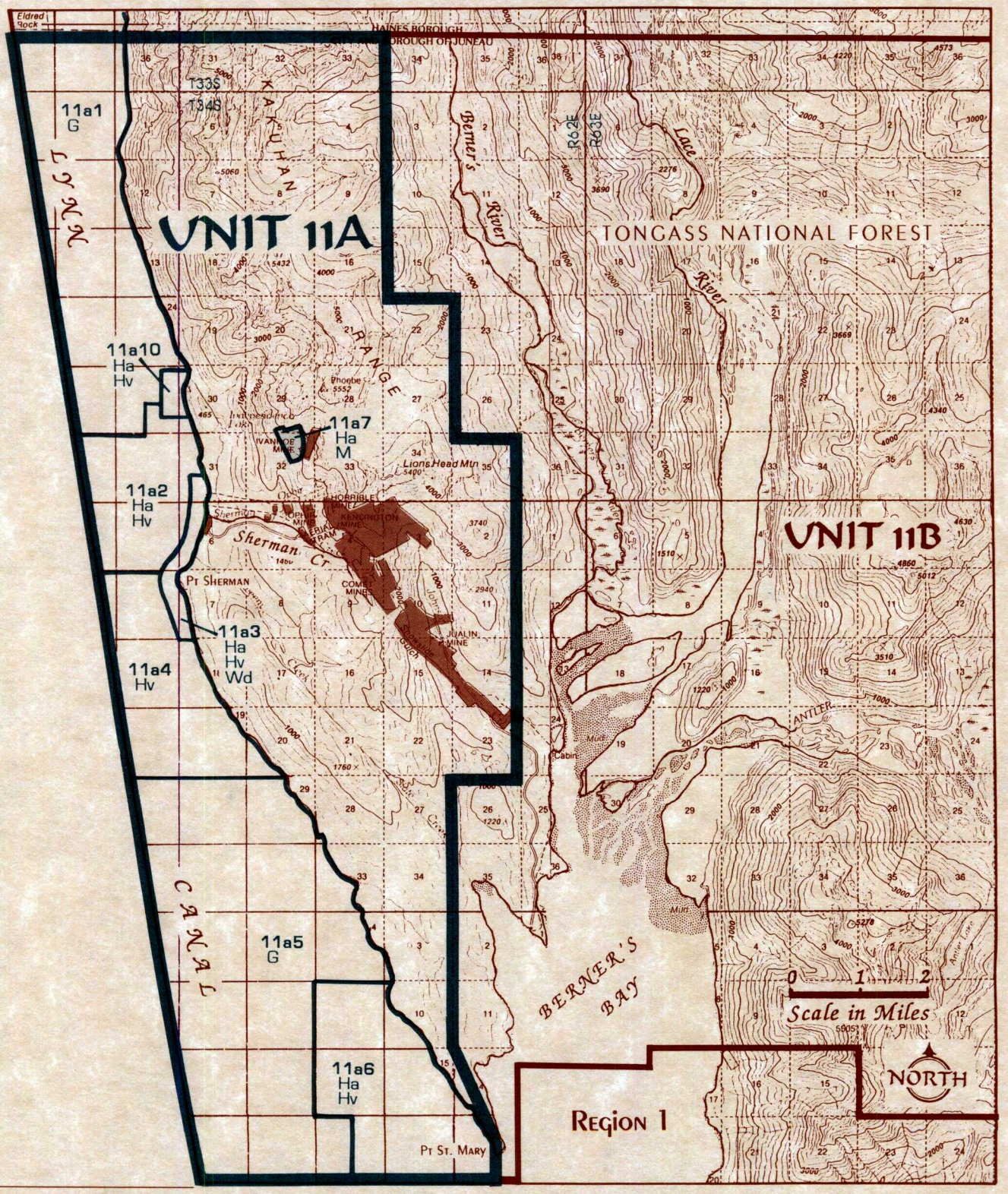
Land Ownership

- State Owned
- Private

Designations

G	General Uses
Ha	Fish & Wildlife Habitat
Hv	Fish & Wildlife Harvest
M	Minerals Development
Wd	Waterfront Development