Unit 3d - Mendenhall Peninsula

Background

This unit includes the area between the tip of the Mendenhall Peninsula and Battleship Reef. This unit contains mostly state tidelands and submerged lands. The only uplands in this unit are on Suedla Island and Battleship Reef were selected for community recreation values (NFCG 321 and 211). They have been proposed as a State Marine Park. Most of the uplands are in private ownership. The remainder are owned by the CBJ, and for the most part have been designated Open Space.

Protected waters in this unit are adjacent to the Juneau road system and support high recreation use, particularly by small skiffs and kayaks. Subunits 3d7-17, 3d21, and 3d23. These subunits are a short distance from the Smugglers Cove put-in at the end of Fritz Cove Road. The submerged lands support high boat traffic travelling to Auke Bay marinas. There are a number of mooring buoys and small structures along the shoreline that are used primarily by upland owners. Because of the diverse shoreline, the area also has high habitat values and supports high use for both commercial and sport fishing.

Management Intent

The unit will be managed primarily to support high value recreation, habitat, and harvest uses and resources. Of high importance is the maintenance of public access to the tidelands and submerged lands that are heavily used by the public. The tidelands adjacent to private uplands will also be managed to support the shoreline needs of upland owners, while mitigating impacts on recreation, habitat, and harvest for which individual subunits are co-designated.

Management Guidelines

Recreation. Commercial recreation leasing is prohibited on Battleship Island, Suedla Island, and Spuhn Island.[7]

Marine Park. Suedla Island and Battleship Reef have in the past been proposed as part of a State Marine Park. If these islands are not designated by the legislature for this purpose, the subunits within the proposed park will be managed to support and encourage the high recreation, habitat, and harvest values for which these subunits were designated.

Facilities. The size and scale of improvements on tidelands by private upland owners may be limited to protect the high public values of the tidelands for public use.

Floathomes. Floathomes are prohibited in this unit on state tidelands and submerged lands in Unit 3d.

7 For additional information about commercial, recreation leasing, see Chapter 2, Recreation, Tourism, and Scenic Resources Section.

Land-Use Designation Summary

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

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Area no. & name	DNR designation	CBJ zoning district	Land type	Adjacent ownership	Resource or use	Other comments
3d1 around Suedla Island	Hv Rd	RR	T and SU	State	Tanner and king crab personal use harvest; salmon sportfishing; viewing seals, eagles, seabirds	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
3d2	Hv Rd One beach access point	OS	T	CBJ	Salmon sportfishing; Anne Coleman Beach	Island connected to mainland during low tide. No public upland access
3d3	Ha Hb Hv Sh	D-1	T	Private	Eelgrass bed; salmon sportfishing	
3d4	Hb Hv Sh One beach access point	D-1	T	Private	Salmon sportfishing; eelgrass in lagoon; anchorage for adjacent homes	Numerous homes along shoreline including a new subdivision
3d5 Smugglers Cove	Ha Hv Rp Sh One beach access point	D-1	T	Private	Salmon sportfishing; public clam harvest; includes Smugglers Cove beach access used for launching hand carried boats; anchorage; seaduck, seabird and heron feeding area	Heavily used for launching kayaks; cove contains many mooring buoys and floats. Homes along shoreline and beach
3d6	Ha Hv Rd	OS	T	CBJ	Salmon sportfishing; heron, seaduck and seabird feeding area; anchorage; mooring buoys	Trail on uplands and tidelands used to access homes on south end of Mendenhall Peninsula
3d7	Hv Rd	RR	SL	State	Salmon sportfishing; herons feeding	Use by kayaks to Spuhn Island
3d8	Rd	OS	SL	CBJ	King and Tanner crab personal use harvest	CBJ-owned uplands or otherwise privately owned island - easily accessible by small watercraft
3d9	Hv	RR	SU	State	King and Tanner crab personal use harvest; salmon sportfishing	
3d10 around Spuhn Island	Hv Rd	OS	T	CBJ	King, Tanner, Dungeness crab personal use harvest; salmon sportfishing	
3d11	Ha Rd	OS	T	CBJ	King crab rearing habitat; Dungeness crab personal use harvest; anchorage	Used by kayaks and skiffs as a pullout and for camping
3d12	Hb Rd	RR	T	Private	Eelgrass bed; Dungeness crab rearing and personal use harvest; viewing eagles, seals, seabirds, bears; anchorage	Used by kayaks and skiffs as a pullout and for camping

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3d13	Rd	RR	T	Private	Dungeness crab personal use harvest	
3d14	Ha Rd	OS	T	CBJ	Eelgrass bed; Dungeness crab personal use and rearing; camping beach	
3d15	Hb Rd	RR	T	Private	Eelgrass bed; used by kayaks and skiffs as pullout and campsite	
3d16 Battleship Reef	Ha Hv Rd	RR	T	Private	Public clam harvest; heron, seaducks and seabird feeding concentrations	
3d17	Ha Hv Rd	RR	T and SU	State/ private	Tanner crab rearing habitat; salmon sportfishing; Dungeness crab personal use harvest and rearing; heron, seaducks and seabird concentrations	
3d18	Ha Hv Sh	RR	T	Private	Salmon sportfishing; trails on uplands and beach; herons, seaducks and seabirds feeding concentrations	Homes on uplands accessible only by foot or by boat
3d19	Rd	OS	T	CBJ	Trail along adjacent CBJ- owned lands	
3d20	Hb Hv	RR	SU	State	Shrimp, king crab, and Tanner crab personal use harvest; herring overwintering	
3d21	Hb Hv	RR	SU	State	King and Tanner crab personal use harvest; herring overwintering	
3d22 Smugglers Cove	Ha Hv Rd	RR	SU	State	Salmon sportfishing, heron feeding area; seaducks and seabirds feeding concentrations	
3d23 Spuhn Island south shore	Ha Hv Rd	RR	T	CBJ	Tanner crab rearing; salmon sportfishing; heron, seaduck, and seabird feeding area	
3d25 Suedla Island & Battleship Island	Hb Rd	RR	UP	State	Otter habitat	Previously proposed as a Marine Park. Easily accessed by small boat; recreational use

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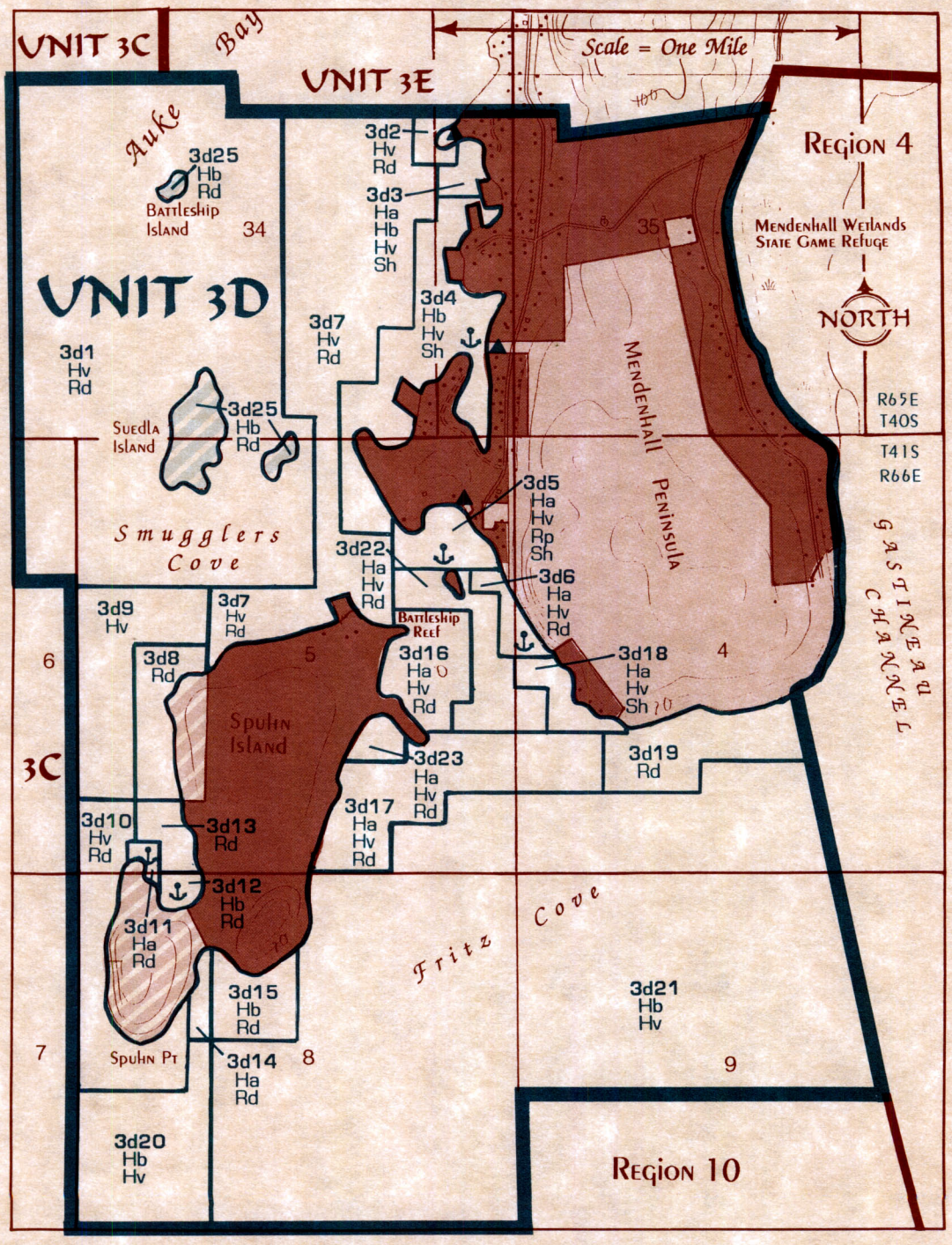
Land Ownership

- State Selected
- Municipal
- Municipal Selected
- Private

Designations

Ha	Fish & Wildlife Habitat
Hb	Fish & Wildlife Habitat
Hv	Fish & Wildlife Harvest
Rd	Recreation - Dispersed
Rp	Recreation - Public Use Site
Sh	Shoreline Use - Personal Use
⚓	Anchorage
▲	Beach Access Point