

Unit 7c - Point Salisbury

Background

Existing Uses and Authorizations. The powerline from the Snetisham hydroelectric site is on private, Mental Health Trust, and USFS uplands adjacent to Subunits 7c1, 7c3, 7c4, 7c5, and 7c9.

In Subunit 7c9, the remnants of the old Dupont Dock are located on a small area of privately-owned tidelands by Dupont Creek. This site was used for dynamite storage for the old A-J Mine. Offshore, there is fishing from boats, including a King salmon trolling area and recreational fishing.

Recreation. This unit is frequently traveled by cruise ships, state ferries, pleasure boats, commercial fishing boats, and charter boats. The unit is scenic and provides opportunities for whale watching in Stephens Passage.

The Pt. Bishop Trail is on USFS uplands adjacent to Subunits 7c1, 7c3, 7c4, 7c5, and 7e9. This is a historic trail. A potential RS2477 right-of-way also follows this general route. The trail is used for fishing, camping, and picnicking.

In Subunit 7c9, there is a good beach for camping located just south of the Dupont Dock. The beach is accessible by small boat. The beach is used as temporary anchorage and small boat pullout. The anchorage can accommodate several small vessels and receives seasonal intermittent use by fish buyers. Because of its regular use by boats for anchoring, this is a potential site for a public mooring buoy.

Access Corridors along the Taku River. The 1986 Southeast Transportation Plan and 1991 report "Tomorrow's Alaska: Transportation for the 21st Century" proposed a road corridor to Canada via Taku Inlet. DOTPF is currently developing the Juneau Access Study that involves reconnaissance and cost estimates for a variety of routes (both ferry and road) along Gastineau Channel and Taku Inlet. Extending Thane Road south along Gastineau Channel and into Taku Inlet is one alternative that is being studied. Any road construction that crosses state lands would involve the establishment of a right-of-way. However, the proposed corridor through this unit is entirely on USFS uplands, so DNR authorizations may not be required. An RS 2477 right-of-way may be asserted to allow access across USFS lands. A road connection could provide access to support mineral development projects in British Columbia, and provide a surface link between Juneau, Canada, and the Alcan Highway.

Mining and Mineral Potential. This unit lies within an area the US Bureau of Mines has found to have high mineral potential.

Management Intent

The tidelands and submerged lands in this area have high recreation and fish and wildlife harvest values. The area will be managed to provide continued opportunities for intensive commercial and sport fishing for salmon and Dolly Varden, and personal use harvest of King, Tanner, and Dungeness crab. Use of the tidelands to access the Bishop Point-Dupont Creek trail will be maintained. Shoreline development activities related to the private residences along the waterfront may be allowed.

Management Guidelines

Access Corridors along the Taku River. Before DNR authorizes any phase or segment of a regional road corridor to or through the Taku River drainage, appropriate agencies and the public will have the opportunity to comment.

Heritage Resource Sites. There are a number of heritage resource sites in this subunit related to mining and the settlement of Juneau. The State Office of History and Archeology should be contacted prior to authorizing activities on these lands, particularly in the area around Dupont Creek.

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
7c1	Rd Sh	D-1	T	Private	Trail along uplands	
7c2	Hb	RR	SU	State	Herring overwintering habitat	
7c3 Dupont Creek	Hv Rd Sh	D-1	T	Private	Dolly Varden and salmon sportfishing; trail along uplands	
7c4	Hv Rd	RR	T	USFS	Salmon sportfishing; trail along adjacent uplands	
7c5 Cherokee Flats/ Bishops Point	Hv Rd	RR	T SU	USFS	Salmon sportfishing; king, Tanner, Dungeness crab personal use harvest; trail along adjacent uplands	Mixed sand and gravel beaches exposed to southwest but useable during calm weather
7c6	G	RR	SU	State		
7c7 Cherokee Flats/False Arden Point	Hv	RR	T SU	USFS	Salmon sportfishing, commercial seining area	USFS uplands in Admiralty Island National Monument Wilderness
7c8	Hv	RR	T SU	USFS	Commercial gillnet harvest	
7c9 Dupont Dock	Hv Rd Sh	D-1	T	Private	Anchorage; salmon and Dolly Varden sportfishing; trail along uplands; beach used	

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