

SENSITIVE AREAS: PART FIVE - AREAS OF LOCAL CONCERN

Some areas within the subarea warrant special attention due to the presence of highly productive wildlife habitat, the ability to sustain a large part of a villages subsistence needs, the occurrence of unusual historical sites or large mineral deposits, recreation, energy development, hazardous areas, or the presence of important fisheries. These have been identified as Areas Meriting Special Attention, Important Use Areas, Special Use Areas, or Sensitive Areas through the Hydaburg Coastal Management Program; Angoon Coastal Management Program and Areas Meriting Special Attention Plan for Mitchell, Hood and Chaik-Whitewater Bays; Petersburg and Kupreanof Coastal Management Program; Port of Skagway and Skagway River Area Meriting Special Attention Plans; Sitka District Coastal Management Program; Yakutat Coastal Management Plan Update. They are summarized below.

DESIGNATED AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION	LAND OWNERSHIP/ VILLAGES TO CONTACT
Chaik-Whitewater Bay	Harbor seal haulout location. Waterfowl shorebirds spring and fall concentration area. Brown bear spring concentration area. Provides bald eagle, fish and marine mammal habitat. Contains anadromous fish streams. Some subsistence activities occur here. Presence of eighteen archaeological sites. Offers recreational opportunities and has traditional value.	Native, State (tidelands and submerged lands), US Forest Service
Hetta Cove-Eek Inlet	Important area for traditional and customary subsistence harvesting of fish and wildlife. Presence of seven historic/archeological sites. Offers recreational opportunities.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (management of fishery resources), Haida Corporation and US Forest Service (Eek Lake and Eek Inlet uplands), Sealaska Corporation (Hetta Cove and Lake uplands), State (aquatic areas),
Hood Bay	Waterfowl shorebirds spring and fall concentration area. Brown bear spring concentration area. Provides bald eagle, fish and marine mammal habitat. Contains anadromous fish streams. Some subsistence activities occur here. Presence of eleven cultural sites. Offers recreational opportunities and has traditional value.	Alaska Pulp Corporation, Federal, Native, Private, State (tidelands and submerged lands), US Forest Service

DESIGNATED AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION	LAND OWNERSHIP/ VILLAGES TO CONTACT
Hydaburg River Tidelands	Important area for traditional and subsistence usage of fish and wildlife. Spawning and rearing habitat for anadromous fish. Source for all domestic water in Hydaburg. Presence of one historical site. Offers recreational opportunities.	City of Hydaburg, Haida Corporation, private, Sealaska Corporation, Forest Service
Jackson Island	Important area for traditional and subsistence usage of fish and other natural resources (e.g. drift logs and trapping). One historic/archeological site present. Offers recreational opportunities.	State
Mitchell Bay	Waterfowl shorebirds spring and fall concentration area. Nesting and brood rearing concentration areas for the Trumpeter Swan. Brown bear spring concentration area. Provides bald eagle, fish and marine mammal habitat. Contains anadromous fish streams. Some subsistence activities occur here. Presence of 37 prehistoric and historic sites. Offers recreational opportunities and has traditional value.	City of Angoon, Kootznوو Corporation, Sealaska, State (tidelands and submerged lands), US Forest Service
McFarland Islands-Dunbar Inlet	Important area for traditional and subsistence harvesting of herring roe, mink, land otter and drift logs. Presence of historic/archeological sites. Offers recreational opportunities.	State
Mountain Point	Human use area. Off-shore and on-shore fishery. Herring spawn along the shore.	None stated
Port Chilkoot-Portage Cove	None stated	None stated
Port of Skagway	Human use area. Provides habitat for a variety of wildlife and fish. Affords scenic and recreational opportunities.	City of Skagway, Malcolm Moe, State, White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad

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Saltery Point-Crab Trap Cove	Important area for traditional and customary subsistence usage of fish and wildlife. Presence of one historic/archeological site. Offers recreational opportunities.	Haida Corporation, State (aquatic areas, tidelands)
Skagway River	Human use area. Source of city drinking water. Provides habitat for a variety of wildlife and fish. It is anadromous water. Affords scenic and recreational opportunities.	City of Skagway, private, State, US Forest Service
Swan Lake	Protection of water quality (freshwater ecosystem). Maintenance of local fish and swan populations. Important recreational area.	None stated
Upper George Inlet	Shoreline provides critical winter range for deer. Provides habitat and spawning area for a variety of wildlife and fish (including bald eagles, black bears, harbor seals, herring and salmon).	None stated
West Coon Island	Harbor seals are found in high numbers along the shore. A bald eagle nest is located on the western shore.	None stated
Whitman Lake Area	Shoreline provides critical winter range for deer. Supports recreational sportfishing.	None stated
Wrangell Narrows	None stated	None stated

An August 2000 survey of Native tribes in the Subarea conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency yielded additional information about sensitive areas near villages, as viewed from the local perspective. The tribes responding to the survey, as well as the primary sites of concern and the reasons for their importance as indicated by the tribes, are listed below.

1. Craig Community Association

SENSITIVE AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
Saint Nicholas Lake	Drinking water source
Fish Egg Island	Herring spawning grounds
Saint Nicholas River	Salmon spawning
Crab Creek	Salmon spawning

2. Hydaburg Cooperative Association

SENSITIVE AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
Hetta	Subsistence activities
Eek	Subsistence activities
Kasook	Subsistence activities
Hydaburg beachfront and watershed	Subsistence activities
Sakwaan	Subsistence activities

3. Klawock Cooperative Association

SENSITIVE AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
All beach areas	Home sites
Perafrovich Island	Old graveyard site
Alberta Island	Subsistence activities
Klawock Narrows	Industry and wastewater treatment plants
Mouth of Klawock River	Subsistence activities

4. Organized Village of Kasaan

SENSITIVE AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
Kasaan Bay	Subsistence activities, cultural/traditional uses

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Karta Bay	Subsistence activities, cultural/traditional uses
Salt Chuck	Subsistence activities, cultural/traditional uses
12 mile Arm	Subsistence activities, cultural/traditional uses
Cholmndly/Skowl Arm	Subsistence activities, cultural/traditional uses

5. Sitka Tribe of Alaska

SENSITIVE AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
Katlian Bay	Salmon streams, important/close watershed
Nakwasina Bay, Sound	Salmon streams, marine mammals
Silver Bay	Hatchery, salmon streams
Indian River	Closest andromorphous stream, important watershed
Starrigavan Wetland Area	Wetland close to town, spawning habitat

6. Wrangell Cooperative Association

SENSITIVE AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
Harbor entrance	Not stated
Public beaches	Not stated
Petroglyph beach	Not stated

7. Yakutat Tlingit Tribe

SENSITIVE AREA	REASONS FOR DESIGNATION
Monti Bay	Village surrounds bay
Inner Islands	Subsistence activities
Disenchantment Bay	Large seal population
Yakutat coast line	Commercial fishing, recreation
Icy Bay	Subsistence activities