Unit 15c - Whiting River

Background

The Whiting River was found to be eligible by the USFS in the Tongass Land Management Plan as a Scenic River under the criteria in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. However, this river is not recommended for this designation by the USFS at this time. The lands adjacent to the river are recommended for Modified Landscape by TLMP which allows for a variety of uses that are not visually apparent from near distances. The river is regularly used for wildlife viewing of seals, bear, goats, herons, loons, waterfowl, and wolves. Floatplanes land on Crescent Lake. River boats are used on the river and lake.

Management Intent

The shorelands of Crescent Lake will be managed for their habitat values for trout and char overwintering and salmon spawning and rearing, and for recreation. The Whiting River shorelands will be managed for the anadromous fish resources and the high recreation values including boating and wildlife viewing. The mouth of the Whiting River will be managed to protect the harbor seal nursery, anadromous fish resources, and recreation values.

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 15C: WHITING RIVER						
Area no. & name	DNR designation	CBJ zoning district	Land type	Adjacent ownership	Resource or use	Other comments
15c1 Crescent Lake	Ha Pt Rd	RR	SL	State/ USFS	Cutthroat trout and char overwintering area; salmon spawning and rearing	Float plane access, easy hike or paddle from Whiting River. ADF&G facility
15c2 Whiting River	Ha Rd	RR	SL	State/ USFS	Anadromous fish stream	
15c3 Mouth of the Whiting River	Ha Rd	RR	SL, T/ SU	State/ USFS	Harbor seal nursery and eulachon spawning area; anadromous fish stream	

Land Ownership

All designated areas are state owned

Designations

Ha Fish & Wildlife Habitat
Pt Public Facilities - Transfer
Rd Recreation - Dispersed

Navigability

N Rivers & lakes susceptible to navigation

Unit 15A

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

Indian Lake

Speel River

UNIT 15C

Crescent Lake

15c1
Ha
Pt
Rd

15c2
Ha
Rd

Unit
15B

T43S
T44S

15c3
Ha
Rd

Ox
Pt

Whiting Pt

Whiting River

TRACY ARM-FORDS-TERROR WILDERNESS

0 1 2 3
Scale in Miles

NORTH