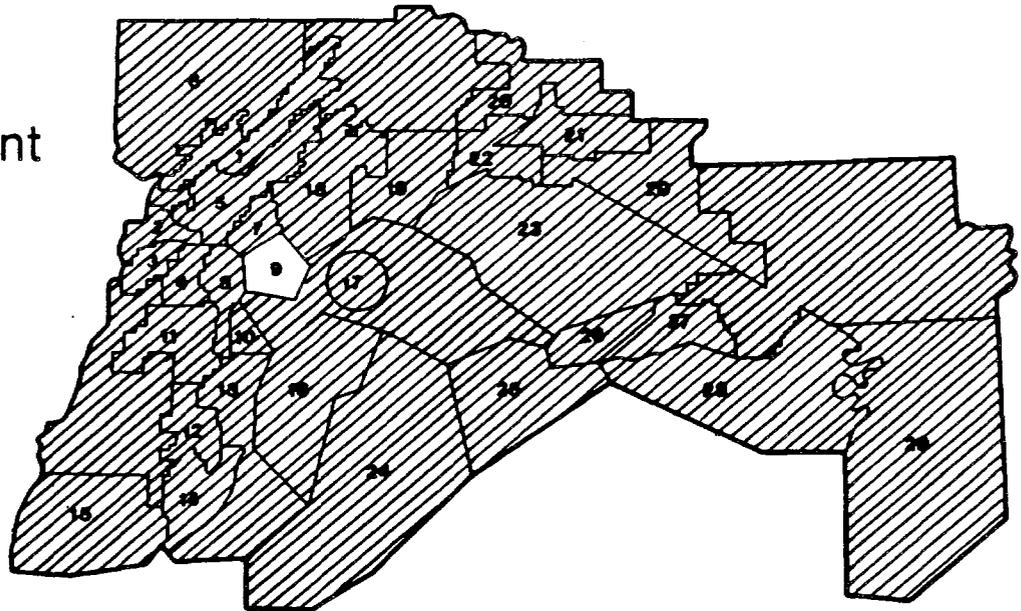


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# PERRY ISLAND

## Management Unit 9



### Background

Perry Island is managed by the USFS. No federal timber harvest is expected during the life of this plan. The federal land is open to mining, though it is only weakly mineralized. The state has selected the majority of uplands on the island and owns the tidelands that surround the island.

Perry Island's central location gives it importance for the number of alternative public uses of the area. The island is an excellent place to explore and watch a variety of wildlife; the hike to Perry Peak may be the most used trail in the Sound outside of communities. Unlike most of the Sound, the island has good hiking. No sport fishing or hunting use occurs on the island.

Large and small craft use different parts of the Island's waters. It is used by residents of Whittier and people with boats docked at Whittier. Craft needing a secure anchorage tend to favor West Twin Bay. Kayaks and inflatable boats tend to disperse around the remainder of the Island. The east and west

shorelines are important commercial purse seine fishing areas for salmon returning to the Lake Bay Hatchery.

### Management Intent

State land will be retained in public ownership and managed for multiple use with emphasis on public recreation. State land may be used for limited public recreation facilities such as public use cabins or mooring buoys. The small islands north of Perry Island are situated along the frequently traveled Whittier to Valdez marine route. Management of the tidelands will ensure their unspoiled visual appearance. State lands in this unit are open to mineral entry.

The most important anchorage and campsite on Perry Island is in the head of West Twin Bay. Areas adjacent to the anchorage and campsite should be managed to maintain their capacity and to protect the natural landscape of the shoreline.

Float and upland recreation lodges or similar commercial recreation facilities are prohibited on Perry Island because of the changes they would cause in the recreation use of this small island and because some of the commercial recreation needs are served by the proposed lodge on the nearby Esther Island.

## **Management Guidelines**

**Location of facilities (Subunits 9A and 9B).** Public use cabins or other upland or tideland facilities should neither be located within the view of the anchorage and campsite in the head of West Twin Bay nor adjacent to campsites scattered around the island, including campsites in Day Care Cove. Mooring buoys should not be placed adjacent to the existing campsites or in Day Care Cove. Due to the concentration of recreation use in west Twin Bay and Day Care Cove, upland and tideland facilities inconsistent with recreation use of those areas should not be sited in those

two bays. This guideline does not restrict the mariculture use of state land in South Bay.

**Campsites on the Offshore Islands (Subunit 9B).** The offshore islands contain regionally important campsites. Management of the tidelands should not foreclose use of the campsites. Campsite improvements should be consistent with the fish and wildlife values on these small islands.

The complete set of guidelines is presented in Chapter 2. Any of the guidelines could apply to uses within this management unit; however, guidelines most likely to apply are listed below:

- Fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas
- Mariculture
- Recreation, tourism, cultural, and scenic resources

# LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

## Management Unit 9: Perry Island

| <u>SUBUNIT</u>          | <u>LAND OWNERSHIP</u>  | <u>LAND USE DESIGNATIONS</u>           |   |                               | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|
|                         |                        | <u>Primary Surface Use<sup>2</sup></u> | <u>Prohibited Surface Use</u>                                     | <u>Subsurface<sup>1</sup></u> |                 |
| 9A<br>State Uplands     | State-selected uplands | Public recreation                      | Commercial recreation facilities<br>Floatlodges<br>Land offerings | Open                          |                 |
| 9B<br>Remainder of Unit | State-owned tidelands  | General use                            | Commercial recreation facilities<br>Floatlodges                   | Open                          |                 |

<sup>1</sup>All areas are available for leasing for leasable minerals. Statements of whether or not the unit is open to mineral entry refer only to locatable minerals.

<sup>2</sup>Other uses such as material sales, land leases, or permits that are not specifically prohibited, may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management intent statement, management guidelines of this unit, and relevant management guidelines in Chapter 2. See Chapter 2, pages 2-11 and 2-12, for floathome policies. Trapping Cabin and Remote Cabin permits will not be given in the planning area. See guideline B-3, page 2-39.

## Resource Information Summary<sup>1</sup>

| <b>Management Unit: 9. Perry Island</b>   |   |   |                       |                         |                       |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| SUBUNIT                                   | Fish & Wildlife <sup>2</sup>  | Recreation  | Minerals              | Settlement <sup>3</sup> | Forestry <sup>3</sup> |
| 9A<br>State Uplands<br>(uplands)          | Deer  | Dispersed<br>recreation;<br>hiking                      | Weakly<br>mineralized | Capable                 | Low                   |
| 9B<br>Remainder of<br>Unit<br>(tidelands) | Estuaries; seal<br>lion haulouts;<br>seals; important<br>marine mammal haul-<br>out; five bird<br>rookeries; deer;<br>otter concentrations<br>near offshore<br>islands; commercial<br>fishing | Dispersed<br>recreation;<br>anchorages<br>and campsites | No known<br>minerals  | --                      | --                    |

<sup>1</sup> This resource summary describes only the resources for state uplands and tidelands.

<sup>2</sup> Resource list includes Crucial, Prime, and Important habitats as defined by ADF&G (see Appendix E). Anadromous fish streams are not listed; they exist in most subunits. See ADF&G anadromous fish stream catalogue.

<sup>3</sup> Land offering and timber harvest do not occur on tidelands. Therefore, settlement and forestry resources are not rated for tideland subunits.