

CHAPTER 2

Areawide Land Management Policies

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains areawide land management policies for each of the major land use or policy categories affected by the plan. The policies apply to state land throughout the planning area, regardless of the land use designation.

The policies in this chapter consist of goals and management guidelines. Goals are the general condition the department is trying to achieve, and guidelines are specific directives that will be applied to land and water management decisions as resource use and development occur.

Some policies in this chapter reference specific land-use designations used in Chapter 3; for example, Ha refers to Crucial Habitat. Slightly different designations are used in the Prince of Wales Island Area Plan (POWAP, Vol. I), and the Southwest Prince of Wales Island Area Plan (SWPOW, Vol. II). For example, POWAP uses a GU designation for General Use where the SWPOW tideland designation is RM, resource management. To ensure that the policy applies to appropriate areas in each volume, the policies reference the appropriate designation for both plans. For example, a policy might reference both GU and RM. The specific land-use designations are described at the beginning of Chapter 3 and are defined in Appendix A, the glossary.

All activities on tidelands, submerged lands and uplands within the coastal zone must be consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. All state uplands are within the coastal zone.

This chapter also compiles policies that, until now, were scattered throughout various agency operating manuals, policy handbooks, statements of decision-making criteria, or similar internal documents. Compiling these policies in the plan makes them visible, and makes it clear before significant amounts of time and money are committed what will be required by the Department of Natural Resources of anyone planning to use state lands.

DEFINITIONS

For definition of terms commonly used in this chapter, see the glossary, Appendix A.