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# UNIT 31: KAIGANI STRAIT

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## MANAGEMENT INTENT

State lands will be managed to protect fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas, heritage sites, and recreation values. Many anadromous fish streams and important abalone subsistence harvest areas are within the unit. The unit receives heavy use by waterfowl, shorebirds, and seabirds, and there are herring concentrations and important salmon rearing areas.

Abalone beds are located in the southern part of McLeod Bay, along eastern Dall Island from Pond Bay to just north of North Kaigani Harbor, in north Ham Cove, and along the west side of Long Island from north of Mission Cove to approximately one mile south of Howkan. Crab concentrations are present in Pond Bay, and along the eastern coastline of Dall Island from approximately one mile north of North Point, including outer American Bay, to the northern boundary of the unit.

Upland resource development support facilities will be accommodated at strategic locations. Specifically, areas are designated for resource development support facilities at Pond Bay, Ham Cove, Datzkoo Harbor, and McLeod Bay. Several areas along the coastline are designated for A-frame logging. Several patented mining claims are located on the uplands at McLeod Bay. Access to these claims will be ensured. The west side of Long Island has important heritage sites including at least three major village sites and many campsites and grave sites.

The selection at Kaigani Harbor was relinquished because of conflicts with habitat, cultural heritage sites, and inadequate anchorage for settlement use. See Chapter 4 for more information.

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## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USES

Refer to the land use designation map for primary and secondary uses and fish and wildlife ratings.

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## PROHIBITED USES

- Mineral location in mapped crucial uses and wildlife habitat and harvest areas.
- Filling state tidelands and submerged lands for residential purposes.
- Floathomes.

## MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

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Refer to Chapter 2 for guidelines common to this and all management units. The following guidelines also apply to this specific unit.

- **Developed Recreation Facilities in Crucial Habitat and Harvest Areas.** Based on available information, developed recreation facilities are initially determined incompatible within mapped crucial fish and wildlife areas. A specific proposal for a developed recreation facility may be considered for compatibility based on its design or on new habitat information.
- **Access to Private Uplands.** Private landowners are guaranteed access rights across state tidelands. However, fill used to enhance access will not be allowed in mapped crucial fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas unless determined compatible through review procedures.
- **Anchorage.** Use of anchorages depicted on the land use designation map will not be precluded.
- **Logging Support Facilities at American Bay.** Present plans and land use designations contemplate A-frame logging on both the north and south shores of American Bay. The possibility of replacing the A-frame sites with a single resource transfer site in American Bay should be evaluated as additional information becomes available.
- **A-frame Logging at Crow Island.** One short-term A-frame access point will be allowed on the south shore of Crow Island east of Middle Point in Ham Cove.
- **Resource Transfer Sites Limited at Ham Cove.** Only one permanent resource transfer site will be allowed on the north shore of Ham Cove; but, alternatives to this site should be evaluated and used unless use of one site is determined to be the most feasible and prudent alternative considering impacts to upland and marine fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas. A road connection to a RTF in Grace Harbor should be evaluated as an alternative to the Ham Cove facility.
- **Howkan Village Site Archaeological Field Survey.** In consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, an archaeological field survey should be done to identify the extent of the Howkan Village site prior to approving A-frame breakout points or sites for shoreline development related to upland settlement activities.

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**NOTES**

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- Ten heritage sites are located within the unit:

AHRS DE- 5	Channel Island Burial
AHRS DE-10	Ham Cove/Crow Island Burial
AHRS DE-11	Howkan Village
AHRS DE-13	Kaigani
AHRS DE-17	Koinglas
AHRS DE-20	Howkan Narrows Burial
AHRS DE-34	American Bay Burial
AHRS DE-36	Kaigani Pt. Village
AHRS DE-40	Narrows Burial
AHRS DE-42	South Kaigani Village

**FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION**

There are fifteen anadromous fish stream outlets in this unit. Ham Cove contains two anadromous fish streams and supports finfish and shellfish rearing. The cove is shallow, less than 60 feet deep, and poorly flushed. Bolles Inlet and South Kaigani Harbor are shallow and productive, with depths of less than 60 feet.

Kaigani Strait is a very high-density use area for waterfowl, shorebirds, and seabirds and may serve as an important overwintering area for birds breeding on Forrester Island. Overwintering herring concentrations may provide the food source for these birds.

The outer part of Datzkoo Harbor and the areas around McLeod Bay are important salmon rearing areas. Significant abalone subsistence harvest occurs in the unit.

