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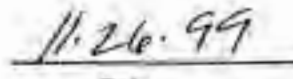
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WHERE TO FIND IT - HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

Some of the commonly asked questions about how to use the plan are listed and answered below. For more detailed information, see the table of contents.

How does the plan affect a particular land use or resource? For example, Settlement?

Chapter 1 Resource Summaries summarize how the plan affects each of the land uses – aquatic farming, forestry, settlement, recreation.

Chapter 2 lists management policies that apply throughout the planning area. It is organized by land uses or resources. For example, the Chapter 2 Settlement section describes the DNR policies that apply to settlement throughout the planning area. The settlement summary in Chapter 1 lists the settlement areas from Chapter 3 and highlights the most important areawide settlement policies from Chapter 2.

How does the plan affect a particular location? For example, Sea Otter Sound?

In Chapter 3 the planning area is divided into 15 management units. Each unit includes resource information, a statement of management intent and guidelines specific to the individual management unit. To find the unit you are interested in, check the location map at the beginning of Chapter 3. For example, Sea Otter Sound is Unit 7 and the page number for the discussion of Unit 7 can be found in the Table of Contents on page “iii” and the divider for Chapter 3.

How can I tell whether a particular use will be allowed in a particular location?

If a proposed use is designated as primary or secondary use in a management unit of Chapter 3, the use can be permitted. However, the use must meet the guidelines of the unit, as well as the areawide Chapter 2 guidelines. Exactly where and how a designated use will occur within a specific area will be resolved through existing agency review procedures.

Uses that are neither designate nor specifically prohibited may be allowed if they are consistent with the management intent statement, the management guidelines of the unit and those of Chapter 2.

Does the plan direct the use of private, federal, or municipal land?

No, the plan only directs the Department of Natural Resources’ management of state land.

Where are definitions given?

Appendix A provides a glossary.

Where are state land selections presented?

A summary of land selections and relinquishments is given in Chapter 4. The management intent for individual selections and the rationale for individual relinquishments is given in the appropriate management unit of Chapter 3.

Can the plan be changed?

Yes, the plan is a flexible tool that can be amended or modified as social and economic conditions change. Procedures for changing the plan are given in Chapter 4.

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