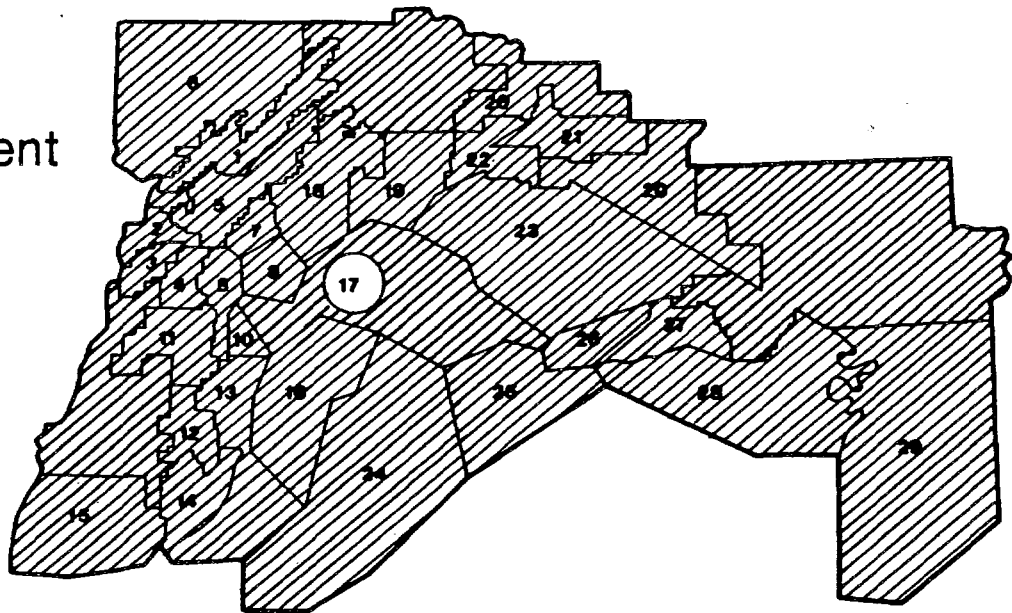

NAKED ISLAND

Management Unit 17



Background

The uplands on Naked, Peak, and Storey Islands, are managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The federal land is open to mining, but the unit does not include any areas with significant known mineral potential. The islands do not support significant merchantable timber, and timber harvest is not expected during the next 20 years. The state owns the tidelands throughout this unit.

A previous state selection stretching from Cabin to Outside Bay was relinquished. The land would have been managed for dispersed recreation. This use can be accommodated under Forest Service management. In addition, the state's selection purpose is not consistent with the USFS interpretation of allowable selection purposes of section 6(a) of the Statehood Act (see Chapter 5).

Tidelands in sections 11 and 12 on the south shore of the island and on the western point and southern shore of the small unnamed island south of section 8 are seabird loafing and foraging areas. They are also reported to sup-

port colonies of nesting Parakeet Auklets and puffins (mostly tufted).

These islands receive relatively infrequent recreational use, but moderate to frequent deer-hunting use. Most of the users come from Valdez. The long stretch of open water that must be crossed to reach the island limits its use. Few good anchorages exist.

Management Intent

State tidelands will be managed for multiple use with emphasis on maintaining existing access, wildlife, recreation, and hunting opportunities. Floatlodes and similar commercial recreation facilities are prohibited because of potential conflicts with existing hunting uses. State land remains open to mineral entry.

McPherson Bay is an important herring spawning and herring seining area. Management will protect the continued productivity of the habitat and the continued use of the area for herring seining.

Additional management intent is described below for Subunit 17A, Bass Harbor. The intent for **Subunit 17B**, the general use area, is reflected in the previous paragraphs.

Subunit 17A - Bass Harbor. Tideland habitat in this subunit support concentrations of overwintering waterfowl. Multiple use management will minimize impact on the intertidal vegetation and habitat in this area.

Management Guidelines

The complete set of guidelines is presented in Chapter 2; any of the guidelines could apply to uses with this management unit. Guidelines that are most likely to apply to this management unit are listed below:

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

LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY

Management Unit 17: Naked Island

<u>SUBUNIT</u>	<u>LAND OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>LAND USE DESIGNATIONS</u>			<u>COMMENTS</u>
		<u>Primary Surface Use²</u>	<u>Prohibited Surface Use</u>	<u>Subsurface¹</u>	
17A Bass Harbor	State-owned tidelands	Habitat & harvest	Commercial recreation facilities Floatlodges	Open	
17B Remainder of Unit	State-owned tidelands	General use	Commercial recreation facilities Floatlodges	Open	State selection was relinquished

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

²Other 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 Summary¹

Management Unit: 17. Naked Island					
SUBUNIT	Fish & Wildlife ²	Recreation	Minerals	Settlement ³	Forestry ³
17A Bass Harbor (tidelands)	Seal haulout; seasonal waterfowl concentrations; deer concentrations; herring spawning	Infrequent dispersed recreation; frequent hunt- ing in season	No known minerals	--	--
17B Remainder of Unit (tidelands)	Estuaries; seal haul- out; six bird rook- eries; deer concen- trations; herring	Infrequent dispersed recreation; frequent hunt- ing in season	No known minerals	--	--

¹ This resource summary describes only the resources for state uplands and tidelands.

² 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.

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