

## Unit 12c - Shelter Island / Portland Island

### Background

Portland Island and Shelter Island were selected from the USFS for their community recreation values (NFCG 319, 321, 102). South Shelter Island was selected for its settlement values.

**Existing Uses and Authorizations.** The proximity of the islands in this unit to Juneau makes this a popular area for marine-oriented recreation and fishing. The state has sold land on the south end of Shelter Island. Some of these parcels are being used for commercial fishing lodges while others support private recreation cabins. Most lots are still undeveloped.

Shelter Island State Marine Park occupies state land near the north end of the Island in Subunits 12c80, 12c81, 12c82, and 12c83. The previous proposal for a Juneau Channel Islands Marine State Park would remove the submerged lands in Subunits 12c81, 12c82, and 12c83 from the park in order to make the existing park boundary consistent with the proposed new park boundary.

**Recreation.** Cruise ships, the Alaska Marine Highway ferries, commercial fishing boats, private sport fishing boats, and charter boats travel up the east and west sides of Shelter Island. The scenic values of this area and opportunities for wildlife viewing complement these uses. South Shelter Island and North Pass (between Lincoln and Shelter Islands) are heavily-used sport and charter boat fishing areas for salmon and halibut.

On Portland Island (Subunit 12c38) camping and picnicking occurs all around the island on beaches. The island is easily accessible by small power boats and is a good, but weather dependent, paddle for kayaks and canoes. A picnic and camping area originally developed by USFS are on the west side.

**Fish and Wildlife.** Parts of Subunit 12c67 is important for sport fishing during inclement weather when boats are unable to run further out of Auke Bay. There are personal-use crab pots along the east and west sides of Portland Island.

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## Management Intent

Subunits 12c31, 12c33, 12c35, and 12c36 are uplands adjacent to private lands on south Shelter Island and will be needed to provide access to private parcels and for water supplies. The inner areas of Shelter Island are too steep and wet for settlement. Surface streams in the inner areas of the island may be used for water supplies before wells are developed. Tidelands in Subunits 12c22, 12c59, and 12c60 are adjacent to private land and will be needed for access to private parcels.

Excluding the past state land sale area and adjacent uplands, the remainder of Shelter Island and all of Portland Island (including tidelands and submerged lands adjacent to both islands) have been previously proposed for inclusion in the Juneau Channel Islands Marine State Park. If not designated as part of the state park, the land will be managed consistent with the designations and guidelines in this plan. If designated as a state park, these areas will be managed by DPOR consistent with the park legislation and other applicable State park statutes and regulations.

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## Management Guidelines

**Heritage Resource Sites.** There is a prehistoric site(s) on Portland Island (site number Jun-046). The State Office of History and Archaeology will be consulted prior to authorizations on this island.

**Recreation Leasing.** Commercial recreation facilities are an allowable use on state lands in this management unit on Shelter Island. Facilities may include overnight accommodations (such as lodges, camps, or cabins) or facilities that provide food service, wildlife viewing, education, or associated access (such as boat floats, docks, or ramps). The .073 commercial recreation leasing process will be used. Commercial recreation leasing is prohibited on Gull Island, Bird Island, Aaron Island, Cohen Island, and Portland Island.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> For additional information about commercial recreation leasing, see Chapter 2, *Recreation, Tourism, and Scenic Resources* section.

# Land-Use Designation Summary

For keys to the one-letter and two-letter abbreviations used in this table, see the beginning of this chapter.

UNIT 12C: SHELTER ISLAND						
Area no. & name	DNR designation	CBJ zoning district	Land type	Adjacent ownership	Resource or use	Other comments
12c1	G	RR	SU	State		
12c2	Hv	RR	SU	State	Halibut and salmon sportfishing; king and Tanner crab personal use and commercial harvest	
12c4	Ha Hv Rd	RR	T	State	Salmon and halibut sportfishing; harbor seal haulout	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c5	Hv	RR	SU	State	Halibut sportfishing; king and Tanner crab personal use harvest	
12c7	Hv Rd	RR	T	State	King and Tanner crab commercial harvest; salmon sportfishing	
12c8	Hv Rd	RR	SU	State	King and Tanner crab personal use harvest	
12c10 North Pass	Hv	RR	SU	State	Halibut and salmon sportfishing	Heavily used for sportfishing
12c11 North Pass	Hb Hv Rd	RR	SU	State	Salmon and halibut sportfishing; river otter habitat, anchorages	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c13	Hv	RR	SU	State	Shrimp personal use harvest	
12c14	G	RR	SU	State		
12c15 Faust Rock	Hv	RR	SU	State	Halibut sportfishing	
12c16 Barlow Cove	Hv	RR	SU	State	Salmon and halibut sportfishing	
12c18 South Shelter	Hb Hv Rd	RR	T	State	Halibut and salmon sportfishing; river otter habitat	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c22 South Shelter	Hb Hv Sh	D-1	T	State selected	River otter habitat; salmon and halibut sportfishing	
12c23	Hv Rd	RR	R	State selected	Salmon sportfishing	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c25 Bird & Gull Islands	Rd	RR	UP	State selected	Camping; kayaking	Only Gull Island used for camping; both are used for kayaking
12c26 Shelter Island	Hb Hv Rd	RR	UP	State selected	Deer winter habitat; river otter habitat; intensive deer hunting	Previously proposed as a marine park
12c30	Hb Hv Rd	RR	UP	State selected	River otter habitat; deer winter habitat; intensive deer hunting	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c31	Hb Rp	RR	UP	Private	River otter habitat	Classified Private Recreation (80-36)

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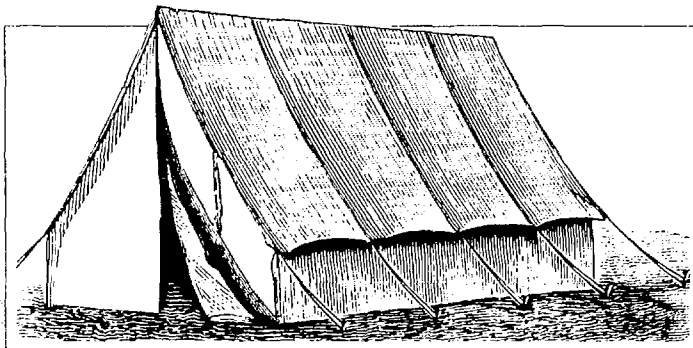
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12c33	Hb Hv Rd	D-1 Classified Private Rec. (80-36)	UP	State selected/ Private	Deer winter habitat; deer hunting	Classified Private Recreation (80-36)
12c34 Aaron Island	Rd	RR	UP	State		Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c35 Shelter	Hb Rd	D-1	UP	State selected/ Private	Otter habitat; deer habitat	Eastern parcel classified Private Recreation (SE-80-036)
12c36	Hb Rd	D-1	UP	State selected/ Private	River otter habitat; deer habitat	Classified Private Recreation (SE-80-036)
12c38 Portland Island	Hb Rd	RR	UP	State selected	River otter habitat	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c40 Shelter Island Lake	Rd	RR	SL	State selected	USFS cabin in disrepair; trail at north end of lake; float plane access	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c50	Hv	RR	SU	State	Halibut and salmon sportfishing; King and Tanner Crab personal use and commercial harvest	Heavily used for sportfishing
12c51	G	RR	SU	State	Shrimp personal use harvest	
12c55 around Aaron Island	Hv Rd	RR	T	State selected	Salmon and halibut sportfishing; shrimp personal use harvest	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c58	Rd	RR	T	State selected		Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c59	Hb	D-1	T	State	Otter habitat	
12c60 Adams Anchorage	Hv Sh	D-1	T	Private	King and Tanner crab personal use and commercial harvest; intensive salmon and halibut sportfishing; anchorage	
12c65	G	RR	SU	State		
12c67	Hb Hv Rd	RR	T	State selected	River otter habitat; salmon sportfishing; shrimp, Tanner crab and king crab personal use and commercial harvest	Previously proposed as a Marine Park
12c68	Hb Hv	RR	SU	State	Herring overwintering; Tanner and king crab commercial and personal use harvest; salmon sportfishing	
12c73	G	RR	SU	State		
12c75 Shelter Lake Anchorage	Hb Hv Rd	RR	T	State selected	Unprotected anchorage for Shelter Lake trail; halibut and salmon sportfishing; river otter habitat	Previously proposed as a State Marine Park

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Area no. & name	DNR designation	CBJ zoning district	Land type	Adjacent ownership	Resource or use	Other comments
12c76	Hb Hv Rd	RR	UP	State selected	Deer habitat; otter habitat; deer hunting; trail to Shelter Lake, USFS Cabin on lake in disrepair	
12c80 Shelter Island Marine Park	---	RR	T, UP	State	---	Existing State Marine Park
12c81	G	RR	SU	State		Currently in Marine Park; may be deleted from Marine Park if pending legislation passes
12c82	Hv	RR	SU	State	Halibut and salmon sportfishing	Currently in Marine Park; may be deleted from Marine Park if pending legislation passes
12c83	G	RR	SU	State		Currently in Marine Park; may be deleted from Marine Park if pending legislation passes





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