

Unit 2b - Tee Harbor

Background

Tee Harbor, named for its "T" shape, contains a north and south bight immediately inside the buoyed (south) and light marked (north) entrance. Most of the uplands are in private or Mental Health Trust ownership. Only the south bight, known as South Tee Harbor, has any harbor facility development. North Tee Harbor has no developed public access to the water, and with the exception of one small beach access point, there are no public lands adjacent to the water. A salmon stream flows into North Tee Harbor through extensive grassy wetlands which cover the majority of the public tidelands above mean low water. Upland areas to the east of Tee Harbor have high mineral potential. There are federal mining claims on some USFS lands east of Tee Harbor.

Sport fishing. The mouth of Tee Harbor receives high public use for sport fishing; clamming; and King, Tanner, and Dungeness crab harvest. Subunits 2b3, 2b5, and 2b9 receive particularly high use during southwest winds when it is one of the few areas along Lynn Canal that affords protected access.

CBJ Designations. Subunit 2b7 was designated a "Special Waterfront Area" by the revised Juneau Coastal Management Plan. This subunit is intended to provide both the land and water space for uses and activities which are directly related to, or essential to, maritime activities. Maritime activities include private boating, commercial fishing, charter fishing, and floatplane and other activities. The Juneau Coastal Management Plan limits tideland fill in this subunit to that necessary for a public boat ramp.

Existing Marina. Donahue's Marina is on leased and patented tidelands (Classified Commercial CL -338). Facilities include floats, boat stalls, marine repair shop, boat storage, vehicle parking, and boat launch.

Proposed Marina. The 1983 CBJ Small Boat Harbor Plan discusses the possibility of developing a new marina and boat launch in Subunit 2b7 at the south end of Tee Harbor. The site was considered for a summer-only mooring for small, trailerable boats. This would include 279 stalls for boats and 360 feet of float space for transient boats.

Public Boat Launch. Subunit 2b8 includes an unimproved site where boats are launched from state-owned tidelands. The uplands are owned by the Mental Health Trust.

Management Intent

With the exception of Subunit 2b7, the tidelands adjacent to private uplands will be managed to support uses on the private uplands while mitigating impacts on the recreation, habitat, and harvest for which the subunits in Tee Harbor are designated. The beach access point at the existing CBJ boat launch will be managed to ensure that the public continues to have access to state tidelands. Subunit 2b7 will be managed for waterfront development which includes marinas, boat launches, mooring buoys, or other improvements that support the use of the area for boating, floatplanes, or other activities involving the use of waterbodies for sport, recreation, or commerce.

Management Guidelines

Mineral Closures. The estuarine area, from mean high water to a water depth of 40 feet (measured at mean low low water), at the mouth of Tee Creek will be closed to new mineral location to protect important rearing areas for anadromous fish. The maintenance of the high-quality estuarine rearing habitat adjacent to this stream and avoiding impacts to the associated water quality and marine plant and animal communities is essential to sustaining the productivity of the Juneau area commercial- and community-harvest fisheries. A Map of this closure can be found in Mineral Order 653 in Appendix B.

Land-Use Designation Summary

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

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Area no. & name	DNR designation	CBJ zoning district	Land type	Adjacent ownership	Resource or use	Other comments
2b1	Hv Rd Sh	D-1	T	Private	Dungeness crab personal use harvest; anchorage; trail along shoreline	Houses on uplands with old dock pilings on tidelands
2b2 North Tee Harbor	Ha Hv Rd Sh One beach access point	D-1	T	Private/ CBJ	Trail along western shoreline; public clam harvest; salmon sportfishing; Dungeness crab personal use harvest; anadromous stream mouth; anchorage	
2b3	Hv	RR	SU	State	Salmon sportfishing	
2b4	Hv Rd Sh	D-1	T	Mental Health Trust/ private	Salmon sportfishing; powerline along state-owned tidelands	
2b5	Hv Rd Sh	D-1	T	Private	Salmon sportfishing; Tanner crab commercial harvest	
2b6	Hv Rp Sh	D-1	T	Private	Salmon sportfishing; Dungeness crab personal use harvest; anchorage	
2b7 South Tee Harbor	Hv Rp Wd	WC JCMP- SWA	T	Private	Includes commercial marina; public clam harvest; Dungeness crab personal use harvest; anchorage; private mooring buoys and floats	Existing commercial marina on private tidelands; commercial marina classified commercial (CL-328)
2b8 Boat launch	Hv Rp Sh One beach access point	D-1	T	Private/ Mental Health Trust	Public clam harvest; salmon sportfishing; includes small unimproved boat launch; anchorage	
2b9	Rp Hv	RR	SU	State	Anchorage; salmon sportfishing; Tanner crab commercial harvest	

REGION 2 - Lena Cove/Tee Harbor

