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INTRODUCTION

The Shoreline Access Study is part of Skagit County's continuing program of shoreline management planning.

The purpose of the study is to identify access to all publicly owned marine and some freshwater shorelines in the county which are presently being used, or have potential for use as recreation areas. The study is not intended to offer substantial recommendations or to formulate policy, but to catalogue existing sites, and serve as a guideline and reference document for future policy decisions regarding shoreline recreational development.

A bibliography of pertinent documents which supplement the findings of this study, follows the conclusion section.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The marine and freshwater shorelines of Skagit County represent a finite resource which is subject to conflicting demands for its use and development. The people of Skagit County have expressed a strong desire to preserve existing shorelines, and to promote their use for recreational purposes. This knowledge, taken together with the fact that only a limited amount of suitable recreational shoreline exists, makes the Shoreline Access Study imperative.

The goals of the study are as follows:

1. To provide safe, convenient, properly administered and diversified public access to publicly owned shorelines of Skagit County without infringing on the personal or property rights of adjacent residents. In addition, such access should not have an adverse impact on the environment.

2. To serve the interests and the general welfare of Skagit County citizens by enhancing their opportunities for water-related recreational activities.

3. To identify areas of potential use, whose future development will assure that adequate recreational shoreline is available to ensuing generations.

4. To have the Shoreline Access Study serve as a reference for recreational development policy and decision making.

To help achieve these goals, the following objectives have been established:

1. To identify all publicly owned marine tideland, and some publicly owned freshwater tideland in the county.

2. To locate existing accesses to these shoreline areas.

3. To prepare site summaries which give a physical description of each access area.

4. To evaluate each site in terms of its potential for public use, including, but not limited to the following activities:

Fishing	Picnicking
Beach walking	Shellfish gathering
Canoeing	Boat launching
Nature study	Hunting
Scenic views	Photography

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AREA

The area under consideration in the study includes all of the marine shoreline in the county from the Snohomish County line to the Whatcom County line; Fidalgo Island and other islands of the San Juan group, notably Guemes, Cypress and Sinclair; and the Skagit River from Skagit Bay to the I-5 freeway bridge. The mouth of the Samish River, and several freshwater sloughs are also included.

The study area is conveniently divided into two geographic groups, mainland and islands.

The economic base and principal land use in the mainland study area is agriculture, with farmland in many cases abutting the marine shoreline. This is also the case along the Skagit River, where farmland is in use right up to the dikes. While there are a number of access points (19) on the Skagit, the net affect in the remainder of the mainland is to severely restrict public access to state owned shoreline.

Fidalgo and Samish Islands have somewhat different limitations to shoreline access than did the previously described area. The coastal uplands of both islands have traditionally been desirable locations for home building, with the result that, in many cases, publicly owned shoreline has been blocked from overland access by private ownership. In addition, much of the shoreline of these islands is characterized by bluffs and high, steep banks, which further inhibits access. This condition is also true on the mainland from the Blanchard area to the Whatcom County line.

The islands, Guemes, Cypress and Sinclair, have an abundance of suitable, state owned shoreline; but of these, only Guemes is accessible by car. The islands are characterized by undeveloped open space, although Guemes has a mix of this use along with rural residential development.

Taken as a whole, the study area is made up of a wide diversity of marine and freshwater environments, from inter-tidal river deltas to accretion beaches and secluded bays and harbors. This offers a variety of recreational opportunities which are unique to Skagit County, and which, along with the county's predominantly rural character, make the area desirable for water related recreation.

METHODS

The study was limited to determining access to publicly owned shorelines only. While there are many privately owned shoreline areas in the county which would make desirable recreation sites, it was decided to exclude those areas because there is no action program for acquiring private property for recreational uses. Working with public shorelines only serves the double purpose of giving the study a clear focus while keeping its objectives within realistic limits.

The subject matter of the study arranged itself conveniently into three areas of research: tideland ownership, uplands ownership, and the location of access points from the uplands to the tidelands.

Tideland ownership was determined by using two sets of maps available from the State Department of Natural Resources, Division of Marine Land Management. One set of Forest-Type maps had state owned tidelands shaded in according to the length, in chains (one chain = 66 feet), of each segment. In addition, the Index Maps of Skagit County showing 2nd class tidelands and shoreline plats were used to correlate the information given on the Forest-Type maps. The Index Maps give a detailed accounting of shorelines use and ownership dating back to the end of the 19th century.

Upland ownership was determined through property records available in the Skagit County Assessor's Office. Public and private uplands ownership was clearly delineated in these records, together with additional information showing road ends, and diking and drainage districts.

A preliminary determination of access points was made by examining county road maps in the County Engineer's Office, including current maps, and those dating back to the turn of the century. The information gained from this source was then supplemented with first-hand information gained by going into the field and locating both existing and potential access points to state shoreline areas. Where access was identified, the associated shoreline was evaluated for its physical characteristics and recreational uses and potential, and the material was written up in a site summary statement for each location.

A list of documents used as secondary sources follows the conclusion section of this study.

DEMAND AND NEED

Public demand for shoreline related recreational activities is based on a 1976 survey, entitled, "Deciding Skagit County's Recreational Future", which was prepared as a joint effort by the Skagit County Cooperative Extension Service, the Skagit County Planning Department and the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department.

The survey shows that county residents desire shoreline and water related recreational opportunities as their first choice for outdoor activities. Both the preservation of salt water beaches and land conservation for recreational purposes were listed as high priority objectives in the survey.

The largest group of respondents (15%) gave beach activities (shellfish gathering, beach combing, etc.) as their first choice for outdoor activities, followed closely by fishing (14%) and camping (11%). While the survey does not address the question of access, it does point out the need for shoreline recreational facilities. A determination of shoreline access will help to expedite the development of desirable shoreline access. This study represents the first step in that direction.

Additional information on the survey used to prepare this section may be obtained by writing the Director, Skagit County Parks Department, P.O. Box 42, Mount Vernon, Washington 98723, (206) 336-5752.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

At the time of the publication of this report, state owned marine and freshwater shorelines in the planning area totaled 123 miles. Of this amount, 62 miles are marine shorelines and 61 miles are freshwater shorelines, including the Skagit River, the mouth of the Samish River, and several mainland sloughs. Further examination provides an even more explicit breakdown. The islands, principally Guemes, Cypress and Sinclair, but including Skagit, Hope, Deception, Allen, Burrow, Saddlebag, Hat, Huckleberry, Vendovi, Strawberry, Jack and Dot, comprise the bulk of the marine shorelines with 42 miles, while the mainland, which includes both Samish and Fidalgo Islands, comprises 19 miles. The Skagit River totals 39 miles, a figure somewhat inflated because both banks are counted into the total, freshwater sloughs, including the mouth of the Samish River, total 22 miles, also with both banks being counted into the total. These totals do not represent a single pattern of ownership, but are made up of three kinds of ownership, denoted by Department of Natural Resources terminology as follows:

T - Ownership from the line of mean high tide to the line of extreme low tide.

R-R - Ownership from the line of mean high tide to the line of extreme low tide, and reserved for public use.

L-E - Ownership from the line of mean low tide to the line of extreme low tide.

Allen Island is the only exception, with state shoreline ownership based on the meander line.

The complete breakdown of tideland ownership is as follows:

ISLANDS

T - 28.7 miles

R-R - 8.7 miles

L-E - 4.6 miles

MAINLAND, MARINE SHORELINE ONLY

T - 2.7 miles

R-R - 12.0 miles

L-E - 2.6 miles

1st Class Tidelands - 2.7 miles

MAINLAND, FRESHWATER SLOUGHS & SAMISH RIVER MOUTH

T - 7.3 miles

R-R - 11.9 miles

L-E - 2.9 miles

SKAGIT RIVER

T - 29.3 miles

R-R - 6.4 miles

L-E - 2.9 miles

From this, it is evident that the majority of suitable recreational shoreline (types T and R-R) is located on the islands which, with the exception of Guemes, are accessible only by boat.

Fidalgo and Samish Islands, which are considered mainland because they are integrated by highway to the major mainland portion of the county, contain the majority of state owned tidelands on the mainland. Most of this total is in Deception Pass State Park, which is heavily used by both county and out of county residents. State owned tidelands on the east side of March Point amount to over 10,000 feet; however, access is severely limited and no development for public use has taken place.

Publicly owned marine shoreline on the mainland east of the Swinomish Channel is virtually non-existant with the exception of Larrabee and Bayview State Parks, which have a total of 2,100 feet of public shorelines, and a Department of Natural Resources day use area on the north shore of Samish Island near the west end, which has 1,400 feet. All other publicly owned marine sites are blocked by private upland ownerships.

The majority of shoreline access on the mainland occurs on the Skagit River and on three freshwater sloughs; Indian, Sullivan and Edison. River access varies widely, from well-used and well-maintained, (site #44), to nothing more than a rough path to the dike top, (site #39). Of the 19 accesses listed for the Skagit, 7 are controlled by the State Game Department; one is operated by the County Parks Department, and the remainder are sites which have a history of public use but are under no agency jurisdiction. Sites which are suitable for public use are indicated in the Inventory Section; however, no permanent development should be anticipated, as all sites lie within the river floodway.

Mainland sloughs represent another potential use area, especially for canoeing, and the construction of nature trails on their associated dikes. Indian Slough is particularly suitable for this kind of development. However, funding for dike maintinance originates from both public and private sources, so that any plans for recreational development involving dikes would require the consent of the Commissioners of the appropriate diking district. Insurance coverage for liability in the event if an injury to someone using a dike, is also a matter which would have to be resolved before further plans could be made.

The most suitable kind of recreational beaches, according to criteria established by shorelines geologist Wolf Bauer, are Class I accretion beaches; those which collect drift material and remain dry at high tides.

Of the seven beaches in the county which have Class I status, only two are state owned shoreline, and are included in this study: Scott's Point on Samish Island, and the western point of Sinclair Island. Land upland of these beaches should be a high priority in the acquisition and development of future public use and access areas. Other accretion beaches are located on private tidelands and uplands, and their possible acquisition lies outside the boundary of this report.

INVENTORY

The data collected for the inventory relates to privately and publicly owned shoreline access. In either case, however, the significant determinant for including a particular access is that it lead to publicly owned shorelines. Only six exceptions were made. One is at the tip of March Point, where there is a well known and heavily used recreation site which is maintained at private expense by Shell Oil Company; Square Harbor, on Guemes Island, which is the only private ownership in a 2½ mile stretch of state owned shoreline, and is easily accessible by both car and boat; Peter Johnson Road End on the Skagit River, a moorage beach on the eastern end of Burrows Island; A Game Department boat launch at Bayview; and the beach at Young County Park, Guemes Island.

The largest single area of access is on the Skagit River, where there are 19 access points are from county road ends, or on roads which cross the dike from the county road right-of-way. Access is fairly evenly divided between road ends, road right-of-ways, diking and drainage easements, and by boat, throughout the remainder of the study area.

East of the 75 sites listed in the inventory was visted and evaluated by the Planning Department staff.

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Number and	Description
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SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 1

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 3 E, Section 6, N.E. ¼
Larrabee State Park

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	X*	State Parks and Recreation Commission
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Picnic tables, firepits, outhouses, shelter, running water

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural residential/undeveloped open space.

ACCESS: Road from Chuckanut Dirve

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock, Class II

BANK Low, gentle slope

UPLANDS Steep, sloped uplands

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Active day use

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: None. Site well developed for existing uses.

* According to the State Department of Parks and Recreation, tideland is state owned in the Skagit County portion of the park, and privately owned in the Whatcom County portion of the park. However, ownership patterns do not affect public use of the shoreline area.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 2

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 3 E, Section 28, W ½, Section 21, S.E. ¼ Bellingham Bay

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide, reserved for public use.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: Shallow draft, small boat only.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Mud 6,646 ft.

BANK Dike, short, steep bank

UPLANDS River Flood Plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, scenic view, shellfish gathering, photography.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Because there is no overland access, and access by boat is prohibited because of shallow water and mud flats, this site is not considered suitable for recreational development. Some thought might be given to the future development of an agriculture/estuary trail system; however, no action is recommended at this time.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 3

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 3 E, Section 33 S.W. ¼
Edison Slough

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Limited parking on county road right-of-way.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Agricultural

ACCESS: Road to Slough; poor access to water

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Slough with estuarine mud flats at the mouth
12,982 ft.

BANK Low steep bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Canoeing, fishing, shellfish gathering, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This site has little potential for development for public use.

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However, a possible use would be the development of a nature trail on the dike top from Edison to Bellingham Bay. Any consideration for development or use will require the consent of the members in the appropriate diking & drainage districts.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 4

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 3 E, Section 31, S.E. ¼
Mouth of Samish River

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean low tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: By boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Estuarine mud flats; 13,992 ft.

BANK Dike; low steep bank

UPLANDS River Flood Plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Shellfish gathering, hunting, fishing upriver from the bridge.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 5

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 3 E, Section 6, N.W.¼
Drainage Slough (Un-Named)

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: Shallow draft, small boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Estuarine mud flat; 3,498 ft.

BANK Dike; low, steep bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Shellfish gathering, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Site not suitable for recreational development.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 6

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 2 E, Section 36 N.E. ¼
Scott's Point, Samish Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	
PRIVATE		X*

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Private road allows easy access to shoreline.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Class I Accretion Beach;Rock; 3,795 ft.

BANK Low gentle sloped bank along access, flanked by high steep banks.

UPLANDS Terraced

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, shellfish gathering, scenic view, nature study, passive day use.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

* The uplands (7.10 acres) were put in the open space catagory in 1972. Such Classification allows the public overland access to publicly owned tideland.

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This site is ideally suited for passive recreational use. It is recommended that a public agency make inquiries about purchasing the upland property, or gaining access through an easement.

A small portion of the uplands is reserved as a Samish Indian burial ground.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 7

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 2 E, Section 25, N.E. ¼
Blue Heron Road End, Samish Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean low tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Small pier, limited off-road parking.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Small lot residential/Undeveloped open space.

ACCESS: County road to shoreline

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Class II, Rock & mud; 1,643 ft.

BANK No bank

UPLANDS Terraced

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Boating, fishing, scenic view, shellfish gathering nature study.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Private ownership probitits overland access. Public use is limited to low tide activities such as clam digging.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 8

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 2 E, Section 25 S.W. ¼, Section 26, S.E. ¼
Blue Heron Beach, Samish Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.* Reserved for public use.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: By boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class. II

BANK Low, gentle slope

UPLANDS Terraced

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Scenic view, shellfish gathering, fishing.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Private ownership prohibits overland access.

*Of the 3,800 feet of beach at this site, approximately 1,600 feet are publicly owned in 7 separated segments, varying in length from 50 to 700 feet. For this reason, beach marking (by the DNR) is considered a necessary prerequiste to public use, to avoid conflict with private owners.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 9

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 2 E, Section 26
Mercer Street Road End, Samish Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: By boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 491 ft.

BANK Low bank, gentle slope

UPLANDS Bluff

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Shellfish gathering, fishing, scenic view.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: No overland access.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 10

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 2 E, Section 27 S.W. ¼
Samish Island public beach & picnic area

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	DNR
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Picnic tables and outhouses upland; stairs from upland to beach.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: Steep stairs to beach.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Class II, Rock; 1,436 ft.

BANK High steep bank

UPLANDS Bluffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Shellfish gathering, fishing, scenic view, walking, picnicking, nature study.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Inadequate parking. Stairs need to be rebuilt; many of the steps are loose & several are missing.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 11

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 3 E, Section 31, N.W. ¼
Bayview State Park

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	X*	State Parks & Recreation Commission
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Picnic tables and firepits on the beach, camping facilities upland. Adequate parking.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: Road to parking lot

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock, Class II

BANK Low bank

UPLANDS Sloped

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Active day use, picnicking, swimming, clam digging, walking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential
Shoreline of statewide significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: The site is suitably developed for its present uses.

*The shoreline is privately owned along a very small section of the total length fronting the park. The State Parks & Recreation Commission is not sure why this is so, but they have indicated that it in no way affects public use of the site.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 12

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 3 E, Section 31, N.W. ¼
Town of Bayview

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC		State Dept. of Game
PRIVATE	X	

EXISTING FACILITIES: Boat launch, picnic table, adequate off-road parking.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: Boat launch

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock, Class III

BANK Low, rocky bank

UPLANDS Benched

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Boat launch, fishing, scenic view.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Concrete launching ramp is usable, but needs repair. A portion of the ramp is broken up, with the rebar exposed. Excellent views to the west and north.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 13

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 34 S.W. ¼
East March Point Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Unmarked, primitive boat launch; limited off-road parking on road shoulder.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Pasture

ACCESS: Gravel boat launch

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock, class II; 10,078 ft. (same as site #14)

BANK Low, steep bank flanking launch ramp

UPLANDS Rolling

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Boat launch, scenic view, shellfish gathering, fishing.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: The boat launch is unsuitable for use except by trucks and 4WD vehicles. Site is suitable for small boat launching only.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 14

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 28 and 34
East March Point Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: Low bank from shoulder of county road & easy access at the north end of the state owned tidelands.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 10,078 ft (same as site #13)

BANK High, steep bank is characteristic; low bank at north end access.

UPLANDS Rolling

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Scenic view, fishing, shellfish gathering, nature study, photography, walking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: At present, there is no upland parking, and only limited overland access to the shoreline at the north end of the beach, near site #15.

Any development for public use will require a careful adjudication of private and public rights and interests, as the entire upland area is privatley owned.

This site offers an unparalled view of the North Cascades and Canadian Cascades. Its location and size make it an ideal site for recreational development.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 15

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 28, N.E. ¼
East March Point Road, near the tip of the Peninsula

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC		
PRIVATE	X	X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Primitive boat launch jointly maintained by Shell Oil and the State Department of Game.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Industrial

ACCESS: Boat launch

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock, Class II

BANK Low, rocky bank

UPLANDS Rolling

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Boat launch, fishing, shellfish gathering, walking, nature study, scenic view, photography.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: The launch is well used; however, its generally poor condition makes it suitable only for trucks and 4WD vehicles. Site is suitable only for small boat launching. Excellent view of Canadian and North Cascades.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 16

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 21
East March Point Road, at tip of Peninsula

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC		
PRIVATE	X	X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Adequate, well-maintained off-road parking

ADJACENT LAND USE: Industrial

ACCESS: County Road

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock, Class II

BANK Low, Rocky Bank

UPLANDS Rolling

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, shellfish gathering, fishing, scenic view, nature study, photography.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Urban

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: The site is owned by Shell Oil Company, and is offered for public use at their discretion. It may be withdrawn from such use without notice.

Along with sites 13 and 14, this location has outstanding views to the north and west.

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This site, extending along the north end of March Point, is a popular recreation site and is heavily used by boaters and fishermen.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 17

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 32, S.E. ¼
West March Point Road, near North Texas Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean low tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Industrial

ACCESS: County Road right-of-way

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Mud; Class II; 647 ft.

BANK Low, steep bank

UPLANDS Sloped

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, clam digging, photography

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Urban

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: No off-road parking. Very little development potential.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 18

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 18
Cap Sante City Park - Anacortes

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	City of Anacortes	City of Anacortes
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Parking and turnaround, litter can

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential

ACCESS: No beach access

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Does not apply

BANK Does not apply

UPLANDS Steep bluffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Scenic View

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: 1st class shoreline

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 19

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 1 E, Section 22, N.W. ¼
Washington State Ferry Terminal

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Port of Anacortes	Port of Anacortes
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: State Ferry Terminal

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential/Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: State Route 20

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock, Class II

BANK Low Bank

UPLANDS Sloped

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Scenic view, limited beach for walking.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: 1st Class shoreline

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Development for public access incompatable with existing use.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 20

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 1 E, Section 21, N.E. ¼
Shannon Point Marine Biological Station

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide	Western Washington University *
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Research and classroom facilities

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Road to beach

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Cobble; Class II; 2,580 ft.

BANK Low, gentle bank

UPLANDS Bluffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Beach Walking, nature study, photography

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: 1st class shoreline

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This property is reserved for research and instruction in marine biology. Visitors are encouraged to visit the station; however, no development for public recreational use can be anticipated.

All beach activities must be passive.

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*W.W.U. administers the property for a consortiom of universities which have an interest in the facility.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 21

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 1 E, Section 28, N.W. ¼; Section 21 S.W. ¼
Washington Park

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	City of Anacortes	City of Anacortes
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Shelters, firepits, running water, restrooms, playground equipment, parking, boat launch, playing field.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential/Public open space

ACCESS: Road to beach area; boat launch

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Cobble, Class II

BANK Low, gentle bank

UPLANDS Sloped

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Active day use (above), nature study; photography, fishing.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: 1st Class shoreline

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: The site is well developed for its present uses.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 22

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 1 E, Section 2, S.W. ¼
Marine Drive Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.*	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential

ACCESS: By boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 4,416 ft.*

BANK High bluffs

UPLANDS Gullies, canyons; ravines

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Conservancy

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: No overland access.

*Beach is abutted to the north by 3,720 ft. of state owned tideland, with ownership from mean low to extreme low tide. Very little tideland area is exposed.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 23

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 1 E, Section 10, S.W. ¼
Biz Point

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential

ACCESS: By boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 1,841 ft.

BANK High, steep bank

UPLANDS Terraced

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Rural Residential

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Upland access impossible without land acquisition or easement.

A small beach on the south side of the point is suibable for small boat landing.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 24

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 1 E, Section 15, S.W. ¼; Section 22, N.W. ¼
West Side, Fidalgo Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	Skagit County* Kathlene Sharp Co. Park
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: By boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock 8,137 ft.

BANK High bluffs

UPLANDS Bluffs and cliffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Scenic View

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Natural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Of the 8,137 ft. of publicly owned tideland, 3,700 feet are assoicated with 44.45 acres of county owned uplands. The remaining 4,437 feet of publicly owned tideland is associated with privately owned uplands. The tidelands lie at the base of high bluffs; little or no beach is exposed.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 25

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 1 E, Section 22, E. ½
Rosario Beach, Deception Pass State Park

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	State of Washington
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Parking, running water, picnic tables, shelters, fire-pits, restrooms, trails, playground area.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential/Public open space

ACCESS: Road to beach

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 18,963 ft. of beach fronting state owned uplands.*

BANK Low, gentle bank at Rosario Beach access

UPLANDS Sloped

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Active day use (above), nature study, photography, fishing beach walking.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: The site is well developed for existing uses.

*An additional 4,147 feet of state owned tideland abuts the state park tidelands on the east, and fronts privately owned uplands.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 26

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 1 E, Section 24 S.E. ¼
Yokeko Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean low tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential

ACCESS: By boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock 848 ft.

BANK Low, gentle bank

UPLANDS Bluffs/Cliffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, shellfish gathering

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: No overland access without land acquisition or easement. This site is not considered suitable for recreational development.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 27

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 2 E, Section 19, N.E. ¼
Doris St. Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean low tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential

ACCESS: By boat only

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II, 1,531 ft.

BANK Low bank

UPLANDS Meadows

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: No overland access without land acquisition or easement. This site is not considered suitable for recreational development.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 28

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 3 E, Section 8, N.W. ¼
Indian Slough at Bayview-Edison Road (North Channel)

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	X
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: County Road

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Estuarine mud flats; 5,989 ft.

BANK Low, steep bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, photography, walking, canoeing, scenic view.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This site has potential for development as a nature trail/ nature study area. The dike top is suitable for walking, though periodically covered with blackberry tangles.

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Inquiry should be made concerning possible development of the site. However, any such considerations will require the approval of the Commissioners of the related diking and drainage districts.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 29

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 3 E, Section 8, N.W. ¼
Indian Slough, Bayview-Edison Road (South channel)

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: County Road; dike top

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Estuarine mud flats; 12,500 ft.

BANK Low, steep bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, photography, walking, canoeing, scenic view.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: The dike top is suitable for development as a nature trail/nature study area; however, it is less suitable for walking than site #28, and would require more preparation before public use could be considered.

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As in site #28, any consideration for development would require the approval of the Commissioners of the related diking and drainage districts.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 30

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 3 E, Section 31, S.W. ¼
Sullivan Slough at Chilberg Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean low to extreme low tide.*	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural/Agricultural

ACCESS: County Road right-of-way

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach; 30,721 ft. in public ownership

BANK Low, brushy bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Canoeing, nature study, photography

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Little potential for public use, however, some consideration might be given to using the slough as an inland canoeing area. All plans must be approved by the Commissioners of the related diking & drainage districts.

*7,067 feet of the total are owned to the mean high tide line.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 31

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 2 E, Section 17, N.W. ¼
Rawlins Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Public shooting grounds	State Dept. of Game
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Limited parking at road end

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural/Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: County Road End

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Estuarine mud flats

BANK Dike at road end, easy access

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Hunting, nature study, photography

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of statewide significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Site is a marine and freshwater wetland, and does not provide direct water access. At normal tides, the shoreline is 1/2 - 3/4 mile from the road end.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 32

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 8, S.E. ¼
Phil's Boat House; Skagit River; North Fork

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Rental cabins, cafe, boat rentals, trailer space, picnic area, dock, bait shop, fuel, parking.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural/Agricultural

ACCESS: Private road

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Sand/mud

BANK Low, easy access bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, camping, picnicking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Site is privately owned and developed. Public use is allowed on a fee basis only.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 33

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 8, S.E. ¼
Short Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: County Road End

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach

BANK Low, rocky bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Road ends in private property. Site not suitable for public use.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 34

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E., Section 10, S.W. ¼
Moore Road, just north of the North Fork Bridge

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Outhouses, parking and turnaround area

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: Road to riverfront

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Sand;mud

BANK Low bank, easy access

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, nature study, picnicking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: The access road and parking area are not maintained; however, this is a popular, well-used site, especially during steelhead season.

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The beach area is exposed at normal water flow (18 - 25 ft. as measured at the Riverside guage, Mt. Vernon). No permanent development can be anticipated, as the site is in the river flood way.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 35

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 10, N.E. ¼
Beaver Marsh Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: Road to dike top

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach at access point

BANK Steep, rocky bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Little or no suitability for public use.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 36

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 21, N.W. ¼
Fir Island Road, Jensen Access

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Public shooting grounds State Dept of Game	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Large parking and turnaround area

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: Road end

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Estuarine, intertidal mud flats

BANK No bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Hunting, scenic view, nature study, clam digging.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Site heavily used during the hunting season. Maintained as a public access site by the State Department of Game.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 37

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 26, N.E. ¼
Mann Road End, Game Range

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Public shooting ground State Dept. of Game	State Dept. of Game
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Trails, parking, Game Dept. facilities (house, storage & maintainance buildings)

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: Road end

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Estuarine intertidal mud flats

BANK No bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Hunting, clam digging, photography, walking, nature study.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Site well suited for above uses. Good potential for establishment of a nature trail to explain river estuary/intertidal ecology.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 38

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 13, N.E. ¼
Dike Road, South Peter Johnson Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC		
PRIVATE	X	X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None; no off-road parking.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: 4WD vehicles or on foot, from County Road, across dike.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Sand; mud

BANK No bank between the dike and the river

UPLANDS River Flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, active day use

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: A large beach area is exposed at normal water flow (18 - 25 feet as measured at the Riverside guage, Mt. Vernon), which makes the site well suited for picnicking, playfield activities etc. Site is in the floodway, so no permanent development can be anticipated.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 39

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 12, N.E. ¼
Skagit City Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: Road to dike top

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Small sand beach

BANK Steep, brushy bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: No development potential.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 40

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 7 N.W. ¼
Stackpole Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Limited parking

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: Road over dike

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach

BANK Steep, brushy bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: There is a large, cleared out area between the dike and the river, that is suitable for parking. It also gives this site some potential for development as a day use area. However, no permanent development can be anticipated as the site is in the river flood way.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 41

LOCATION: Township 33, N, Range 3 E, Section 1, N.E. ¼
Skagit City Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Parking, outhouses

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural/Agricultural

ACCESS: Road over dike to river

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach

BANK Low, brush-free bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, picnicking, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This site is suitable for use as an active day use area. However, no permanent development can be anticipated, as the site is in the river floodway.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 42

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 2, N.W. ¼
Marsh Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Agricultural

ACCESS: Road to dike top

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach

BANK Steep, brushy bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, walking, fishing, photography

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: No parking. Dike top is suitable for walking.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 43

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 3 E, Section 35, S.E. ¼
Kamb Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Primitive boat launch; some parking on river side of dike.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Agricultural

ACCESS: Road to river side of dike

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Sand/mud

BANK Low, steep bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, walking, nature study, photography, picnicking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Suitable for public use; however, no permanent development can be considered, as this site is in the river floodway.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 44

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 3 E. Section 36, N.E. ¼
Penn Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Outhouses, large off-road parking area.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural/Agricultural

ACCESS: Road over dike

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Sand beach

BANK Low, brush-free bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, nature study, picnicking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural
Shoreline of Statewide Significance

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This is a popular, well used fishing site. However, no permanent development can be considered, as the site is in the river floodway.
Maintained as a public access site by the State Department of Game

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 45

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 4 E, Section 9, N.E. ¼
North Baker Street, Mt. Vernon

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X.

EXISTING FACILITIES: Outhouses, parking

ADJACENT LAND USE: Residential

ACCESS: Road over dike

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Sand, exposed at normal water flow

BANK No bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, picnicking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This site is a popular local fishing spot. However, no permanent development can be considered, as the site is in the river floodway.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 46

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 3 E, Section 13, S.E. ¼
Riverbend Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Agricultural

ACCESS: Road over dike

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach

BANK High, steep bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Low potential for public use.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 47

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 3 E, Section 12, S.E. ¼
Riverbend Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Agricultural

ACCESS: By foot, over dike

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach

BANK Steep, high bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: None

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: No suitability for public use.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 48

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 4 E, Section 7, S.E. ¼
Riverbend Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: Road to dike top

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach

BANK High, steep bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Walking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Little potential for public use.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 49

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 1 E, Section 11, S.W. ¼
South Shore Drive Road End, Guemes Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Limited parking

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: County Road End

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 5,827 ft.

BANK High steep bank

UPLANDS Sloped

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Beach walking, nature study, photography, fishing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Moderately good access at South Shore Road End. However, stairs could be put in to the beach, and upland parking expanded. This is an excellent walking beach.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 50

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 1 E, Section 2, S.W. ¼
Eden's Road End, Guemes Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide S. of Road end; 732 ft.* Mean low tide to extreme low tide, N. of road end; 2,843 ft	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Limited parking

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: County Road End

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 3,575 ft. (2,843 ft., L-E; 732 ft., T)

BANK Low, gentle bank

UPLANDS Rolling

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Scenic view, nature study, beach walking, fishing.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

*This length is in two segments, one 39 ft. long, the other 691 feet long, separated by 80 ft. of privately owned tideland.

This site is not as suitable for public use, as are others (#49, #50, #52, #53) on the island.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 51

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 35 S.W. ¼
Lervick Avenue Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean low tide to extreme low tide. Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: County Road End

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II 2,745 ft. (1,386 ft., L-E; 1,359 ft.,)

BANK Low bank at road end

UPLANDS Rolling, atop high bluffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Beach walking, scenic view, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Excellent recreational beach, however there is no parking at road end.

Low tide public ownership begins at road end and is abutted by high tide ownership to the north. There is no direct access to high tide beach.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 52

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 26, N.E. ¼
Young Park, Guemes Shore Road End

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC		Skagit County Parks Department
PRIVATE	X	

EXISTING FACILITIES: Parking, picnic tables, lawn/play area, outhouses.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: County Road End

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II

BANK Low, gentle bank

UPLANDS Terraced

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, beach walking, fishing, scenic view, nature study, photography.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Well located park; however, the facilities (picnic tables & firepits) need improvement and/or replacement.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 53

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 25, S.W. ¼ and Section 35 N. ½
Guemes Shore Road

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Limited off-road parking

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: County Road right-of-way

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 5,786*

BANK Low bank

UPLANDS Mix of bluffs, dunes, and gentle slopes

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Beach walking, picnicking, fishing, nature study, scenic view, photography.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Excellent recreational beach with adequate off-road parking.

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*This is not a continuous strip of beach. It is divided into 4 sections varying in length from 212 ft. to 3,638 ft.

Beach marking, to separate public and private ownership, will be necessary before public use can be encouraged at this site. The other alternative is purchase of the intervening private property. This is an excellent recreational beach with high development potential.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 54

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 5, S.W. ¼
Square Harbor, Guemes Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC		
PRIVATE	X	X*

EXISTING FACILITIES: Parking turnaround; freshwater creek

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Cat Road from Eden's Road to tideland area

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II

BANK Low, steep bank

UPLANDS Bluffs and compound uplands

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, swimming, scenic view, nature study, photography.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Uplands posted "Open-Space'. Public access is conditional on the uplands remaining in this tax catagory.

This site is the only privately owned tideland area in a continuous strip of 12,599 ft. of state owned tideland. Because of its suitability for recreational purposes, a government agency should inquire about purchasing this site.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 55

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 8, N.E. ¼
Guemes Island, Proposed Holiday Hideway Recreation Beach

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Limited parking above beach, undeveloped

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Trail from parking area to beach

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II, 3,105 ft.

BANK High, steep bank

UPLANDS Terraced

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This is a small, protected beach looking out on Huckleberry Island, and suitable for active day use. A public agency should inquire purchasing an easement or some form of access to the beach.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 56

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 1 E, Section 12, S.E. ¼
South Shore Road, East of the Ferry Dock, Guemes Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	X*
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: County Road right-of-way

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 5,827 ft.

BANK Low at west end of beach, for a short ways, and high for the remainder of the beach.

UPLANDS Bluffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Scenic view, fishing, beach walking, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural/Rural Residential

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This site is well suited for active day use.

*County Road right-of-way.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 57

LOCATION: Township 33 N, Range 2 E, Section 19, N.W. ¼
Conway County Park

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	Skagit County Parks Department
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Primitive boat launch, picnic tables, fire pits, restrooms, off-road parking

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential

ACCESS: County Road End

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Sand

BANK Low, gentle bank

UPLANDS River flood plain

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Fishing, picnicking, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This is a popular recreation site, used primarily by fishermen.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 58

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 2 E, Sections 28 and 29
Hope Island, Skagit Bay

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	Washington State Parks and Recreation
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: 5 mooring buoys, north side

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II & III; 13,464 ft. circumference

BANK High, steep banks

UPLANDS Rolling

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Scenic view, nature study, boat moorage

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Natural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Beach on the north side is suitable for boat moorage.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 59

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 2 E, Section 18
Skagit Island, Skagit Bay

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	Washington State Parks and Recreation
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat; no landing sites

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach; 3,921 ft. circumference

BANK High, steep

UPLANDS Rolling

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: None

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Natural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 60

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 1 E, Section 25
Deception Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. Reserved for public use.	Washington State Parks and Recreation
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE No beach; 2,459 ft. circumference

BANK High bank

UPLANDS Sloped

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: None

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Natural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 61

LOCATION: Township 34 N, Range 1 E, Section 4
Allen Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Meander line	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II

BANK Bluffs

UPLANDS

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Good moorage and landing beach on the east side.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Beaches on the north and south side are not as suitable for boat moorage as the one above, but are good landing beaches.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 62

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 1 E, Section 33
Burrows Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide. *	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock, Class II; 20,196 ft. circumference

BANK Bluffs

UPLANDS

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Boat moorage, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Good moorage beach on the east side. Other beaches on the north and south sides are not as suitable for moorage, but are good landing beaches.

*Tidelands at the east side moorage beach are privately owned.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 63

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 31
Strawberry Island - State Marine Park

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	Department of Natural Resources
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: 1 mooring buoy, picnic tables, fire pits

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Small rock beach at the notch, south end; 4,290 ft. circumference

BANK Steep, low bank

UPLANDS Sloping

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, picnicking, boat moorage.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Natural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This is an excellent location for picnicking and observing marine life.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 64

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 31 and 32
Strawberry Bay, Cypress Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X*

EXISTING FACILITIES: Dock

ADJACENT LAND USE: Vacation cabins; Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 10,112 ft.

BANK No bank

UPLANDS Steep slope

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, nature study, beach walking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Excellent location for picnicking. A public agency should look into establishing facilities such as fire pits, tables, and outhouses.

*The North ½ of the S.W. ¼ of Section 32 is in the open space tax catagory.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 65

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 19
Cypress Island, just north of Eagle Bluff

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 9,465 ft.

BANK Steep, wooded

UPLANDS Bluffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Boat moorage, nature study, picnicking.

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 66

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 17
Cypress Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 12,533 ft. *

BANK Steep, wooded

UPLANDS Steep slope

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Boat landing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: There are several rather small beaches along this part of shoreline, which are separated by bluffs or high banks. Their proximity to one another allows a single classification for the whole group.

*Refers to the same state owned tideland as sites # 67, 68.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 67

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 21
Cypress Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 12,533 ft.

BANK Low and wooded

UPLANDS

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Boat moorage, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This is a well known and well used mooring site for local boaters. Like the other sites on Cypress Island, it offers splendid scenery in a beautiful natural setting.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 68

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 21
Cypress Island; Eagle Harbor

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Equipment and support facilities for logging operations.

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II; 12,533 ft.

BANK Low

UPLANDS Steep slope

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Excellent moorage site, nature study

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Recreational uses are incompatible with present logging operation; however, consideration should be given to some kind of recreational development (picnic tables, fire pits) in the future.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 69

LOCATION: North Deepwater Bay; Cypress Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: Dock

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II

BANK High, steep bank

UPLANDS

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, fishing, picnicking, photography

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Excellent recreational beach.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 70

LOCATION: Towsnhip 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 34
Cypress Island, Mexican Bay

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	Department of Natural Resources
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock spit connecting Cypress to small island.

BANK None

UPLANDS Bluffs

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, picnicking, photography, fishing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Conservancy

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Excellent recreational beach.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 71

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 9, S.W. ¼
Sinclair Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: County dock

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Class I accretion beach; rock

BANK No bank

UPLANDS Flat to gentle slope

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, nature study, photography

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: This site is a spit extending several hundred feet into the channel between Sinclair and Cypress Islands. It is an ideal recreation site, with an abundance of dry beach at high tide, spectacular scenery and little potential for being too heavily used. Recreational site development should be considered.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 72

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 9, N.W. ¼
Sinclair Island N.W. corner

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Rural Residential/Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II

BANK Low brushy

UPLANDS Flat to gently sloping

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, picnicking, small boat landing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 73

LOCATION: Township 36 N, Range 1 E, Section 15, N.E. ¼
Sinclair Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X*

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II

BANK Low, wooded bank

UPLANDS Sloped

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Nature study, small boat landing, picnicking

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

*This beach area is associated with 67.25 acres of upland property which was placed in the open space catagory in December 1973. All of the N.E. ¼ of Section 15 is in open space.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 74

LOCATION: Sinclair Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	
PRIVATE		X*

EXISTING FACILITIES: None

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II

BANK Steep, wooded bank

UPLANDS Flat to gently rolling

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, nature study, small boat landing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Rural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

*See Site #73 for open space information. The State Department of Game also owns approximately 40 acres at the east end of Jackson Road, directly upland of the beach area.

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NUMBER: 75

LOCATION: Township 35 N, Range 2 E, Section 9
Saddlebag Island

OWNERSHIP:

	TIDELANDS	UPLANDS
PUBLIC	Mean high tide to extreme low tide.	Washington State Parks and Recreation
PRIVATE		

EXISTING FACILITIES: Picnic tables, trash barrels, firepits

ADJACENT LAND USE: Undeveloped open space

ACCESS: Boat

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

BEACH TYPE Rock; Class II

BANK Low, wooded

UPLANDS Sloping

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES: Picnicking, nature study, small boat landing

SHORELINE DESIGNATION: Natural

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Site is easily accessible by boat from Anacortes and other mainland points. It is an ideal fair weather moorage and recreation site, although somewhat limited by its small size.

CONCLUSIONS

Although the study identifies 69 access points leading to shorelines which are state owned, only a handful of these shoreline areas are both accessible by car and suitable for recreation. This includes sites which have already been developed for public use: Larrabee, Bayview and Deception Pass State Parks; Conway and Young County Parks; and Washington Park in Anacortes.

Certain sites identified in the study bear further examination by appropriate State and County agencies because of their high potential for recreational development. These sites are: March Point, on the east side, Scott's Point on Samish Island, Strawberry Bay on Cypress Island, Square Harbor on Guemes Island, the Indian Slough dike, the southwest portion of Guemes Island, the southwest tip of Guemes Island, and the beach once slated for recreational use in the now defunct Holiday Hideway recreation plat. These sites, as well as any others which may come under consideration, will require more extensive research of the site itself, and its proposed uses and facilities, prior to acquisition.

The establishment or priorities for acquisition is a necessary prerequisite to the formulation of any kind of action program. For this purpose, a citizen and technical advisory committee should be set up to provide local input into the site review and prioritization process.

The County Parks Department is presently working on a site acquisition program for shoreline as well as inland areas, as part of the Comprehensive County Parks plan scheduled for completion in September, 1978. The Access Study should help the Parks Department to establish a definitive budget and capital improvement program with regard to specific shoreline areas.

Finally, further investigation and consultation with dike and drainage district commissioners will be necessary in order to pursue an excellent opportunity for greater and more diversified shoreline access.

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