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1   Introduction

The *Tourism and Recreation Strategy for Protection Areas in Gitga'at Territory* has been prepared by independent contractor Diane Wilson for the consideration of the Gitga'at Development Corporation.

The Gitga'at assert aboriginal rights and title to the land and resources in their Territory and are negotiating land ownership, governance structures, and compensation with Canada and the province of British Columbia within the British Columbia Treaty Process. The Gitga'at are currently negotiating an agreement in principle (stage four of the BC Treaty process) as part of the larger Tsimshian Nation treaty table.

Nothing in this document derogates or abrogates the Aboriginal Rights or Title of the Gitga'at; nor does it limit the scope, timing, or resourcing of their treaty negotiations. This document does not replace the Crown's obligation to respect, secure and conduct good faith negotiations respecting the Aboriginal Rights, the Aboriginal Title or the Aboriginal interests of the Gitga'at.

1.1   Context

The Gitga'at have adopted an holistic, ecosystem-based approach to land use planning in their Territory to protect and sustain the ecological integrity of their natural resources and provide for community and human wellbeing. In the Fall of 2003, the Gitga'at Nation developed the first draft of their official Land Use Plan, which identifies where an dhow different land and resource uses can occur. Within this plan, the Gitga'at recognize four broad land use allocations: protection, restoration, stewardship and resource development. Each landscape and watershed within Gitga'at Territory has been designated within one or more of these four allocations based on their relative cultural and ecological values and resource development opportunities. Twenty-five protection areas were designated within the Territory.

1.2   Purpose and Structure

This document provides management direction for tourism and recreation activity in protection areas in Gitga'at Territory. It is separated into six major sections. These include:

1. Report context, purpose and structure;
2. Overview of land use planning activities, protection areas and tourism in Gitga'at territory;
3. Policy direction for coastal First Nations tourism development;
4. Key provincial, regional, local and target market industry trends;
5. Protection area specifics (outlined separately for all 25 protection areas):
    a. Size, location and access;
    b. Social and cultural values;
    c. Ecological values;
    d. Tourism and Recreation values, opportunities and infrastructure;
    e. Existing tourism use;
    f. Other stakeholder interests;
    g. Management objectives, issues and strategies;
    h. Analysis of tourism potential; and,
6. Document Summary.

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2   Gitga'at Territory

Figure 1: Gitga'at Territory General Location Map
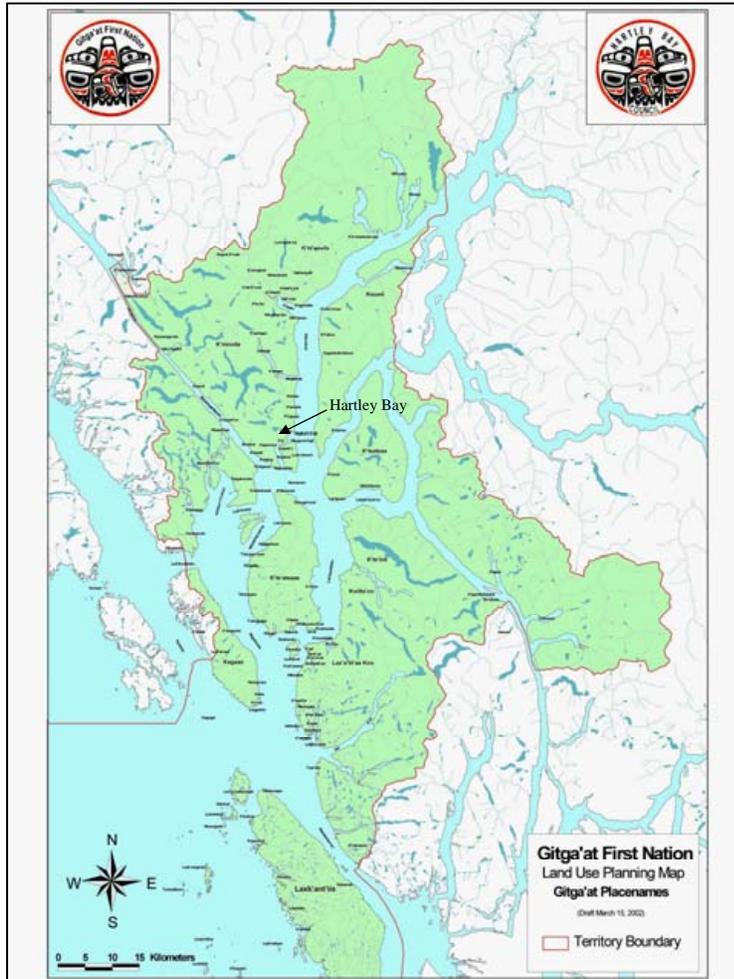
2.1   Overview

Gitga'at Territory covers approximately 5,500 square kilometres of land (550,000 hectares). It includes portions of the mainland and coastal islands at the mouth of the Douglas Channel on British Columbia's north and central coast (Figure 1).

Gitga'at Territory is part of one of the largest intact coastal rainforests in the world and contains internationally rare ecosystems. It is characterized by steep, forested mountains, deep ocean channels and glacier-capped peaks.

The Gitga'at community of Hartley Bay is located approximately 144 kilometres (90 miles) southeast of Prince Rupert and 85 kilometres (50 miles) southwest of Kitimat, at the confluence of the Grenville and Douglas Channels, behind Promise Island. Hartley Bay can be accessed by boat, floatplane or ferry. The community is serviced by daily scheduled floatplane flights and bi-weekly ferry trips to and from Prince Rupert.

The Gitga'at are part of the Tsimshian cultural group, a people who occupy much of British Columbia's North Coast and southern Alaska. The Tsimshian are one of the largest First Nations in British Columbia, with a population of approximately ten thousand people.

The Gitga'at have existed and prospered in their Territory since time immemorial, dependent upon its rich marine and terrestrial resources for their social and economic development and their spiritual health. The wellbeing of the Gitga'at community is intricately related to the integrity of these resources, and their culture will only thrive if they are protected. As such, they are committed to an ecosystem-based approach to land use planning that emphasizes the connection between the health of their lands and resources and the health of those residing in the Territory.

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There are currently six hundred twenty nine registered Gitga'at Band members[1]. Approximately one hundred eighty members live on reserve in Hartley Bay. This number varies according to season, and is highest during the summer months. There are roughly sixty homes and community buildings in Hartley Bay, including a school, church, community centre and a new cultural centre. Community members are employed in a variety of sectors, including village administration, public works and safety, social and health services, housing, treaty negotiations, education services, salmon enhancement, forestry, tourism and ecological research.

2.2   Gitga'at Protection Areas

In the Fall of 2003, the Gitga'at Nation developed the first draft of their official Land Use Plan. Within this plan, the Gitga'at recognize four broad land use allocations: protection, restoration, stewardship and resource development.

Protection areas are landscapes, watersheds or sites where certain extractive resource uses (i.e. intensive logging or mining) are restricted because the area contains significant cultural, ecological or wilderness values. Twenty-five protection areas have been designated within Gitga'at Territory, totaling 265,315 hectares. This figure represents just over 48% of the terrestrial component of Gitga'at Territory (Figure 2).

Protected areas within Gitga'at Territory have been established to[2]:

- Protect important cultural values or restrict access to sensitive cultural heritage areas;
- Provide for continuation of Gitga'at cultural and social practices and sustenance harvesting;
- Protect endangered, rare or representative examples of regional ecosystems;
- Protect ecosystems that provide core or critical habitat for endangered or rare wildlife and plant species; and,
- Sustain rare ecological features and important wilderness values.

The primary purpose of protection areas is to protect and sustain important cultural heritage, ecological, and wilderness values by excluding industrial resource development activity such as logging and mining, and by managing commercial and public recreation access and use to within area and site carrying capacities. The goal is to maintain protection areas in a natural state, while allowing for a range of cultural, spiritual and other compatible commercial and public uses. The following general management objectives apply to all protection areas[2]:

- ➢ Maintain opportunities for Gitga'at people to continue cultural and social resource uses including:
  - hunting, fishing, and trapping,
  - harvesting of timber, non-timber forest products, and traditional plants for cultural and social purposes, and
  - cultural and spiritual activities.
- ➢ Protect and / or restore cultural heritage values.
- ➢ Allow for limited commercial wilderness tourism (guiding, sportfishing, hiking etc.).
- ➢ Allow small-scale hydro to support local tourism infrastructure.

No logging, mining or other commercial resource extraction is permitted within protection areas.

Hunting of grizzly and/or black bears (including Kermode bears, a subspecies of the black bear with a recessive white gene) is <u>strictly</u> prohibited.

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[1] Wickam, T. 2002. Draft Socio-Economic Development Assessment for Klemtu and Hartley Bay. Gitga'at Kitasoo Protocol Implementation Team.
[2] Gitga'at Development Corporation. 2003. Draft LUP for Discussion.

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Figure 2: Protection Areas in Gitga'at Territory

ID	Name	Name	Area (ha)
1	Jesse Lake	Jesse Lake	23,336
2	Giit'uyees	Giltoyees	35,413
3	Foch Lagoon	Foch	23,079
4	Klo'obasluskiwaas	Douglas	808
5	Kwaal	Quall River	19,208
6	Kagaos	Campania	11,162
7	Lowe Inlet	Lowe Inlet	762
8	K'gaan	Kkekane	18,517
9	Q'altanaas	Aaltanhash	18,774
10	G'bot's	Khutze	34,685
11	Miyannloop	Union Passage	2,716
12	Kwilto'oo	Cornwall Inlet	4,864
13	Maxdaksatxalgexs	Tsimtack Lake	6,768
14	Rivers Bight	Rivers Bight	1,807
15	Klitsmh'al	Ashdown Island	454
16	Ksixdzeks	Butadale	6,935
17	K'mooda	Gamble Lake	14,426
18	Ksgaidz	MacDonald Inlet	365
19	K'liskos	Kalkosh	2,567
20	Khuk'ahysa	Chapple	8,868
21	K'dzahdzaadz	Tuttle Bay	126
22	Laxkwildziis	Fin Island	1,229
23	K'k'ahas	Barnard-Deer Lake	13,069
24	T'aat'ibn	Racey-Helmcken	13,942
25	Bishop Bay	Bishop Bay	1,635
		Total	265,315

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Land Use Planning Map
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Territory Boundary
Protection Area
Other Protected Areas

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3   Coastal First Nations Tourism Policy

3.1   Context

Many First Nation communities along BC's central and north coast are increasing their involvement in tourism development in their territories as part of their economic diversification strategies for their communities. In response to the need for strategic tourism planning, representatives from coastal First Nations and the provincial government commissioned the Coastal First Nations Tourism Strategy[3].

The Coastal First Nations Tourism Strategy identified three major themes that will support coastal tourism development within these communities. These included[4]:

Protecting the Resource Base (Land Use Planning)
- Tourism businesses are dependent upon the quality of the natural and social resources in their area of operation. It is important to conserve these resources by operating within area carrying capacities. Long term, viable tourism businesses should only be developed in areas where the community has identified that it is culturally and ecologically appropriate. Once these areas and business opportunities have been identified, their resource needs should be incorporated into an adaptive land and resource management plan.

Supporting Community and Business Development (Infrastructure and Investment)
- Physical infrastructure is required for tourism operators to service visitors and for visitors to access tourism products. Significant capital investment is required to promote coastal tourism development. Options to secure capital include cooperative protocol agreements between First Nation communities and tourism operators, provincial and federal government initiatives and conservation agreements with environmental organizations.

Increased Human and Community Resource Capacity (Training)
- Human resource development in coastal First Nation communities is required to build a knowledgeable, trained tourism workforce. Strategies to develop this capacity should be targeted to specific tourism development opportunities in identified areas.
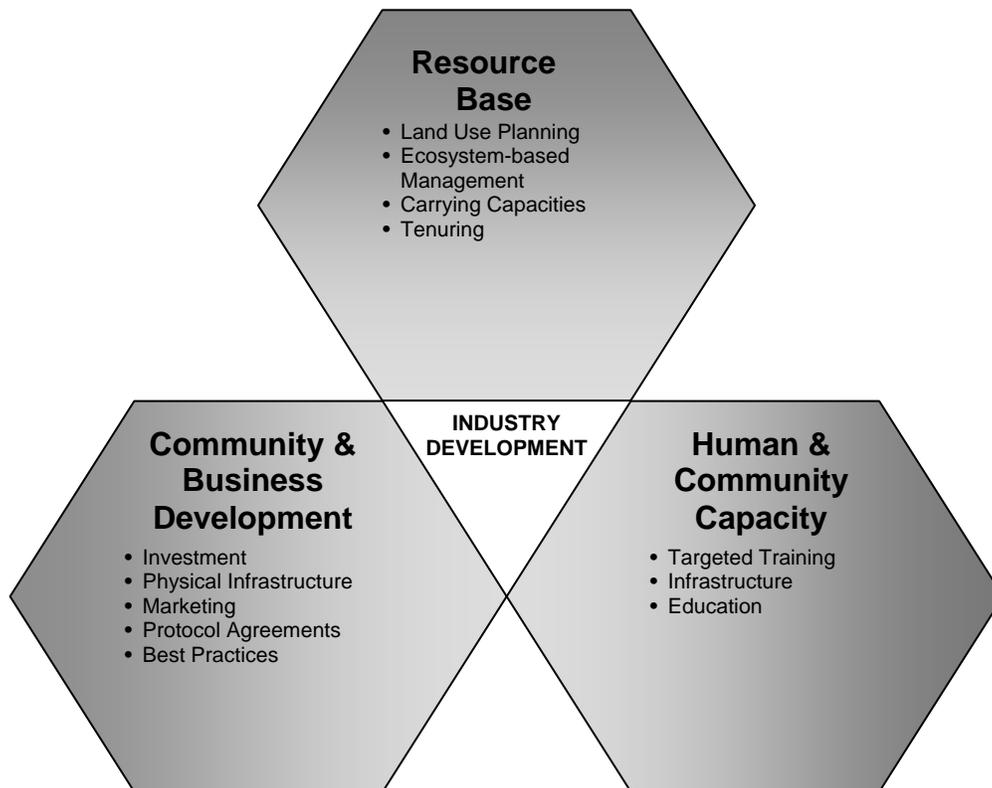
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[3] The Coastal First Nations Tourism Strategy was initiated by the Turning Point Initiative, the Kwakiutl District Council and the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council, in collaboration with the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

[4] MSRM and Turning Point. 2003. Draft First Nations Coastal Tourism Strategy Overview.

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The following diagram illustrates the three major themes (identified in the Coastal First Nations Tourism Strategy) which promote successful First Nations coastal tourism development[5]:

Figure 4: Integrated Tourism Planning

Resource Base
• Land Use Planning
• Ecosystem-based Management
• Carrying Capacities
• Tenuring

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Community & Business Development
• Investment
• Physical Infrastructure
• Marketing
• Protocol Agreements
• Best Practices

Human & Community Capacity
• Targeted Training
• Infrastructure
• Education

3.2   Opportunities

Emphasizing the cultural and natural richness of the North and Central coast and recognizing that First Nations culture will influence the development of all products and services, the First Nation Coastal Tourism Strategy categorized tourism development opportunities into three groups: nature-based tours (such as kayaking and wildlife viewing), wilderness lodge development, and the cruise industry.

Nature-based Tours
- Whale watching, bear viewing, hut-to-hut land and marine based touring, hiking, heli-hiking, salt and freshwater sport fishing, kayaking, hotspring touring, marine cruises, and scuba diving.

Wilderness Lodge Development
- Building or expanding existing wilderness lodges.

Cruise Industry
- Support services and other opportunities for large and pocket cruise ships, including showers, laundromat, stores, internet services etc.

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[5] MSRM, Turning Point. 2003. Draft First Nations Coastal Tourism Strategy Overview.

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Although these opportunities were presented individually, greater opportunity arises when the products and services are offered within packages. In fact, packaged opportunities are required to draw visitors to more remote communities on the coast.

3.3   Coastal Strategies

First Nation Coastal Tourism Strategy recommendations centre around eight themes[6].

Planning:	Integrate community tourism strategies and action plans into First Nation land use plans. Manage tourism development adaptively by incorporating new information into existing plans and strategies.
Governance:	Explore and develop new institutional and legislative frameworks for co-management and protocol arrangements for parks, protected areas and other tourism development zones.
Stewardship:	Develop watchmen-type monitoring frameworks.
Infrastructure:	Address community tourism infrastructure (including transportation) needs. Explore alternative financing arrangements with government, the private sector and the environmental community.
Capacity Building:	Address community tourism human resource needs. Coordinate capacity building programs at a regional scale amongst coastal communities.
Business Development:	Ensure that tourism development fits the needs and wants of communities. Develop relationships with tourism operators, investors and industry associations (Tourism BC, the Canadian Tourism Commission, and the Wilderness Tourism Association).
Tourism Opportunities:	Map tourism values (suitability, capability, current use). Develop business plans for key opportunities.
Joint Ventures:	Explore partnerships and other cooperative relationships and funding options with government, the private sector and the environmental community.

3.4   Section Summary

Coastal First Nations tourism policies set the stage for a sustainable, locally driven industry that will provide greatly needed benefits to rural coastal communities in British Columbia. Many of the opportunities and challenges that face these communities in their start-up phases are similar. It is important that the Gitga'at Development Corporation continue to address these issues and to work with other communities to find mutually beneficial solutions to regional challenges.

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[6] MSRM, Turning Point. 2003. Draft First Nations Coastal Tourism Strategy Overview.

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4   Industry Trends

The World Tourism Organization has identified five 'hot' tourism products that will continue to grow for the next decade[7]. These are:

- Cruise tourism,
- Ecotourism,
- Cultural tourism,
- Adventure tourism, and
- Thematic tourism.

First Nations tourism is recognized in North America as a growing market and one which has attracted the interest of visitors from Europe, North America and Asia. Against this backdrop, there is an excellent opportunity for the Gitga'at to respond to market interest, by developing their own (and working in conjunction with local non-First Nation operators to provide) cultural and nature-based tourism products and services.

The following sections outline provincial tourism impacts trends and key target markets (emphasizing BC's North Coast and nature-based Canadian and American soft outdoor adventure and heritage markets).

4.1   British Columbia

Industry Value

Tourism is one of British Columbia's most valuable sectors. It is also a mechanism for rural communities to diversify extractive resource-based economies.

Figure 1: Tourism GDP: Growth and Contribution
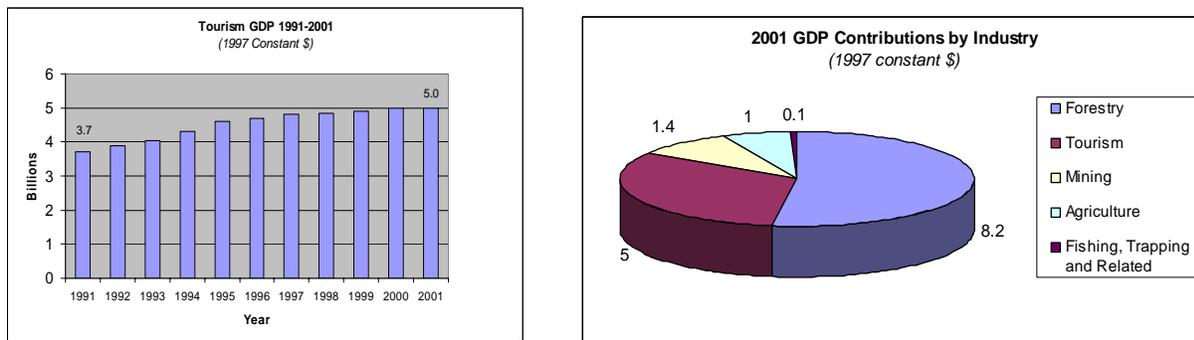
In 2001, tourism contributed:

- $5 billion to the provincial economy (second only to forestry in provincial GDP contributions), and
- $990 million to the provincial treasury (in the form of taxes paid by tourists, corporate and personal income taxes paid by tourism businesses and their employees and from various fees)[8].

Over the past decade, tourism GDP growth has averaged nearly 3.1% per year[8].

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[7] World Tourism Organization. 1998. Tourism: 2020 Vision.

[8] Tourism BC. February 2003. The Value of Tourism. Available at www.tourismbc.bc.ca. Accessed Nov. 12, 2003

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The employment impact from BC tourism is significant. In 2001, the tourism industry employed 114,270 workers (a 2.02% increase from 1997 to 2001) in:

- Food services,
- Accommodation,
- Transportation and storage, and
- Retail and wholesale trade[9].

Total tourism wages earned equaled $3.2 billion. Average weekly earnings were equal to $612[9].

Visitor Volume and Origin[10,11,12,13]

Figure 2: 2001-2004 BC Visitor Volumes
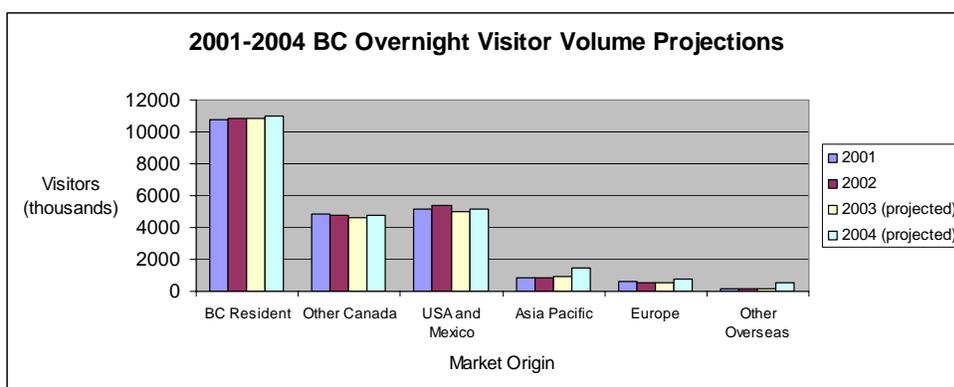
Figure 3: 2004 Projected BC Visitor Origins
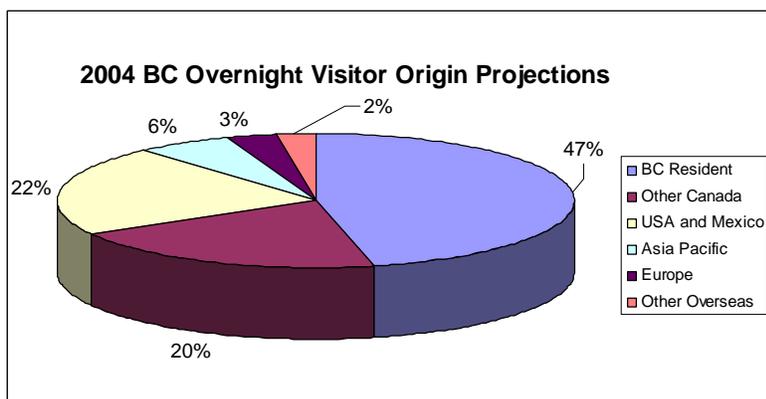
Complete 2001-2003 BC visitation and visitor revenue information (separated by market origin) is provided in Appendix 7.1.

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[9] Tourism BC. February 2003. The Value of Tourism. Available at www.tourismbc.bc.ca. Accessed Nov. 12, 2003.

[10] Tourism BC. February 2003. 2003 Outlook. Available at www.tourismbc.bc.ca. Accessed Nov. 12, 2003.

[11] Tourism BC. February 2003. The Value of Tourism. Available at www.tourismbc.bc.ca. Accessed Nov. 12, 2003.

[12] Tourism BC. March 2003. Tourism Performance Preliminary Estimate. Available at www.tourismbc.bc.ca. Accessed Nov. 12, 2003.

[13] Tourism BC. February 2004. 2004 Outlook. Available at www.tourismbc.bc.ca. Accessed Mar. 2, 2004.

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Market Trends[14]

Market Origin[15]	2004 Overnight Visitor Volume Forecast (000s)	% Change from 2003	2004 Overnight Visitor Revenue Forecast ($M)	% Change from 2003
North America	**21,016**	**2.6**	**7885**	**4.6**
BC Resident	11,032	1.5	2602	3.0
Other Canada	4,804	3.4	2,782	5.2
United States and Mexico	5,181	4.0	2,501	5.7
Total Overseas	**1,451**	**6.3**	**1,519**	**7.9**
Asia/Pacific	1,451	8.9	843	10.5
Europe	755	3.2	610	4.7
Other Overseas	572	5.0	66	6.6
Total International	**124**	**4.5**	**4,020**	**6.5**
Total Non-BC Resident	**6,632**	**4.1**	**6,802**	**6.0**
Total	**22,467**	**2.8**	**9,404**	**5.1**

Many national and international events have shaped BC tourism industry trends over the past four years including September 11th, fluctuating oil prices, air travel capacities, the value of the Canadian dollar, and ongoing military efforts in the Middle East.

North America

British Columbia: The provincial economy is expected to experience moderate economic growth during 2004, contributing to an expanded BC resident market. This market is particularly sensitive to fuel prices, weather conditions and the value of the Canadian dollar.

Canada: Visitation from other Canadian markets is expected to rise 3.4% in 2004, driven by Alberta, BC's largest non-resident Canadian market, improved access to BC through West Jet and the value of the Canadian dollar.

United States: Visitation from the US is expected to rise due to increased confidence in air travel post-September 11th and moderate US economic growth. This forecast is dependent upon improving military outlooks in the Middle East, and the value of the Canadian dollar.

Asia/Pacific

Overnight visitation from the Asia/Pacific region is expected to increase 8.9% due to recovering air seat capacity and solid economic growth estimates. International situations in the Middle East and North Korea pose a threat to visitation from these markets, as does the rising value of the Canadian dollar.

Europe

Overnight visitation from Europe is expected to rise 3.2% due to an appreciation of the Euro and moderate economic growth in the United Kingdom. Military efforts in the Middle East pose a threat to European market growth.

[14] Tourism BC. February 2003. 2003 Outlook. Available at www.tourismbc.bc.ca. Accessed Nov. 12, 2003.
[15] Tourism BC. February 2004. 2004 Outlook. Available at www.tourismbc.bc.ca. Accessed Mar. 1, 2004.

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4.2   Northwestern Region

The last BC visitor survey of the Northwestern region of BC was completed in the 1995/1996 season by Tourism BC[16]. The Northwestern region includes Prince George, Smithers, Terrace, Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Haida Gwaii.
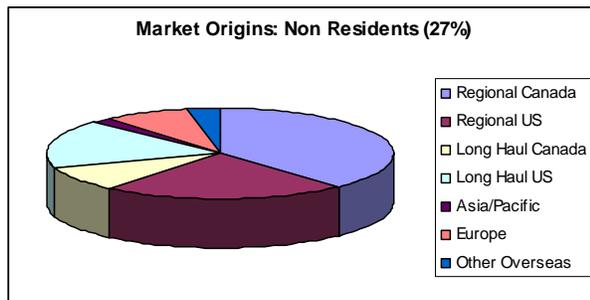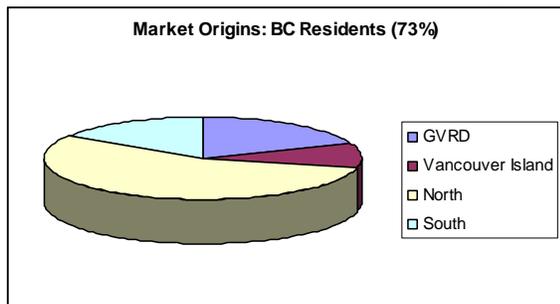
Northwestern Visitor Volume, Revenue and Origins

During the study period, 2,199,000 people visited the Northwestern region and spent $425 million dollars[17]. 33% of non-BC resident visitors[18] and 11% of BC resident visitors to the Northwestern region traveled to the North Coast area, which includes Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii.

Table 1: Northwestern Tourism Volume and Revenue

Origin	Visitor Volume (000s)	%	Visitor Revenue ($million)	%
BC Resident	1606	73	286	67
Non Resident	593	27	137	33
Total	**2199**	**100**	**425**	**100**

Figure 4: Northwestern Visitor Market Origins

Market Origins: BC Residents (73%)
- GVRD
- Vancouver Island
- North
- South

Market Origins: Non Residents (27%)
- Regional Canada
- Regional US
- Long Haul Canada
- Long Haul US
- Asia/Pacific
- Europe
- Other Overseas

Northwestern Visitor Demographics

Age: Visitors were mostly 40+ years (a large portion of long-haul travelers were 55+ years).

Education: Visitors had average education levels (mostly high school and/or some college/university).

Employment: Visitors were mostly full-time employed or retired.

Income: Visitors were middle-income travelers ($40,000-$80,000) or slightly above middle-income.

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[16] Tourism BC. 1998. The Report on Visitors to Northern British Columbia Tourism Region: Northwest. Tourism British Columbia.
[17] These numbers represent 7% of provincial visitation and 5% of provincial tourism revenues during the study period.
[18] Non-BC resident visitors include Canada (except BC residents), the US and all oversees markets.

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Northwestern Visitor Trip Details

Trip Purpose: Primarily leisure purposes, including visiting friends and relatives, outdoors/wilderness activities and general sightseeing.

Figure 5: Northwestern Visitor Trip Purpose(s)
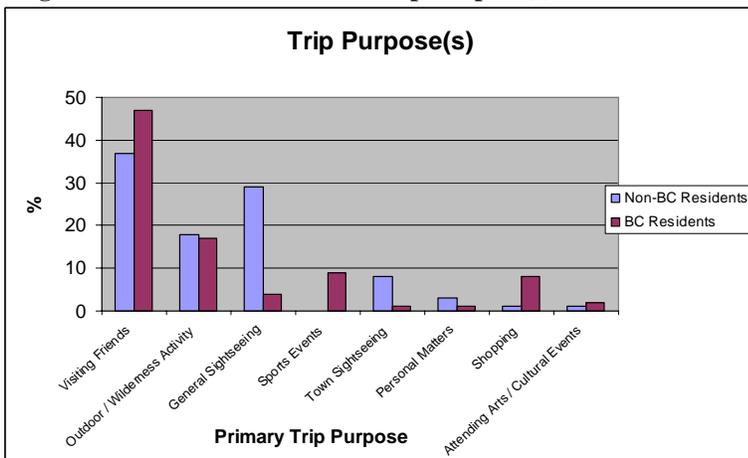
Timing: Visitors traveled primarily in the summer months (June through September).

Trip Length: Average trip length was between 3 and 4 days.

Transportation: Visitors traveled primarily by motor vehicle (car/small truck/van/motorcycle). Many also used ferries and rental boats.

Activities: Visitors enjoyed visiting art galleries/museums/exhibits, town sightseeing, freshwater fishing, backcountry sightseeing, visiting friends and relatives, hiking, and relaxing.

Travel Party: Visitors traveled primarily alone or with one other adult. Less than twenty percent of travelers were in a group with children.

Spending: Visitors spent an average of $54 per day (significantly less than the BC average of $100/day).

Figure 6: BC Visitor Spending[19]
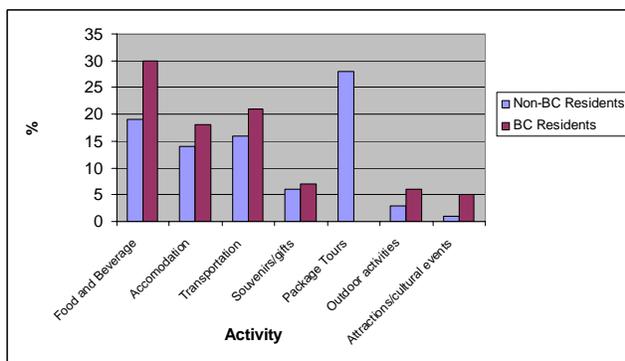
Detailed BC visitor activity participation information is provided in Appendix 7.2.

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[19] This graph depicts BC visitor spending (information is **not** particular to the Northwest region).

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4.3   North Coast Nature-Based Tourism Industry

1996 Northwestern Survey data is somewhat out-of-date, making it difficult to infer the value of tourism (especially nature-based tourism) to the local Prince Rupert economy[20].

An economic profile was completed for the North Coast Multi-Day Nature-Based Tourism Industry[21] in July of 2003[22]. It utilized detailed 2002 financial information from 7 fishing lodges and 6 boat charters operating on the North Coast to estimate the economic impacts of multi-day fishing lodge and boat charter excursions to the coastal region near Prince Rupert.

In 2002:

- Operators registered at least 4,095 clients and 18,604 client days[23],
- 90% of visitors were non-BC residents, and
- Average spending was $915/day[24].

It is estimated that multi-day, nature-based tourism is responsible for approximately $2.5 million in additional direct wages and salaries in the Prince Rupert economy.

Table 2: Multi-Day Nature-Based Tourism Impacts in the Prince Rupert Area

	Direct Impacts	*Total (incl. Indirect & Induced) Impacts*
Spending:	$15.69 million (excl. taxes)	$33.22 million (excluding taxes)
Local GDP:	$5.61 million	$9.21 million
Employment:	83.0 FTEs (181 employees)	143.2 FTEs
Provincial Government Revenues:	$553,000	$838,000

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[20] Pacific Analytics Inc. 2003. The North Coast Multi-day Nature-based Tourism Industry: An Economic Profile. North Coast Backcountry Caucus.

[21] Multi-day, nature-based tourism includes operators whose product directly depends on natural amenities, without which the product/service could not be sold.

[22] Pacific Analytics Inc. 2003. The North Coast Multi-day Nature-based Tourism Industry: An Economic Profile. North Coast Backcountry Caucus.

[23] The results of this study include only the 13 mentioned operators and therefore under-estimate the total impacts of multi-day nature-based tourism to the region.

[24] This figure is significantly greater than both the projected $54/day figure from the 1996 visitor survey study and the $100/day provincial average.

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4.4   Canadian and US Target Markets

Soft Outdoor Adventure Enthusiasts

Soft outdoor adventure enthusiasts (SOAEs) are travelers who have taken leisure trips to Canada and, in most cases, to other destinations in the past couple of years and have included at least two of the following activities on these trips:

- Biking
- Kayaking or canoeing
- Hiking/backpacking
- Sailing
- Wind Surfing
- Horseback riding

- Motorcycling
- Motor boating
- Hot air ballooning

- Snowmobiling
- Cross-country skiing
- Downhill Skiing
- Snowboarding

Canadian and American soft outdoor adventure enthusiasts are an extremely important target market for nature-based businesses in British Columbia. The sector is characterized by its relative youth, affluence and post-secondary education[25,26]. Canada's share of the SOAE market is approximately 5.3 million Canadian and 7.1 American adults.

The growth rate of the Canadian and American SOAE market segment over the next 25 years will be positive (however, it will be smaller than overall population growth due to an ageing population)[27]. Changes in services may be required to better accommodate the needs and interests of an older population of SOAEs.

Highlights of the key findings from the Canadian Tourism Commissions Travel Activities and Motivation Survey (TAMS) on soft outdoor adventure travel trends are provided in Appendix 7.3.

Heritage Enthusiasts

Heritage enthusiasts (HEs) are travelers who have taken leisure trips to Canada and, in most cases, to other destinations in the past couple of years and have included at least four of the following activities on these trips:

- Aboriginal cultural experiences in a rural setting
- Aboriginal celebrations
- Aboriginal attractions
- French Canadian cultural experiences
- Carnivals such as Mardi Gras
- Western theme events
- Farmer's markets

- Local festivals or fairs

- Children's museums
- General history museums
- Science or technology museums
- Historical replicas of cities/towns
- Historic sites
- Pick your own farms

This segment of the tourism market is very important for operators offering a mix of cultural and nature-based products and services. Canada's share of the HE market is approximately 2.2 million Canadian and 8.3 million American adults[28, 29].

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[25] Research Resolutions and Consulting Ltd. 2003. Canadian Soft Outdoor Adventure Enthusiasts. Ottawa, Canadian Tourism Commission.
[26] Research Resolutions and Consulting Ltd. 2003. American Soft Outdoor Adventure Enthusiasts. Ottawa, Canadian Tourism Commission.
[27] The percentage of the population over 55 years will increase from 28% to 42%.
[28] Research Resolutions and Consulting Ltd. 2003. Canadian Heritage Enthusiasts. Ottawa, Canadian Tourism Commission.
[29] Research Resolutions and Consulting Ltd. 2003. American Heritage Enthusiasts. Ottawa, Canadian Tourism Commission.

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The overall HE market size will increase over the next 25 years due to population growth and an aging population structure. Canada's share of the US HE market is expected to increase to 3.0 million Canadian and 12.3 million American adults.

20% of Canadian and 40% of American SOAEs are also HEs, indicating an advantage to packaged products and services. Changes in services may be required to better accommodate the needs and interests of an older population of HEs.

Highlights of the key findings from the Canadian Tourism Commissions Travel Activities and Motivation Survey (TAMS) on heritage travel trends are provided in Appendix 4.

4.5   Section Summary

Tourism is, and will continue to be, an important economic driver in the north coast region and for the Hartley Bay community. The positive economic impacts from tourism development (including community revenues, employment etc.) are greatly needed.

Increased international and North American interest in the adventure, heritage, cultural and nature-based markets set the stage for tourism development in Gitga'at Territory. Target market and overall industry trends impact how tourism products and services will be provided on the North Coast of BC, and in particular, how development will be managed within Gitga'at Territory protection areas.

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5   Tourism and Recreation in Gitga'at Territory

5.1   Background

Due to its rich natural and cultural resources, Gitga'at Territory is particularly well-suited for adventure, heritage, cultural and nature-based tourism development. As such, the industry is an increasingly important component of Gitga'at economic development strategies.

Tourism Planning

The Gitga'at Nation developed a sustainable community tourism strategy and workplan in 2002. Priority recommendations[30,31] for expanding community involvement in the industry were identified and included:

- Build internal capacity (by raising community awareness, implementing a tourism training program and constructing physical tourism infrastructure);

- Plan a tourism monitoring framework (by estimating resource carrying capacities, assessing current use levels and selecting criteria and indicators for social, economic and ecological monitoring);

- Develop a tourism business plan (by identifying priority products and services, establishing pricing and designing a suitable promotional plan); and,

- Pursue multiple funding sources for implementation (including provincial and federal governments, the environmental non-government sector and private industry).

The Gitga'at continue to work towards implementing these recommendations in an ecologically sensitive, culturally appropriate and economical fashion.

Carrying Capacities

Tourism development in Gitga'at territory must be sustainable. To address ecological and cultural integrity concerns, the Gitga'at developed a framework to determine area carrying capacities, which are influenced by physical, ecological, business, socio-cultural and institutional factors (Figure 3).

Protocols

The Gitga'at continue to pursue mutually beneficial relationships with resource-based operators in their Territory. These relationships will allow the Gitga'at to build internal capacity while managing industry impacts in their Territory. To date, the community has successfully signed resource protocols with eight tourism operators[32]. These protocols outline principles of sustainable tourism development, guidelines for the use of Gitga'at marine and

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Figure 3: Tourism Carrying Capacity

- physical characteristics – i.e. landscape quality; number of anchorages, bear viewing sites or fishable rivers

- ecological resilience – the ability of ecosystems and species to respond to hunting or viewing disturbance

- business viability – the resource requirements of viable tourism operations

- sociocultural acceptance - i.e. client perceptions, local community tolerance.

- institutional support – i.e. available human resources and management capacity.

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[30] Gitga'at Development Corporation. 2002. Gitga'at Tourism Strategy.

[31] Gitga'at Development Corporation. 2002. Gitga'at Tourism Workplan.

[32] Operators with protocols include four floating lodges (King Pacific Lodge, West Coast Resorts, Big Time Fishing Lodge and St. John's Fishing Lodge) and four sailing charter companies (Ocean Adventures, Duen Sailing Adventures, Bluewater Adventures and Maple Leaf Adventures).

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tourism resources, coordinated planning, monitoring and information sharing procedures, employment and training guidelines, and resourcing and financial support arrangements[33].

5.2   Allowable Activities in Gitga'at Protection Areas

While the primary goal of protection area management in Gitga'at Territory is the maintenance of cultural and natural values in their natural state, a range of compatible tourism and recreation activities are also permitted within established areas.

Table 3: Permitted Activities/Uses in Protection Areas

Activity/Use/Facility	Park Acceptability
Gitga'at:	
Traditional uses (hunting, fishing, trapping)	Y
Timber harvesting (cultural / social purposes only)	Y
Non timber forest product harvesting	Y
Cultural / Spiritual Activities	Y
Guided and Unguided:	
Hiking	Y
Heli-hiking	M
Kayaking / Canoeing (saltwater and freshwater)	Y
Wildlife Viewing	Y
Whale Watching	Y
Scuba Diving	Y
Sportsfishing (saltwater and freshwater)	Y
Power Boat Touring (saltwater)	Y
Power Boat Touring (freshwater)	N
Hunting (except grizzly and black bears)	M
Motorized Vehicle Touring	N
Mountain Biking	N
Facilities:	
Backcountry huts	M
Roads	N
Marinas	M
Water control structures	M
Small scale hydro development	M
Other:	
Commercial fishing (saltwater and freshwater)	N
Fish stocking and enhancement	N
Aquaculture	N
Grazing	N
Gold Panning	N
Utility Corridors	N
Communication Sites	M
Scientific Research	M
Fire, Pest and Weed Management	M

Legend:

Y = Allowed (subject to park objectives).

N = Not allowed under any circumstances.

M = May be permitted if compatible with park objectives, at the discretion of the Gitga'at Nation.

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[33] Gitga'at Development Corporation. 2002. Gitga'at Tourism Strategy.

5.3   Section Summary

The Gitga'at continue to manage tourism in their Territory to ensure that the industry provides meaningful benefits to their community and negative impacts from development are mitigated. The following section provides direction for management by identifying values, objectives, and opportunities for each of the twenty-five designated protection areas in the Territory.

6 Protection Areas: Values, Objectives and Opportunities

6.1 *Jessie Lake*

Size	• 23336 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Douglas Channel (approximately 13.1 NM from Kitimat)
Access	• Via Douglas Channel
LRMP District	• Kalum LRMP • Ministry of Forests UREP (Use, Recreation, & Enjoyment of the Public) reserve
Ecosection	• KIR
BEC	• CWHvm • MHmm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Likely mountain goat winter habitat • Possible food sources, secure denning and nesting sites for River Otter, Mink and Bald Eagles
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • 10 metre waterfall (scenic focal point) • Fishery resources
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Freshwater canoeing / kayaking • Ocean canoeing / kayaking • Wildlife viewing (land and water based) • Hiking • Freshwater fishing • Saltwater fishing • Sailing • Power boating
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Hiking trail from ocean to Jesse Lake
Current Use	• Visual Management Zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewers) • Commercial recreation interests – mainly from Kitimat (guided hiking, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing)
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 610G001 • Privately owned lots on either side of Jesse Falls
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

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Management Issues	• *Safety*
	   o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	   o potential for hunting group/recreation group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	   o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	   o lack of monitoring plan
	   o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	   o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	   o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	   o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	   o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	   o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Examples:
	   o Hike to Jesse Lake with wildlife/vegetation interpretation
	   o Sailing tour from backcountry lodge for wildlife viewing and hiking
	   o Hut to hut touring from Kitimat to Hartley Bay
	• Staging areas: Kitimat, sailing charter boat
	• Partnering opportunities: Kitimat tour operators, Haisla Nation

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6.2   Giltoyees

Size	• 35413 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Douglas Channel, Giltoyees Inlet (approximately 19.6 NM to Inlet entrance, 25.1 NM to estuary from Kitimat)
Access	• Via Douglas Channel
LRMP District	• Kalum LRMP • Existing Protected Area
Ecosection	• KIR
BEC	• ATump • CWHvh (rare) • CWHvm • MHmm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Likely mountain goat winter habitat • Likely grizzly bear habitat • High waterfowl and fisheries values • Regionally significant estuary complex at the north end of Giltoyees Inlet • Alpine tundra • Provincially significant old growth • Completes wildlife link between Douglas Channel and the Khutzeymateen
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages (Giltoyees Inlet) • Bears • Waterfalls • Tidal estuaries • Fishery resources
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Freshwater canoeing / kayaking • Saltwater canoeing / kayaking • Wildlife viewing (land-based) • Bird watching • Camping • Freshwater fishing (excellent Coho fly fishing along gravel banks) • Saltwater fishing • Sailing • Powerboating
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None.
Current Use	• Visual Management Zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing) • Used in summer by group of Albertan guides (with no outfitting licenses) for fishing. Sometimes set up permanent tent/tarp camp Aug-Sept. • Guide Outfitting (Bob Milligan has set up tent camp here in the past)

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Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 610G001 • 6 trapline tenures in Foch-Giltoyees • 9 mineral tenures in Foch-Giltoyees (north end of Drumlummon Bay)
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o extreme potential for hunting group/recreation group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Examples:
	  o Sailing tour from backcountry lodge for wildlife viewing and hiking
	  o Hut to hut touring from Kitimat to Hartley Bay
	• Staging areas: Kitimat, Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Kitimat tour operators, charter sailboat companies, Haisla Nation

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6.3 Foch Lagoon

Size	• 23079 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Douglas Channel (approximately 21.4 NM to entrance and 26.5 NM to estuary from Kitimat)
Access	• Via Douglas Channel • Lagoon can only be accessed by small craft at or near slack water due to tidal rapids.
LRMP District	• Kalum LRMP
Ecosection	• KIR
BEC	• CWHvh (rare) • CWHvm • MHmm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Critical mountain goat winter habitat • Critical grizzly bear habitat • Lagoon / estuary (highly productive and unique tidal narrows, kelp beds) • Productive fisheries resources • Herring spawning areas
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Sheltered area for canoeing/kayaking/rafting • Bears • Fishery resources
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Freshwater canoeing / kayaking • Saltwater canoeing / kayaking (great at back of Foch, good gradient for rafting and kayaking) • Beach activities • Camping • Wildlife viewing (land and water-based) • Bear viewing • Bird watching • Freshwater fishing (a bit difficult to access, good for Pinks) • Saltwater fishing • Sailing • Power boating
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Plywood guide outfitting camp at end of lagoon (garbage, debris)
Current Use	• Visual Management Zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting (Foch was the site of illegal bear hunting incident in 2003)

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Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 610G001
	  o Tent platforms were located on Foch River, Foch Lagoon and Peechugh Lake (have not been used in past 8 years, pending review of license). The Foch River camp was used for one – two week trip per year in the fall. The Foch Lagoon facility was used twice a year to hunt mountain goat. The Peechugh Lake facility was used to hunt grizzlies in the spring and mountain goat in the fall, but has not been used since 1989.
	  o Guide outfitter would like to re-construct the old tent-platforms and construct a new cabin at the mouth of the Giltoyees River and Peechugh creek.
	• 6 trapline tenures in Foch-Giltoyees
	• 9 mineral tenures in Foch-Giltoyees

Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o extreme potential for additional hunting group/recreation group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Debris left from old guide outfitter facilities
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Work with guide outfitter to clean up debris
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Examples:
	  o Sailing tour from backcountry lodge for wildlife viewing and hiking
	  o Hut to hut touring from Kitimat to Hartley Bay
	• Staging areas: Kitimat, Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Kitimat tour operators, charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.4   K'lo'obaskuskwaas (Ecological Reserve)

Size	• 808 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Douglas Channel
Access	• Via Douglas Channel (approximately XX NM from Kitimat)
LRMP District	• Kalum LRMP
Ecosection	• KIR
BEC	• CWHvm • CWHhm • MHmm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Rare ecosystems • Likely mountain goat winter habitat
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • Saltwater fishing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None.
Current Use	• Visual Management Zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 610G001
Management Objectives	• General protected area management objectives

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreation group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary

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	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Limit new tourism and recreation activity to preserve ecological values

Tourism Development Potential	• Minimal potential for tourism development due to ecosystem sensitivity • Potential for marine use (anchorages, some fishing etc.)

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6.5   K'waal (Quall River)

Size	• 19208 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Douglas Channel
Access	• Via Douglas Channel, Kitkiata Inlet
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 4 KIR (0.5%) • Class2 HEL (0.1%)
BEC	• ATunp 0.1% • CWHvh2 0.0% • CWHvm 1.3% • MHmm 0.5% • MHwh 1.1%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Critical mountain goat winter habitat (637 ha) • Critical grizzly habitat (projected 6.7 bears) • Critical northern goshawk nesting habitat (1625 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (2753 ha) • Salmon supporting habitat (12088 ha) • At risk ecosystems (425 ha) (including Kitkiata estuary) • High value moose habitat • High value black bear habitat
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Protection for kayaking/canoeing • Fishery resources • Bears • Wolves
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • Freshwater fishing (excellent fly-fishing opportunities) • Excellent rafting • Saltwater fishing • Bear viewing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None.
Current Use	• ROS classes 1-3 (16536) • Visual management zone (4057 ha) • High use value (3539 ha) • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Existing Mineral Tenures (4002 ha in tenure) • 85% of PA in extreme metallic mineral potential area • Guide Outfitter 610G001

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Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Protection and interpretation of cultural heritage • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreation group conflict
	  o potential for conflict with future mineral development activity
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Examples:
	  o Sailing tour from backcountry lodge for wildlife viewing and hiking
	  o Hut to hut touring from Kitimat to Hartley Bay
	  o Bear viewing with interpretive component
	• Staging areas: Kitimat, Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Kitimat tour operators, charter sailboat companies, Haisla Nation

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6.6 Kagass (Campania Island)

Size	• 11162 ha
Location	• Campania Island
Access	• Via Squally Channel, Camano Sound
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 2 HEL (0.6%)
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.9% • MHwh 0.4%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Critical northern goshawk nesting habitat (130 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (219 ha) • At risk ecosystems (15 ha) • ESA Tier 1 (90%)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Hiking trails • Wolves
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • Marine Use Day Stop • Hiking • Freshwater fishing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Hiking trails
Current Use	• ROS classes 1-3 (7157) • Visual management zone (17019 ha) • High use value (26041 ha) • Destination scenic area • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for hunting group/recreation group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity

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	• *Tourism and Recreation* o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to three lodges. Examples:
	  o Hiking with wildlife and vegetation interpretation
	  o Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.7   Lowe Inlet

Size	• 762 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Grenville Channel
Access	• Via Grenville Channel
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class2 HEL 0.1%
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.0% • MHwh 0.2%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant • 2 archeology sites
Ecological Values	• Critical grizzly habitat (projected 0.2 bears) • Critical northern goshawk nesting habitat (60 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (132 ha) • Salmon supporting habitat (11 ha) • At risk ecosystems (18 ha) • Very high salmon abundance
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe and protected anchorages • High use marine traffic route
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Freshwater fishing • Saltwater fishing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• ROS classes 1-3 (144) • Visual management zone (548 ha) • High use area (686 ha) • Destination canoe route • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• None
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of marine tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity

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	• *Tourism and Recreation* o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	   o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	   o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	   o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	   o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• Medium Potential for small packaged tours (mainly salt and fresh water fishing). Excellent location for stop along Inside Passage. • Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge • Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.8   K'tgann (Klekane)

Size	• 18517 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Princess Royal Channel, Klekane Inlet
Access	• Via Princess Royal Channel, Klekane Inlet
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• KIR
BEC	• CWHvm • MHhm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Likely mountain goat winter habitat • Likely grizzly habitat (high value) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (moderate and high suitability)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Undeveloped hotsprings • Moose • Bears
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • High use marine day stop • Freshwater fishing (excellent trout opportunities in lake) • Saltwater fishing (mostly Pinks)
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Hiking trails
Current Use	• Visual management zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Protection and interpretation of cultural sites

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	   o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	   o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	   o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	   o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	   o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to two lodges. Examples:
	   o Hiking with wildlife and vegetation interpretation
	   o Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.9 Q'altanaas (Altaanhash)

Size	• 18774 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Princess Royal Channel, Aaltanhash Inlet
Access	• Via Princess Royal Channel, Aaltanhash Inlet
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• KIR
BEC	• CWHvm • MHhm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Likely mountain goat winter habitat • Likely grizzly habitat (high value) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (moderate and high suitability)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • High use marine day stop • Freshwater fishing • Saltwater fishing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• Visual management zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Protection and interpretation of cultural sites

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	   o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	   o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	   o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	   o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	   o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Reasonable proximity to two lodges. Examples:
	   o Hiking with wildlife and vegetation interpretation
	   o Bear viewing (water based)
	   o Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.10 Q'oot'z (Khutze)

Size	• 34685 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, east side of Princess Royal Channel, Khutze Inlet
Access	• Via Princess Royal Channel, Khutze Inlet
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• KIR
BEC	• CWHvm • MHhm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Likely mountain goat winter habitat • Critical grizzly habitat (high value) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (moderate and high suitability)
Tourism Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Bears • Wolves
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • High use marine day stop • Bear viewing • Freshwater fishing • Saltwater fishing (excellent fly-fishing for Pinks, also estuary fishing) • Great opportunities for Rafting
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• Visual management zone • High use values • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	   o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	   o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	   o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	   o lack of monitoring plan
	   o unknown hunting activity

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	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   ○ Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity
	   ○ Conflicts between boaters and helicopter users

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	   ○ Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	   ○ Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   ○ Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	   ○ Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	   ○ Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	   ○ Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   ○ Ensure tourism operators abide by Gitga'at helicopter flight plan guidelines
	   ○ Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Reasonable proximity to two lodges. Examples:
	   ○ Hiking with wildlife and vegetation interpretation
	   ○ Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	   ○ Bear viewing (water based)
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.11 Miyannloop (Union Pass)

Size	• 2716 ha
Location	• Farrant (sp?) Island, south end of Grenville Channel
Access	• Via Squally Channel, Grenville Channel
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP • Existing marine protected area
Ecosection	• Class 2 HEL 0.2%
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.2%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Critical northern goshawk nesting habitat (72 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (233 ha) • Salmon supporting habitat (10 ha) • At risk ecosystems (131 ha)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected, scenic anchorages • Protection for kayaking/canoeing
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • Saltwater fishing • Wildlife viewing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• Visual management zone (2398 ha) • High use area (2716) • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• 100% of PA in extreme metallic mineral potential area
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of marine tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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	  ○ Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  ○ Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  ○ Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  ○ Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  ○ Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  ○ Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  ○ Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to Hartley Bay village, three lodges and Inside Passage route. Examples:
	  ○ Canoeing / Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	  ○ Hut to hut from Hartley Bay
	  ○ Salt water fishing with stop in Hartley Bay village
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.12 Kwiltsoo (Cornwall Inlet)

Size	• 4854 ha
Location	• Princess Royal Island, Cornwall Inlet
Access	• Via Whale Channel, Cornwall Inlet (at high tides only)
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• HEL
BEC	• CWHvh
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant • Cornwall Longhouse • Old village site
Ecological Values	• Likely mountain goat winter habitat • Likely marbled murelet habitat (moderate suitability)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Protection for kayaking/canoeing • Bears • Wolves
Tourism and Recreation Values and Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • High use marine day stop • Freshwater fishing • Saltwater fishing (Coho) • Bear viewing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Longhouse • Outhouse
Current Use	• Visual management zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Protection and interpretation of cultural sites • Provision / maintenance of marine tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity

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	• *Tourism and Recreation* o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to two lodges. Examples:
	  o Cultural tour of longhouse with interpretation
	  o Hiking with wildlife and vegetation interpretation
	  o Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.13 Maxlaksatxalgexs (Tsimtack Lake)

Size	• 6768 ha
Location	• South end of Pitt Island
Access	• Via Grenville Channel, Union Passage
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 2 HEL (0.5%)
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.4% • MHwh 1.1%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Critical mountain goat winter habitat (266) • Critical northern goshawk nesting habitat (496 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (819 ha) • Salmon supporting habitat (4454 ha) • Noteworthy fish runs • At risk ecosystems (254 ha)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Fishery resources
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Freshwater fishing (fly-fishing opportunity limited due to sensitive populations) • Freshwater canoeing/kayaking • Hiking
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• ROS class 1-3 (2087) • Visual management zone (4454 ha) • High use value (134 ha) • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• 100% of PA in extreme metallic mineral potential area
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	   o ?
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	   o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	   o lack of monitoring plan
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	   o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	 • *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
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	   o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	   o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	   o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	 • *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to Hartley Bay and three lodges. Examples:
	   o Hiking with wildlife and vegetation interpretation
	   o Freshwater fishing with stop in Hartley Bay village
	 • Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	 • Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.14 Rivers Bight

Size	• 1807 ha
Location	• Princess Royal Island, north side of Cornwall Inlet
Access	• Via Whale Channel, Cornwall Inlet
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• HEL • KIR
BEC	• CWHvm • CWHhm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Likely mountain goat winter habitat (moderate suitability) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (moderate and high suitability)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Bears
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • High use marine day stop • Bear viewing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Bear viewing platform
Current Use	• Visual management zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Protection and interpretation of cultural sites

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	   o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	   o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	   o unsupervised bear viewing platform
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	   o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	   o lack of monitoring plan
	   o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	  o Develop schedule for use of bear viewing platform (do not permit unguided use)
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to Hartley Bay village and three lodges. Examples:
	  o Hiking with wildlife and vegetation interpretation
	  o Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	  o Bear viewing
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.15 K'itsmk'al (Ashdown Island)

Size	• 454 ha
Location	• Ashdown Island, Whale Channel
Access	• Via Whale Channel
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 2 HEL (0.0%)
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.0%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Likely marbled murelet habitat (98 ha) • Sea lion rookery
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Sea lions
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Kayaking • High use marine use area • Wildlife viewing • Hiking (along Anchor ridge)
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• Visual management zone (454 ha) • High use area (454 ha) • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, hiking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of marine wildlife viewing opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety* o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary

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  - Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
  - Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
  - Issue permits for existing commercial operators
  - Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities

- *Tourism and Recreation*
  - Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

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Tourism Development Potential

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- High Potential for water-based tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to Hartley Bay village, three lodges, and Inside Passage route. Examples:
  - Wildlife viewing with stop in Hartley Bay village
- Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
- Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.16 Xts'idzeks (Butedale)

Size	• 6935 ha
Location	• Princess Royal Island, Princess Royal Sound
Access	• Via Princess Royal Sound
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• KIR
BEC	• CWHvh • CWHvm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing • Historical landmark (cannery)
Ecological Values	• Likely mountain goat winter habitat (moderate and high suitability) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (moderate and high suitability)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Historical landmark (cannery)
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• High use marine day stop • Heritage interpretation
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Cannery
Current Use	• Visual management zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Maintenance of historical site

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary

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	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small heritage tours (with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to three lodges. Reasonable proximity to lodges, Hartley Bay village. Examples: o Sail or power boat tour to view cannery, packaged with wildlife viewing in the Khutze. • Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge • Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.17 K'mooda (Gamble Lakes)

Size	• 14426 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Douglas Channel
Access	• Via Douglas Channel, Kitkiata Inlet
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 2 HEL (1.0%)
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.9% • MHwh 2.7%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Critical grizzly habitat (projected 4.3 bears) • Critical mountain goat winter habitat (779 ha) • Critical northern goshawk nesting habitat (564 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (1287 ha) • Salmon supporting habitat (14303 ha) • Very high salmon abundance • At risk ecosystems (187 ha) • ESA Tier 1 (25%)
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Lakes • Freshwater fishery resources
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • Camping • Hiking • Excellent freshwater fishing – trout – in connectors between Weare and Gamble (limited due to sensitive populations)
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Cabin on Weare Lake (owner?)
Current Use	• ROS classes 103 (14052 ha) • Visual management zone (13945 ha) • High use value (13943 ha) • Recreation destination to see fish migrations • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 601G001
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  ○ potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  ○ potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict

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	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  ○ incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  ○ unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  ○ lack of monitoring plan
	  ○ unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  ○ Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  ○ Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  ○ Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  ○ Continue to inventory habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  ○ Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  ○ Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  ○ Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  ○ Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small heritage tours (with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to three lodges. Good proximity to one lodge, Hartley Bay village. Examples:
	  ○ Camping and freshwater fishing excursion with visit to Hartley Bay.
	  ○ Hiking with visit to Hartley Bay.
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.18 Ktisgantz (McDonald Inlet)

Size	• 365 ha
Location	• West side of Gil Island
Access	• Via Squally Channel
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 2 HEL (0.0%)
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.0%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Critical northern goshawk nesting habitat (15 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (41 ha) • Salmon supporting habitat (196 ha) • ESA Tier 1 (2%) • Estuary • Very high salmon abundance
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Estuary
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • Camping • High use marine day stop
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None.
Current Use	• Visual management zone (364 ha) • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Protection and interpretation of cultural sites • Provision / maintenance of marine tourism and recreation opportunities
Management Issues	• *Safety* o potential for human/wildlife conflict o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict • *Protection of Ecological &Social Values* o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users o lack of monitoring plan o unknown hunting activity • *Tourism and Recreation* o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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Management Strategies	*Safety* - Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary) - Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary *Protection of Ecological &Social Values* - Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities - Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines - Issue permits for existing commercial operators - Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities *Tourism and Recreation* - Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)
Tourism Development Potential	Low potential for tourism development due to small size and sensitive habitat. Very high use marine area with safe, protected anchorages, used for marine stops.

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6.19 K'tiskos (Kiskosh)

Size	• 2387 ha
Location	• Coastal mountain range, north side of Douglas Channel, Kiskosh Inlet
Access	• Via Douglas Channel, Kiskosh Inlet
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 2 HEL (0.2%)
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.1% • CWHvm 0.1% • MHwh 0.6%
Gitga'at Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Critical grizzly and black bear habitat • Critical mountain goat winter habitat • Critical northern goshawk nesting habitat • Salmon supporting habitat • Very high salmon abundance • Estuary
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Bears
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • High use marine day stop • Freshwater fishing • Bear viewing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• User Days: 475 • Visual management zone (963 ha) • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 610G001
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity

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	• *Tourism and Recreation* o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to Hartley Bay village and three lodges. Examples:
	  o Hiking with wildlife and vegetation interpretation
	  o Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	  o Bear viewing
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.20 K'tuk'ahyaa (Chapple)

Size	• 8868 ha
Location	• Princess Royal Island, Chapple Inlet
Access	• Via Whale Channel, Cornwall Inlet
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Hecate Lowlands
BEC	• CWHhm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• High diversity • Major karst landscape, rare ecosystems • Likely grizzly bear habitat • Likely wolf habitat
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, protected anchorages • Fishery resources
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Canoeing/Kayaking • Camping • High use marine day stop • Bear viewing • Saltwater fishing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• St. John's Lodge (May – July)
Current Use	• Visual management zone • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 610G001
Management Issues	• *Safety* o potential for human/wildlife conflict o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict • *Protection of Ecological &Social Values* o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users o lack of monitoring plan o unknown hunting activity • *Tourism and Recreation* o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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Tourism Development Potential	- High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to three lodges. Examples: - Saltwater fishing - Canoeing/Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area) - Bear viewing - Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge - Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.21 K'distausk (Turtle Bay)

Size	• 126 ha
Location	• Northern point of Gil Island
Access	• Confluence of Whale, Douglas, Grenville and Squally Channels
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 2 Hecate Lowlands (0.0%)
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.0%
Gitga'at Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Critical marbled murelet habitat (43 ha) • At risk ecosystem (15 ha) • Notable salmon escapements
Tourism and Recreation Values	•
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• High marine traffic area
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• Visual management zone (153 ha) • High use value (23 ha) • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Protection of cultural heritage

Management Issues	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities

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Tourism Development Potential	• Low potential for tourism development due to sensitive ecological and social values. High marine traffic area.

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6.22 Lax Tku Tsi'its (Fin Island)

Size	• 1229 ha
Location	• Fin Island
Access	• Confluence of Whale, Douglas, Grenville and Squally Channels
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 2 HEL (0.1%)
BEC	• CWHvh2 0.01%
Gitga'at Cultural Values	• Significant • Old village site (Clam Town)
Ecological Values	• Critical northern groshawk nesting habitat (102 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (159 ha) • Intertidal zone
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, sheltered marine anchorages
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• Cultural interpretation • High marine traffic area
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Big Time Fishing Lodge (May – July)
Current Use	• Visual management zone (1231 ha) • High use value (2148 ha) • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003 • 100% of PA in extreme metallic mineral potential area
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Protection of cultural heritage • Provision / maintenance of marine tourism and recreation opportunities • Provision / maintenance of backcountry tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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Tourism Development Potential	- High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to three lodges. Examples: - Saltwater fishing - Canoeing/Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area) - Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge - Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.23 K'k'ahas (Barnard - Deer Lake)

Size	• 13059 ha
Location	• Princess Royal Island Island, Barnard Harbour
Access	• Via Whale Channel, Barnard Harbour
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• HEL
BEC	• CWHhm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Significant
Ecological Values	• Likely bear habitat
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, sheltered marine anchorages • Protection for kayaking/canoeing • Bears • Wolves • Deer
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• High marine traffic area • Kayaking / Canoeing • Safe, sheltered marine anchorages • Bear viewing • Saltwater fishing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• King Pacific Lodge (May – October) • West Coast Resorts (May – July) • Canoes stored at Waterfall Lake
Current Use	• Visual management zone • High use values • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of marine tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	  o trail to Waterfall Lake requires hardening in boggy areas (possibly use wood planks)
	  o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	  o lack of monitoring plan
	  o unknown hunting activity

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	• *Tourism and Recreation* o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity (high use area)

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	  o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	  o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	  o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	  o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	  o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	  o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	  o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for certain products (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component) packaged with existing operator services. Good proximity to four lodges. However, area is highly used already. Some examples of possible package additions:
	  o Bear viewing
	  o Canoeing/Kayaking with wildlife interpretation component
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	• Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.24 Racey - Helmcken

Size	• 13942 ha
Location	• South west Princess Royal Island
Access	• Via Squally Channel
LRMP District	• Central Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• HEL
BEC	• CWHhm
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Likely bear habitat
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, sheltered marine anchorages • Fishery values
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• High marine traffic area • Kayaking / Canoeing • Saltwater fishing • Bear viewing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• None
Current Use	• Visual Management Zone • High Use Value • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of marine tourism and recreation opportunities
Management Issues	• *Safety* 　o potential for human/wildlife conflict 　o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict • *Protection of Ecological &Social Values* 　o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory 　o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users 　o lack of monitoring plan 　o unknown hunting activity • *Tourism and Recreation* 　o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

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	 • *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	   o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	   o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	   o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	 • *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Good proximity to two lodges. Examples:
	   o Saltwater fishing
	   o Canoeing/Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	 • Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
	 • Partnering opportunities: Charter sailboat companies, backcountry lodges

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6.25 Bishop Bay

Size	• 1635 ha
Location	• Bishop Bay
Access	• Via Whale Channel
LRMP District	• North Coast LRMP
Ecosection	• Class 4 Kitimat Ranges
BEC	• CWHvm1 0.1% • CWHvm2 0.0% • MHmm1 0.0%
Gitga'at Social and Cultural Values	• Existing
Ecological Values	• Critical grizzly habitat (projected 0.6 bears) • Critical mountain goat winter habitat (481 ha) • Critical northern groshawk nesting habitat (237 ha) • Likely marbled murelet habitat (610 ha) • At risk ecosystems (122 ha) • ESA Tier 1 (60%) • Projected goat range
Tourism and Recreation Values	• Safe, sheltered marine anchorages • Protection for kayaking/canoeing • Hotsprings
Tourism and Recreation Opportunities	• High marine traffic area • Kayaking / Canoeing • Hotspring bathing
Tourism and Recreation Facilities	• Hotsprings house • Outhouse • Dock • Camping platforms
Current Use	• ROS classes 1-3 (195 ha) • Visual management zone (1635 ha) • High use value (1635 ha) • Destination hotspring and anchorage • Recreational users (hikers, campers, fishers, kayakers, nature viewing) • Commercial recreation interests (guiding, fishing, kayaking, nature viewing, bear viewing, whale watching, heli-hiking, nature-viewing flights) • Guide outfitting
Other Stakeholders	• Guide Outfitter 603G003
Management Objectives	• General protection area management objectives • Provision / maintenance of marine tourism and recreation opportunities

Management Issues	• *Safety*
	  o potential for human/wildlife conflict
	  o potential for hunting group/recreational group conflict

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	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o incomplete ecological, socio-cultural inventory
	   o unknown ecological impacts from recreational/commercial users
	   o lack of monitoring plan
	   o unknown hunting activity
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Timing, amount of use could exceed area/site capacity

Management Strategies	• *Safety*
	   o Map hunting-use areas and timing (develop conflict mitigation strategies if necessary)
	   o Install / replace infrastructure and signage if necessary
	
	• *Protection of Ecological &Social Values*
	   o Continue to inventory sensitive habitats and red / blue listed species and plant communities
	   o Ensure public and tourism operators abide by Gitga'at bear viewing, whale watching, helicopter flightplan, and CMT guidelines
	   o Issue permits for existing commercial operators
	   o Develop a monitoring plan to ensure tourism and recreation activity remains within area and site carrying capacities
	
	• *Tourism and Recreation*
	   o Encourage back country tourism development (working with the Hartley Bay community)

Tourism Development Potential	• High Potential for small packaged tours (soft outdoor adventure with cultural interpretation component). Highly use area. Examples:
	   o Hotspring bathing with cultural interpretation
	   o Canoeing/Kayaking (using sail or power boat as mini-staging area)
	• Staging areas: Hartley Bay, sailing charter boat, backcountry lodge
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6   Conclusion

The rich natural and cultural resources found within Gitga'at protection areas (and throughout their territory) will form the basis of a successful, sustainable tourism industry that provides social and economic benefits to the Hartley Bay community and others who operate businesses in the Territory. Tourism is an industry that depends on natural and cultural resources. All development must occur in a manner that respects the integrity of these resources by operating within area, operation, and community capacities. The *Tourism and Recreation Strategy for Protection Areas in Gitga'at Territory* outlined in this document strategy provides the information for operators and managers to do so.

7 Appendices

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7.1   BC Visitor Volume and Revenue Statistics

Volume

Market Origin	2001[34]			2002[35]			2003[36]		
	Total Volume	% of Total	Change from '00	Total Volume	% of Total	Change from '01	Total Volume	% of Total	Change from '02
BC Resident	10761	48.1%	0.0%	10869	48.2%	1.0%	11086	48.1%	2.0%
Other Canada	4832	21.6%	-1.7%	4789	21.2%	-0.9%	4899	21.3%	2.3%
USA	5084	22.7%	0.4%	5297	23.5%	3.8%	5377	23.3%	1.5%
Mexico	71	0.3%	11.3%	68	0.3%	-3.9%	71	0.3%	5.0%
Asia Pacific	852	3.8%	-3.0%	872	3.9%	2.3%	905	3.9%	3.8%
Europe	619	2.8%	-6.0%	551	2.4%	-11.0%	573	2.5%	4.1%
Other Overseas	143	0.6%	-6.1%	126	0.6%	-12.4%	129	0.6%	3.0%
Total	**22362**	**100.0%**	**-0.6%**	**22571**	**100.0%**	**0.8%**	**23040**	**100.0%**	**2.1%**

Revenue

Market Origin	2001[37]			2002[38]			2003[39]		
	Total Revenue	% of Total	Change from '00	Total Revenue	% of Total	Change from '00	Total Revenue	% of Total	Change from '00
BC Resident	2452	26.6%	-1.0%	2501	26.8%	2.0%	2589	26.7%	3.5%
Other Canada	2749	29.8%	-3.0%	2733	29.3%	-0.6%	2841	29.3%	4.0%
USA	2351	25.5%	-0.6%	2474	26.5%	4.8%	2549	26.3%	3.0%
Mexico	49	0.5%	10.2%	48	0.5%	-3.0%	51	0.5%	6.6%
Asia Pacific	919	10.0%	-4.5%	944	10.1%	2.7%	995	10.3%	5.4%
Europe	638	6.9%	-7.1%	570	6.1%	-10.6%	603	6.2%	5.7%
Other Overseas	74	0.8%	-7.0%	65	0.7%	-11.6%	68	0.7%	4.5%
Total	**9233**	**100.0%**	**-2.3%**	**9336**	**100.0%**	**1.0%**	**9697**	**100.0%**	**3.9%**

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7.2   *BC Visitor Activity Participation*

The following table depicts BC visitor activity participation. Information is **not** particular to the Northwest region.

Outdoor Activity	Non-BC resident (% participation)	BC resident (% participation)
(Net) Land-based Activities	59	47
Visiting a park	43	19
Wildlife/bird viewing	50	33
Hiking/backpacking	14	24
(Net) Fishing	16	19
Saltwater	5	*
Freshwater	15	*
Boating	*	14
Photography	46	38
Sightseeing	*	41
Local Festival/events	9	12
Historic Sites	43	19
First Nation Cultural Sites	26	13
Art galleries/museums	28	15

*Information unavailable.

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7.3   *Soft Outdoor Adventure Enthusiast Market Information*

OSAE Market	Canadian Portion of Market	Origins	Destinations	Demographics	Activities
CANADA	5.3 million Canadian adults	All provinces (QU, AB in particular)	Atlantic Canada, AB, BC	• 75% b/w 18-44, underrepresented at the older end of the age spectrum • 61% adult-only households • Average household income $58,000 CAD • 26% with at least 1 university degree • 92% born in Canada	-Warm weather, nature-based -Hiking 58% -Wildlife viewing 47% -Fishing 46% -Kayaking/canoeing 37% -Motor boating 37% -Wildflower viewing 32% -Whale watching 25% -Birding 22% -Sailing 13%
USA	7.1 million American adults	33% from border states, 36% from southern states	1/2 ON 1/3 BC 1/5 QU 1/10 other	• 50% b/w 18-44 years, 8% 65+, underrepresented at the older end of the age spectrum • 65% adult-only households • Average household income $71,000 USD • 35% with at least 1 university degree	-Warm weather, nature-based -Wildlife viewing 53% -Hiking 47% -Fishing 44% -Wildflower viewing 40% -Motor boating 39% -Kayaking/canoeing 38% -Whale watching 25% -Birding 22% -Sailing 18%

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7.4 Heritage Enthusiast Market Information

Heritage Enthusiast Market	Canadian Portion of Market	Origins	Destinations	Demographics	Activities
CANADA	2.2 million Canadian adults	All provinces (ON, QU, BC, AB in particular)	All provinces (ON, QU, BC, AB in particular)	• Majority is 34+ years • Majority adult-only households • Average household income $60,000 CAD • 28% with at least 1 university degree	-General history museums 86% -Festivals 65% -Historic Sites 55% -Historic replicas of cities/towns 54% -Aboriginal Cultural Experiences 18% -Aboriginal Attractions 16%
USA	8.3 million American adults	-28% border states -40% southern states	-ON 58% -BC 33% -QU 32%	• Majority is 34+ years • Majority adult-only households • Average household income $71,000 USD • 34% with at least 1 university degree	-General history museums 81% -Festivals 67% -Historic Sites 63% -Aboriginal Attractions 28% -Aboriginal Cultural Experiences 23% -Aboriginal Celebrations 12%