

Use Area 04-05

Southwest Admiralty– Admiralty National Monument

Recreation Carrying Capacity (Groups At One Time): 6

Description

This use area is in Admiralty National Monument and part of the Kootznoowoo Wilderness, located in the southwest portion of the island extending from Angoon south to Point Gardner.

LUD: Wilderness Monument.

ROS: Primitive, Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized.

National Forest Shoreline Miles: 101

National Forest Shoreline Acres: 24,556

Communities

The community of Angoon has a population of about 750 people and is located at the northern end of the Use Area.

Alaska Coastal Management Act

The Angoon Coastal Management Plan has Areas Meriting Special Attention (AMSA's) in Hood Bay, Whitewater Bay and Chaik Bay. Key components of the Enforceable Policies for these AMSA's are: 1) maintaining or enhancing subsistence resource productivity and ensuring access to those resources; 2) balancing recreational uses with the subsistence economy and culture; 3) encouraging the involvement of local residents in the development of tourism related services and businesses. These bays receive use from the people of Angoon. Hood Bay receives the most use due to its proximity to Angoon.

Forest Service Facilities

None

Non-National Forest Lands

Private land is located in Angoon, the north side of Hood Bay, Chaik Bay near Village Point and Whitewater Bay at Neltushkin.

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Recreation Use

Area Attractions

This subunit has several large bays and estuaries. Large creeks and good beaches where people can go ashore are the primary attractions. Sand Point in Whitewater Bay has a very good beach and open stand of timber. The protected “lagoons” or “salt chucks” in Whitewater and Wilson Cove offer different experiences than many other points on Admiralty Island.

Commercial Use

Freshwater fishing occurs in the major streams emptying into the bays. Brown bear hunting is another popular activity. These bays also receive use from outfitter/guides who do short beach-walking excursions.

Non-commercial Use

Hunting, berry picking, beach walking.

Use Patterns

Most of the commercial use is of short duration with little, if any, overnight camping. Hood Bay and Chaik Bay receive more use due to their proximity to Angoon and the Whaler’s Cove Lodge.

Management/Resource Considerations

Subsistence

Hunting, berry picking, firewood gathering. There are no anticipated restrictions on subsistence resource users.

Wildlife

106 bald eagle nests have been mapped in this area.

Fisheries

Forty-one class one streams have been mapped in the area. The unit has nine streams with high fishing value, which are all permitted for guided sport fishing activities. Cutthroat trout, Dolly Varden, and pink salmon where primarily caught. Clients typically practice catch and release. Two streams with high fishing values are located at the head of each bay. Chaik Bay, located approximately 20 miles south of the village of Angoon, received the majority of use. There is one high value fishing stream at the head of the arm of Chaik Bay. The stream passes through a very large meadow and inter-tidal grass flat and supports abundant runs of pink salmon and Dolly Varden. One stream was identified with high fishing values, which empties into a salt chuck at the head of the bay and supports populations of pink, chum, Dolly Varden and coho. Watershed restoration efforts were initiated in 1999 to restore the riparian areas, damaged from logging activities, and maintain stream productivity.

Botany

No rare or sensitive taxa were identified from 3 surveys.

Cultural/Heritage

Two historic and 21 prehistoric sites have been identified from 35 surveys that covered 14 miles.