

West Coast Regional MPA Government Partners Workshop June 20-21, 2006



State of Washington



State Initiated Marine Conservation Activities

- Governor's Ocean Policy Workgroup
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Protected Areas
- Washington Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Reserves Program

Governor's Ocean Policy Workgroup



Local, state, & federal government

Governors office

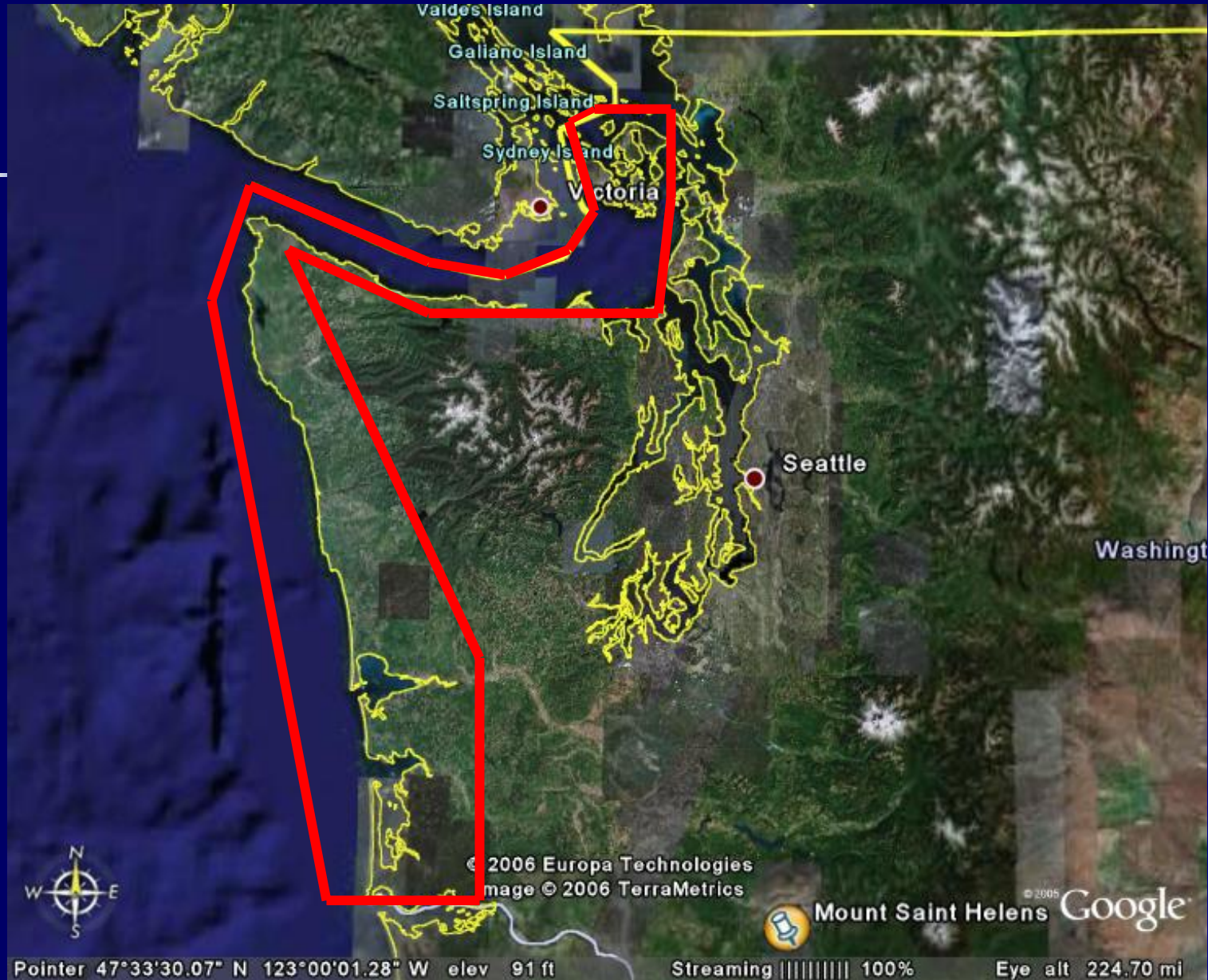
Commercial fishing

Washington public ports

Tribal representation

Olympic Coast NMS

Area of Focus



Reporting

- Coastal economic development
- Marine resource stewardship
- Coastal hazards, erosion & climate change
- Research priorities
- Governance

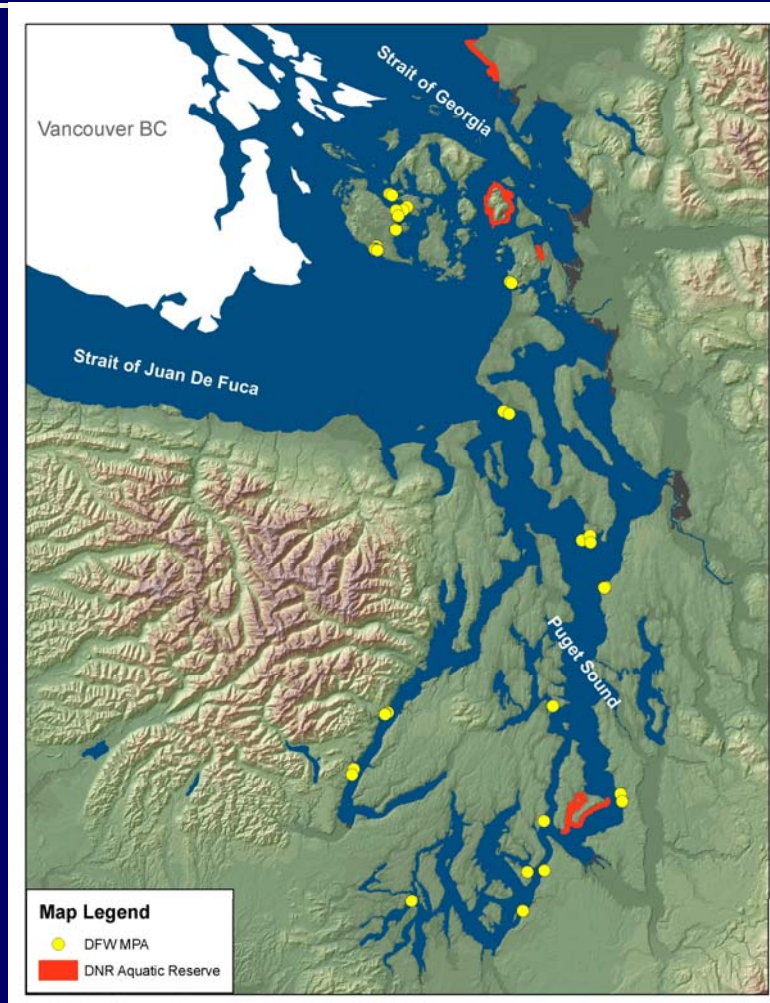
Research and education workshops in September 06

- **Review Final Draft**
- **Refine and redirect recommendations**

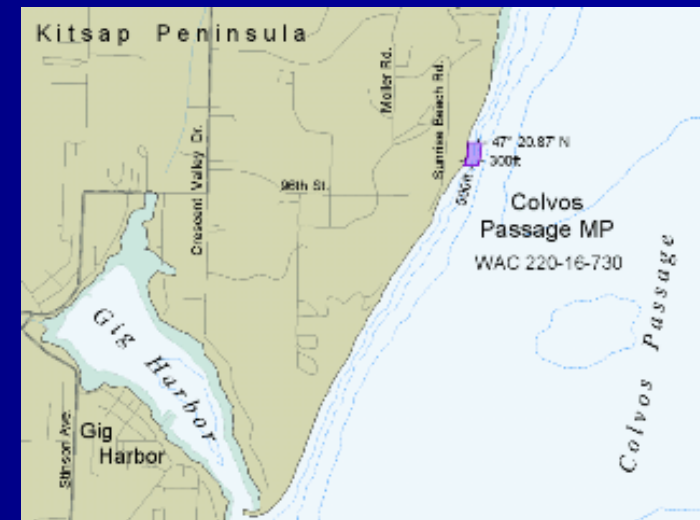
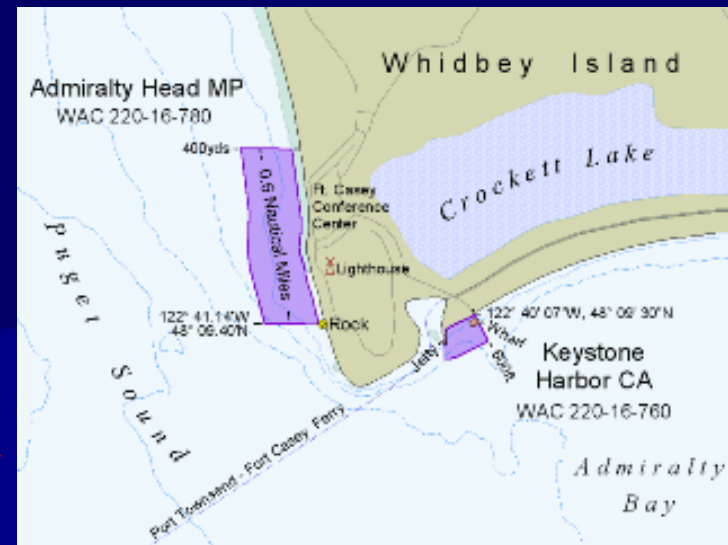
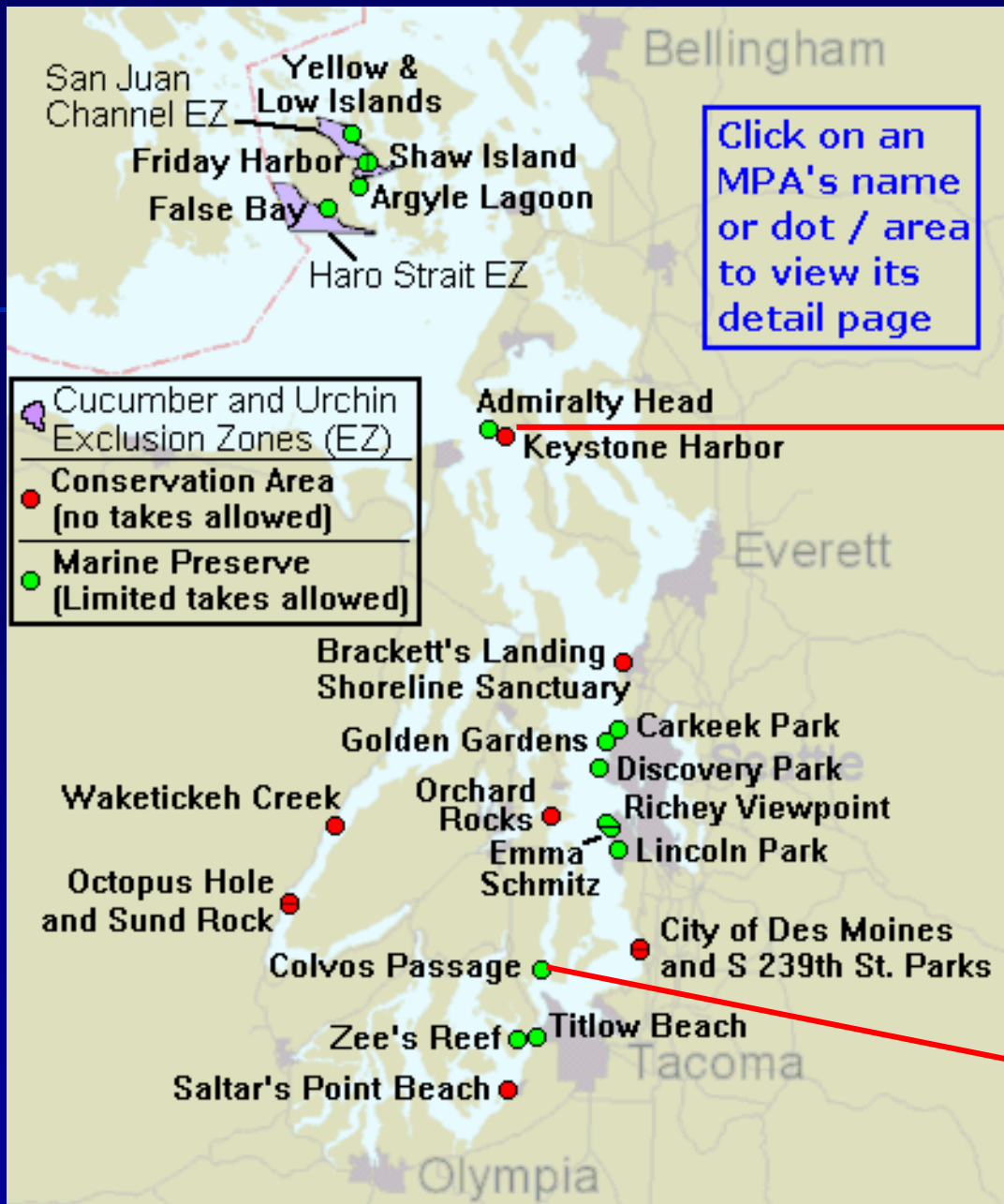
Final report to the governor in December 2006

<http://courses.washington.edu/oceangov/references.html>

WDFW Marine Protected Areas



- Protection of Unique or Sensitive Populations
- Research and Education Areas
- Fish Production and Fishery Management
- Protection of Habitats of Special Importance
- Non-Consumptive Use Recreational Areas

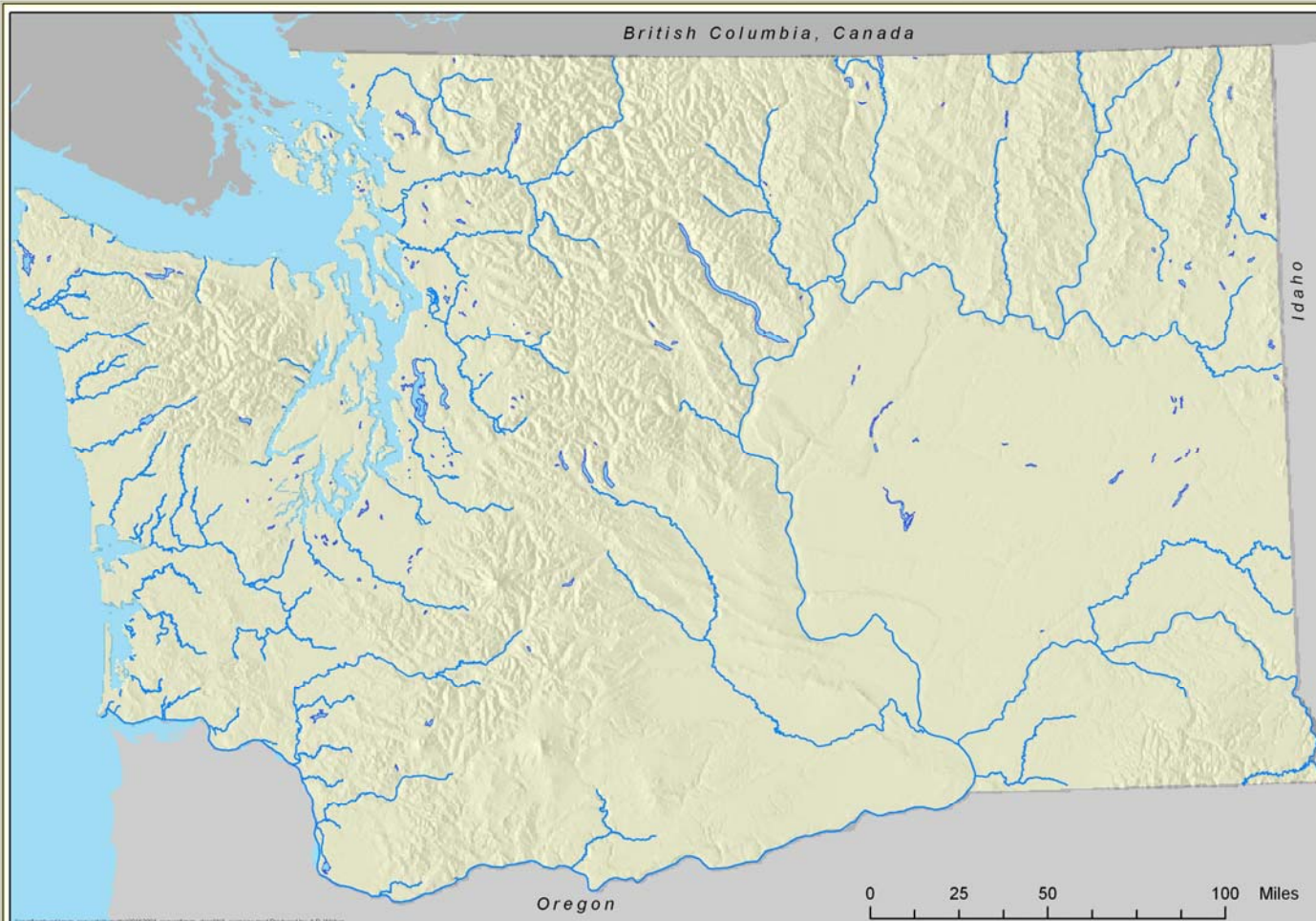


Washington State Aquatic Reserves Program

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/aqr/reserves/index.html>



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Washington's Department of Natural Resources manages about 2.4 million acres of aquatic lands in Washington State

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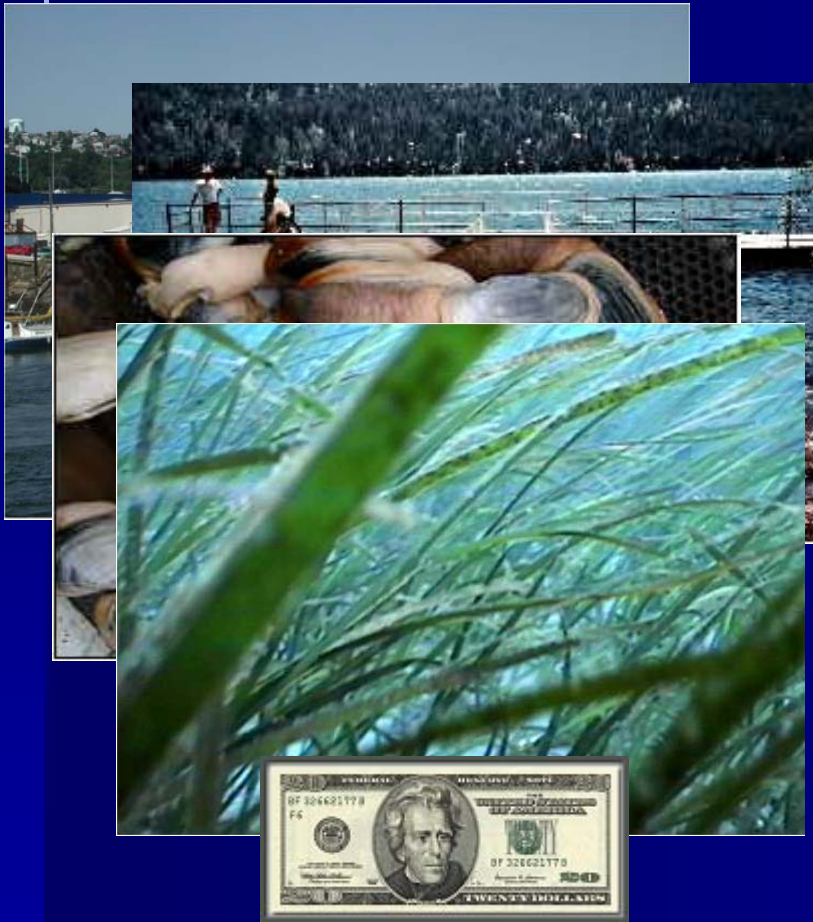
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- Utilize renewable resources
- Ensure environmental protection
- Generate income

Aquatic Reserves Program

**Protection,
preservation,
and
enhancement of
state-owned
aquatic lands**



**What is going on with
aquatic reserves?**

State Aquatic Reserves



Map of Washington State showing State Aquatic Reserves. 02/20/2019 10:00 AM Pacific Standard Time



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Aquatic Resources Division - Aquatic Reserves Program**



**Maury Island Environmental Aquatic Reserve
Final Management Plan**

October 29, 2004

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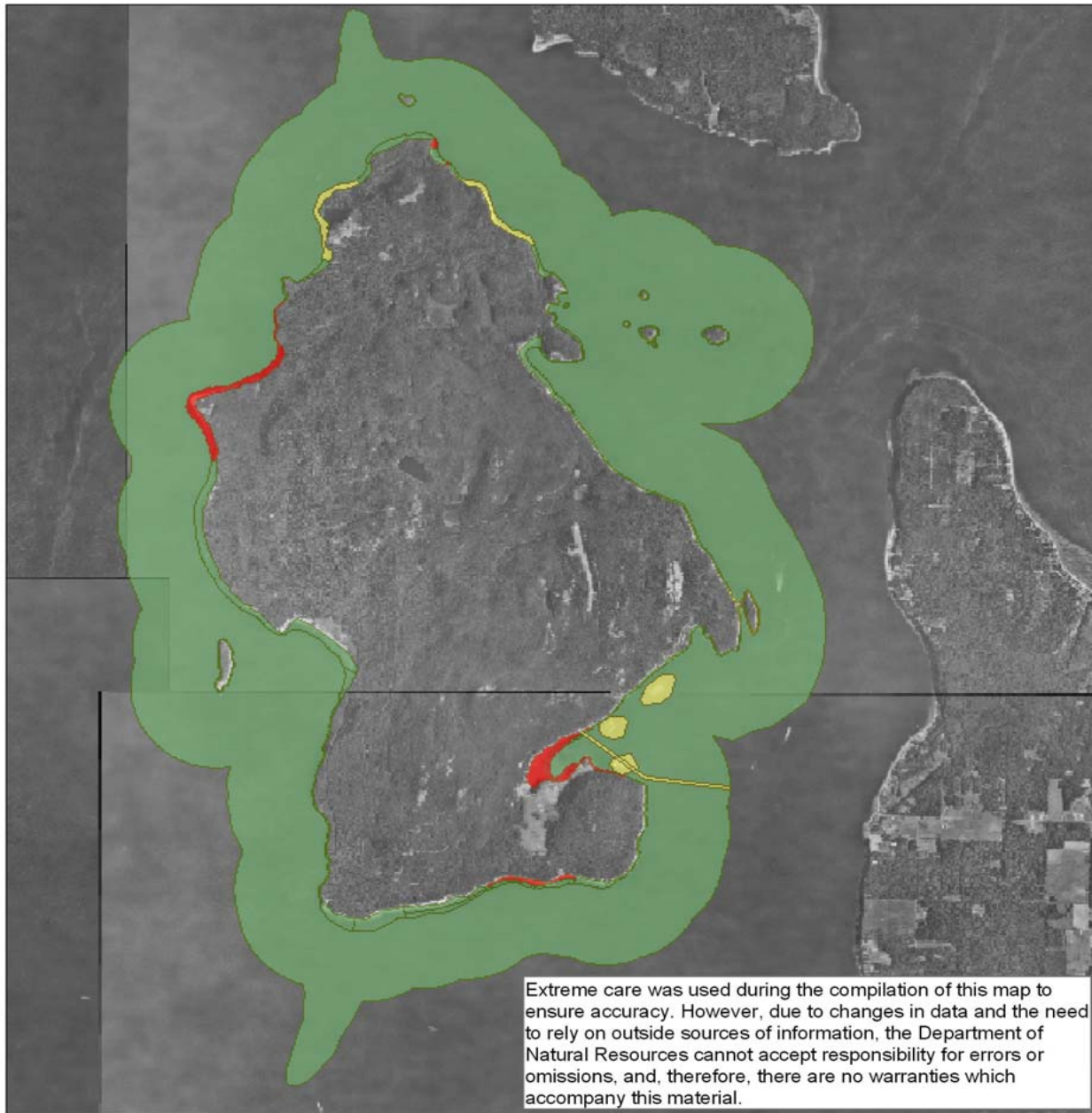
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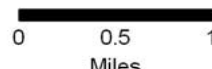
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Cypress Island State Aquatic Reserve



Cypress Island is an outstanding example of a pristine San Juan Archipelago island ecosystem. The water around Cypress Island provides a unique blend of habitats, including intertidal and subtidal rocky reef habitats, unconsolidated subtidal habitats, coral hydrocoral, sponges, and mixed



- State withdrawn area
- Existing encumbrances

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Priority Conservation Areas in Puget Sound



Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (proposed)



Questions about these
programs?