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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/6/11

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Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 105

HB 105-SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST

"An Act relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- adopt previous SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
DNR			X	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Thomas	✓			
	McGuire	✓			
	Ellis	✓			
CO-CHAIR:	Hoffman	✓			
CO-CHAIR:	Stetson	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number 1
Bill Version HB 105
(H) Publish Date 1/18/11

Identifier (file name) 1694-DNR-FMD-1-13-11 Dept. Affected Natural Resources
Title Land Additions to Southeast State Forest Appropriation Resource Development
Allocation Forest Management and Development
Sponsor Rules Committee
Requester Governor OMB Component Number 435

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

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CHANGE IN REVENUES

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version

not applicable, initial version

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Approved by Daniel S. Sullivan
Natural Resources

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Date/Time 1-10-11 3:30pm
Date 1/13/2011

FISCAL NOTE #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 105

Analysis

This bill adds 23,181 acres to the southeast State Forest in Southern Southeast Alaska by redesignating certain state-owned parcels. A timber management plan would be developed to actively manage the parcels for higher timber volumes per acre, shorter rotations, and less impact on wildlife. Designation of these parcels as State Forest lands and the development of a timber management plan will allow for long-term management activities, including the thinning of young second-growth timber stands, generally not considered appropriate for undesignated state lands.

Implementation of this bill will not require new positions or funding.

The bill will have no short-term impact to the revenue stream, but will provide for long-term increases in forest productivity and subsequent increased timber revenues.

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Governor Sean Parnell
STATE OF ALASKA

January 14, 2011

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Southeast State Forest. The Southeast State Forest was established in June 2010, under Chapter 112, SLA 2010, in an effort to ensure that State lands in Southeast Alaska that had already been designated for commercial forestry management would be managed as an integrated unit and according to a broader long-term and comprehensive forest management plan. This bill would designate an additional 23,181 acres of commercial forest lands that are conducive to meeting these goals, almost doubling the size of the Southeast State Forest, and further ensuring an appropriate land base for long-term forest management. The lands would continue to be open for multiple uses, including wildlife harvest and recreational activities.

Adding lands to the Southeast State Forest enables the Division of Forestry in the Department of Natural Resources to manage this land to increase long-term timber supply for local processors and wood energy needs, provide near-term jobs in pre-commercial thinning, timber harvest and milling, and retain the land in State ownership for multiple uses.

The bill contains provisions to avoid conflicts with the newly formed City and Borough of Wrangell's land selection and entitlement. Additionally, if new municipalities are incorporated before June 30, 2019, lands that were vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved before establishment of the State Forest will be included in the calculation of the municipal entitlement acreage, but may not be selected.

Alaska's timber industry and energy needs remain top priorities of my administration. This legislation is one important piece of our overall strategy to stabilize and revitalize the timber industry and expand wood energy opportunities in Southeast Alaska.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Governor

Enclosure

Public Briefing: HB 105/SB 44

Additional Lands to Southeast State Forest

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Alaska Department of
**NATURAL
RESOURCES**
January 24, 2011

DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Background. Pursuant to SCSHB 162(RES), the 25,291 acre Southeast State Forest was established in June 2010. These forest lands will be managed as an integrated unit and according to a state forest management plan. While the lands were previously available for timber harvest before the State Forest was established, the State Forest designation ensures these productive forest lands will remain in state ownership and contribute to the long term viability of the timber based economy in southeast.

An additional 23,181 acres of State lands in the southern southeast have been identified as appropriate for inclusion into the Southeast State Forest. The Department of Natural Resources manages over 159,000 acres of uplands in southern southeast Alaska. Timber management is allowed on approximately one third of this land; the State actively manages this timber base to supply wood to local processors. The remaining land is designated primarily for other uses including land sales, recreation, water resources, and fish and wildlife habitat, including over 25,000 acres of legislatively designated state parks, refuges, and public use areas.

Adding lands to the State Forest will ensure that the State's most suitable lands in Southeast remain available to contribute to timber supply through the State's ongoing timber sale program. Much of the State owned timber land in southeast Alaska was inherited from the U.S. Forest Service and is comprised of young, second-growth stands. Actively-managed second-growth stands provide more timber volume per acre on shorter rotations and can result in improved deer browse than unmanaged stands. We can increase timber yield and associated timber supply from state land by thinning these stands. Thinning is a long-term investment and is only justified if the land will continue to be available for forest management.

Purpose. This bill would add an additional 23,181 acres of State lands to the Southeast State Forest from lands currently available for timber harvest. The Division of Forestry would then be able to manage the 48,472 acres of Southeast State Forest lands for a long-term supply of timber and retain these lands in state ownership for multiple uses.

Proposed Additions to Southeast State Forest The proposed additions to the Southeast State Forest include 23 parcels totaling approximately 23,181 acres (see chart). Approximately 21 percent of these lands are from six parcels that had previously been reserved pending legislative transfer to the University of Alaska. That legislation did not pass freeing these lands for long-term forest management in the State Forest. The legislation includes general use lands on Prince of Wales, Tuxekan, Gravina, Kosciusko, Revillagigedo, Wrangell, Suemez, Mitkof, Kuiu, Dall, and Zarembo Islands. Six of these parcels are adjacent or near existing State Forest parcels. The Division of Forestry worked with the Division of Mining, Land, and Water to identify and exclude lands that are priorities for the state land disposal program.

State Forest Management. The Southeast State Forest will be managed as part of the State Forest System under AS 41.17.200-.230. Lands in the State Forest will continue to be open for multiple uses, including wildlife habitat and harvest and recreational activities. State Forest lands will be managed consistent with the management intent under the current Prince of Wales Island Area Plan, Prince of Wales Island Area Plan Amendment, and Central/Southern Southeast Area Plan. Changes to management intent would require public and interagency review through adoption of a State Forest Management Plan under AS 41.17.230.

Municipal Entitlements. The City and Borough of Wrangell boundary encompasses five parcels in the proposed state forest additions (St. Johns Harbor, Eastern Passage, Pat Creek, Pat Creek Uplands and Earl

West Cove). A State Forest designation will not affect the amount or location of land the Wrangell Borough can select. That determination is based on the maximum total acreage of vacant, unappropriated, unreserved land in the borough boundaries within two years after the date of incorporation (AS 29.65.030). However, a borough would not normally be able to select land within a State Forest. To avoid conflicts with the Wrangell entitlement, the Southeast State Forest bill specifies that the Wrangell Borough may select State Forest land within the borough boundary.

If new municipalities are incorporated before June 30, 2019, lands that were vacant, unappropriated, unreserved land before establishment of the State Forest will be included in the calculation of the municipal entitlement acreage, but may not be selected.

SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST ADDITIONS			
Plan Unit	Acreage	General Location	Island
Prince of Wales Island Area Plan and Amendment			
8b	617	Kosciusko Island/ Edna Bay	Kosciusko
7c	786	Naukati	Prince of Wales
7b	345	Tuxekan	Tuxekan
6a	597	Coffman Cove	Prince of Wales
5a	972	Whale Pass	Prince of Wales
13b	523	Kitkun Bay	Prince of Wales
12b	1,002	Indian Creek	Prince of Wales
11c	280	Thorne Bay South	Prince of Wales
D-01	1,063	Port Delores	Suemez
D-02	985	Hook Arm	Dall Island
Central/Southern Southeast Area Plan			
K01, K02	1,885	Neets Bay	Revillagegedo
K11	332	Leask Cove	Revillagegedo
K25	1,487	North Gravina Island	Gravina
P23	1,264	Favor Peak (E Mitkof)	Mitkof
P25	467	South Mitkof	Mitkof
P27	1,040	Woodpecker	Mitkof
P28	867	Frederick Point	Mitkof
U02	652	Rowan Bay	Kuiu
W02	1,266	St. Johns Harbor	Zarembo
W08	1,411	Eastern Passage	Wrangell Is.
W10	2,601	Pat Creek	Wrangell Is.
W12	2,320	Earl West Cove	Wrangell Is.
W27	419	Pat Creek Uplands	Wrangell Is.
TOTAL	23,181	23 parcels	

Shaded parcels are from prior University Land bill

Southeast Alaska Public Land Summary

(21,004,230 acres)



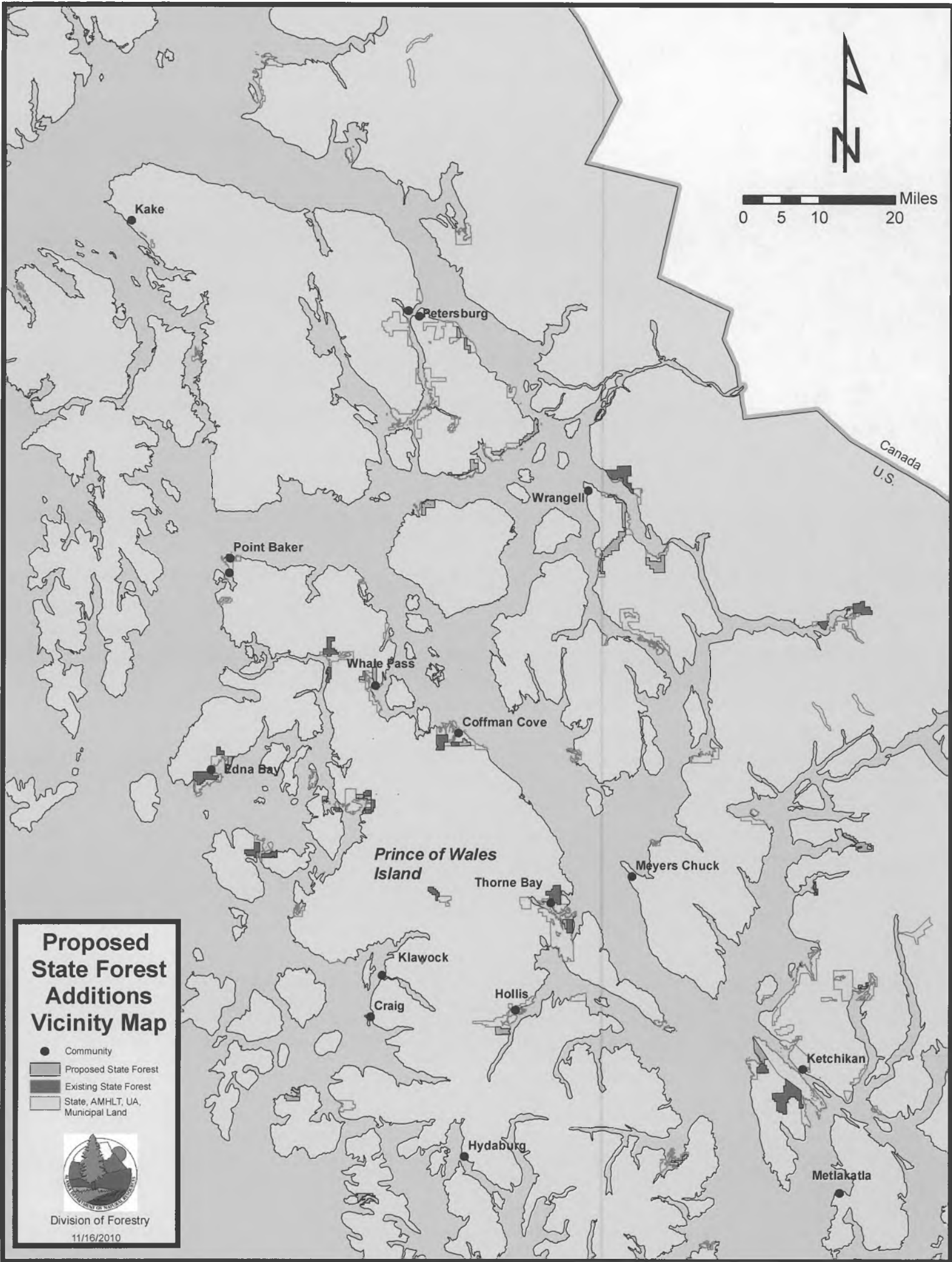
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- 2 Other Tongass Forest No Harvest
- 3 State Parks, HCAs
- 4 Non-LDA State Lands
- 5 Tongass Timber Scheduled (Roaded)
- 6 Haines State Forest
- 7 SE State Forest

- 1 2008 TLMP page 3-2 and Glacier National Park Web Page (9,199,026 acres)
- 2 2008 TLMP page 3-2, Natural Setting and Development LUD less roaded suitable (10,713,778 acres)
- 3 Per DNR DMLW records including Chilkat Preserve, State Marine Parks and Critical Habitat Areas (110,032 acres)
- 4 DNR DMLW, excludes Juneau Area Plan which lumps uplands and tidelands together. Excludes selections. (526,103 acres)
- 5 2008 TLMP, Roaded Suitable, includes old growth and young growth. Table 2-4, TLMP FEIS (144,000 acres)
- 6 Per DOF Web page (286,000 acres)
- 7 SE State Forest not including additional SB44/HB105 acres (25,291 acres)

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Proposed State Forest Additions Vicinity Map

- Community
- Proposed State Forest
- Existing State Forest
- State, AMHLT, UA, Municipal Land



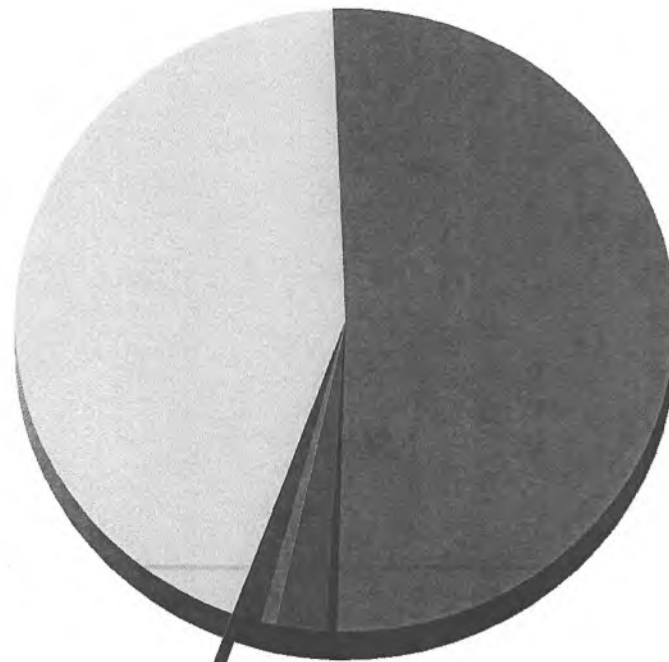
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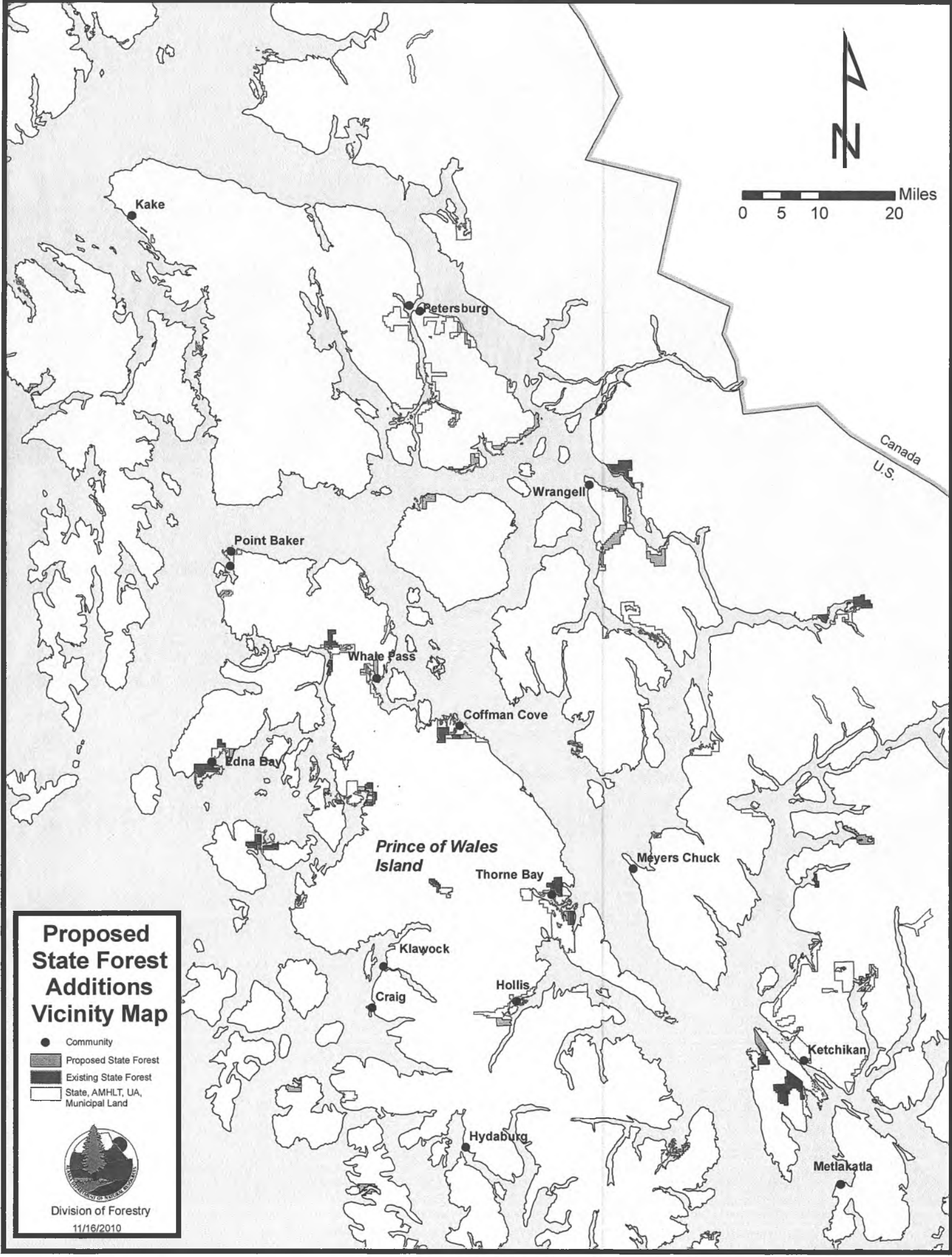
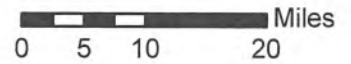
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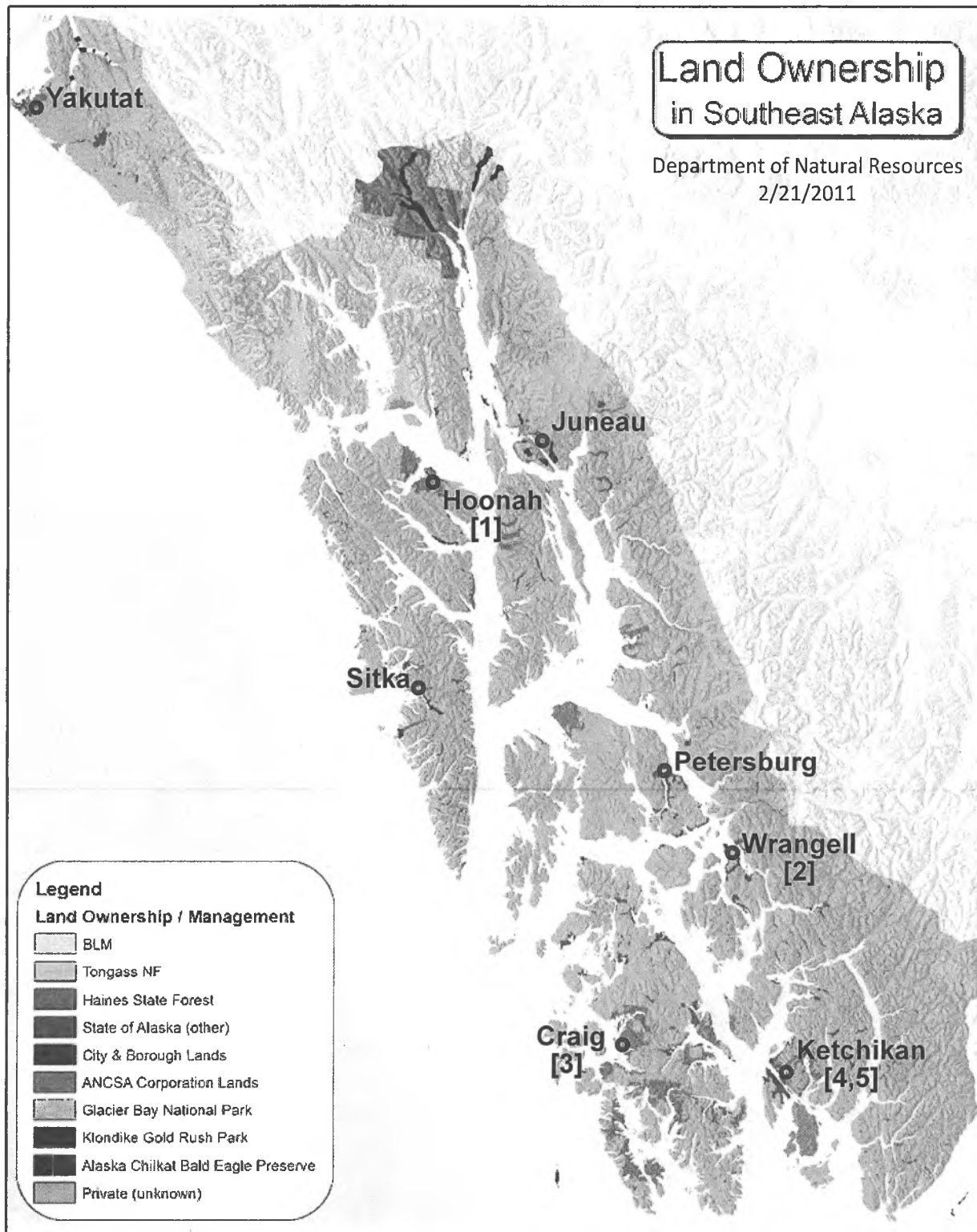
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Land Ownership in Southeast Alaska

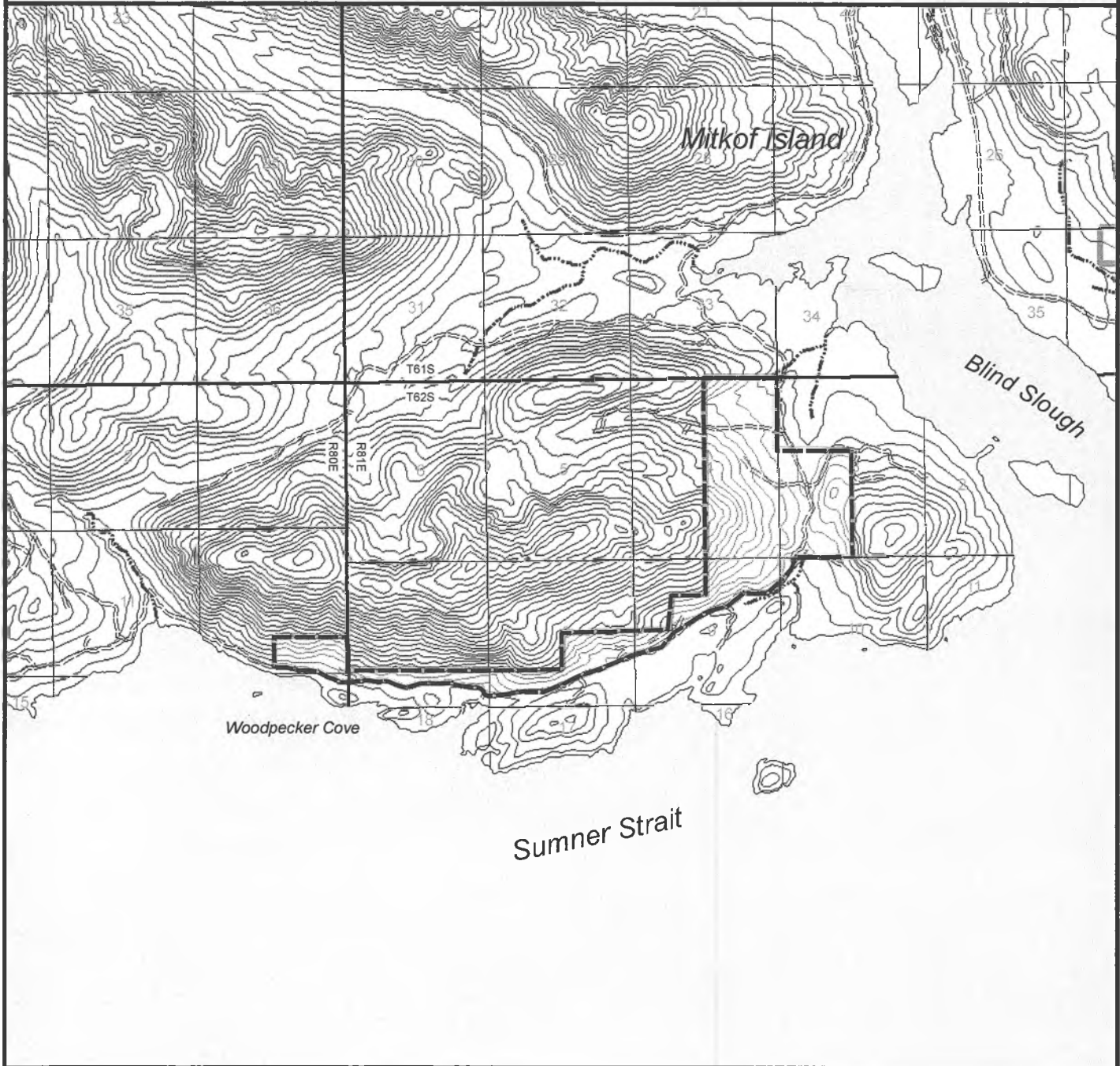
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SE Mills

1. Icy Strait Lumber (Operating, but recovering from fire)
2. Silver Bay Logging (Closed)
3. Viking Lumber Co. (Operating)
4. Pacific Log & Lumber (Closed)
5. Ketchikan Veneer Mill (Closed)

Woodpecker Parcel



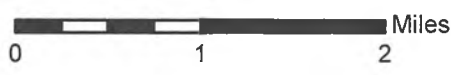
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 Parcel Map Focus

Legend

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-  State Forest
-  State Park
-  Subdivision
-  Lakes
-  Cataloged Streams



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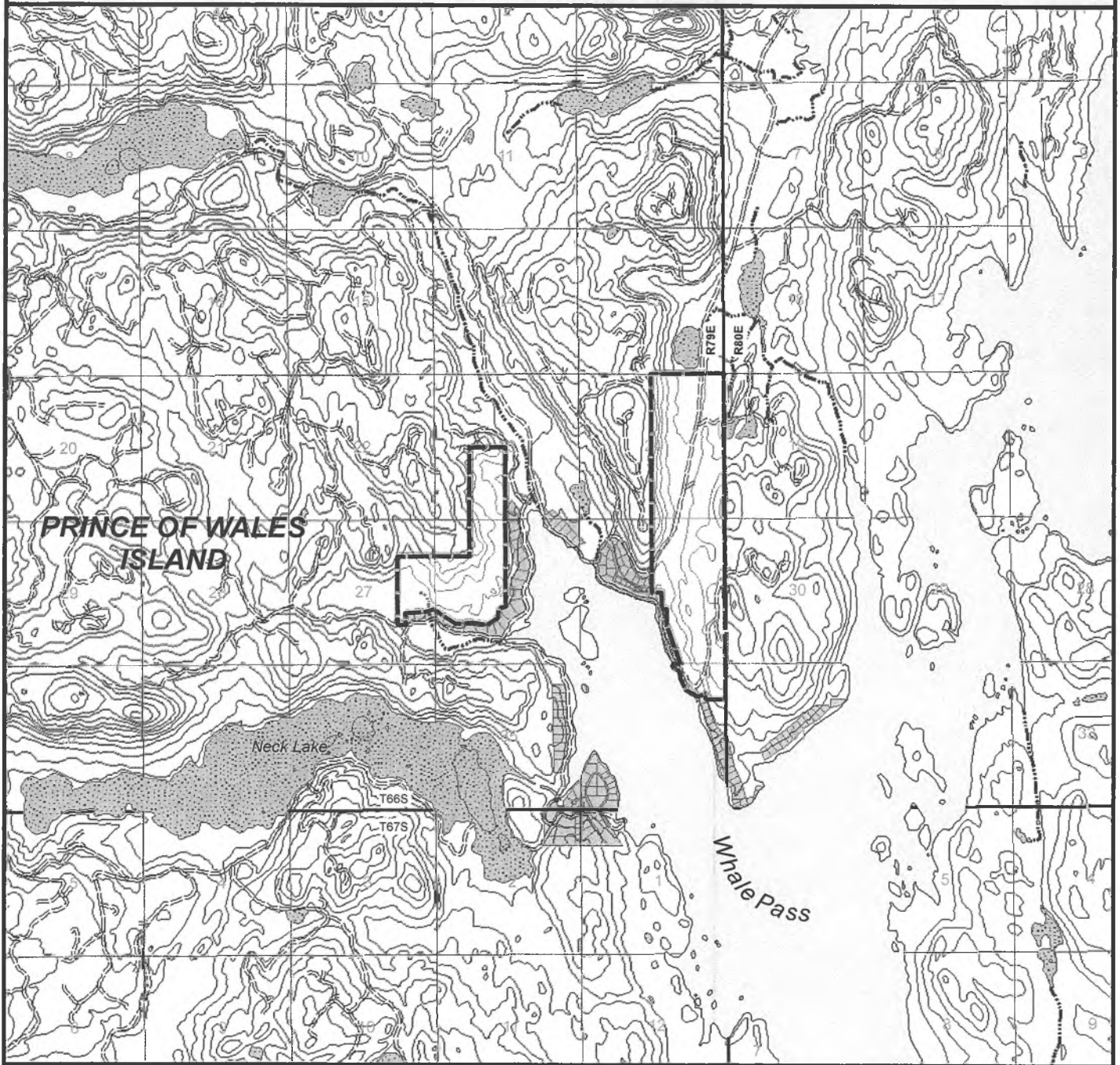
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Whale Pass Parcel



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



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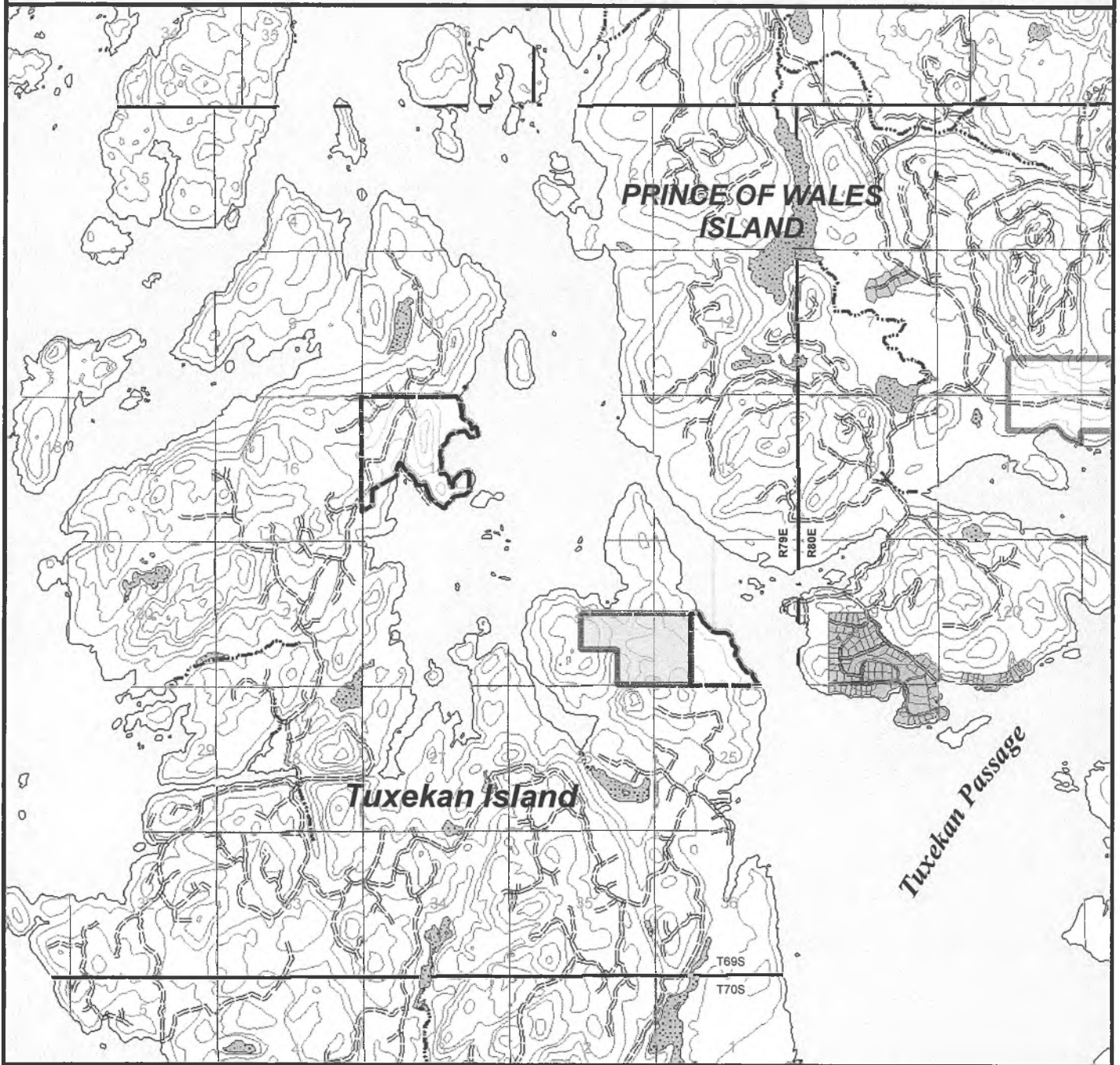
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Tuxekan Parcel



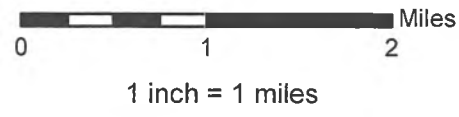
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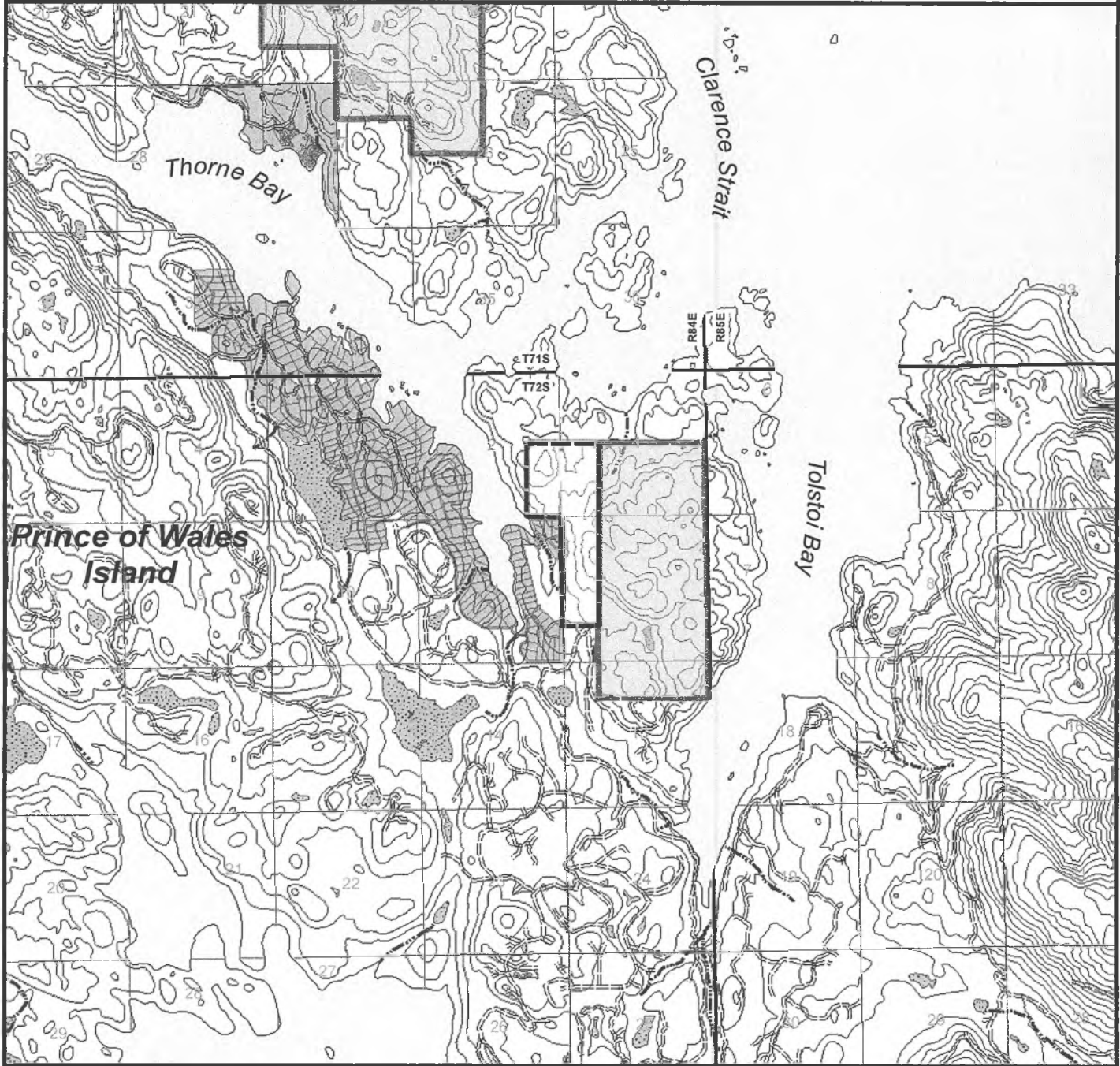


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Thorne Bay South Parcel









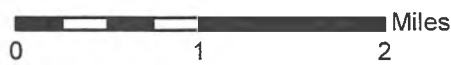
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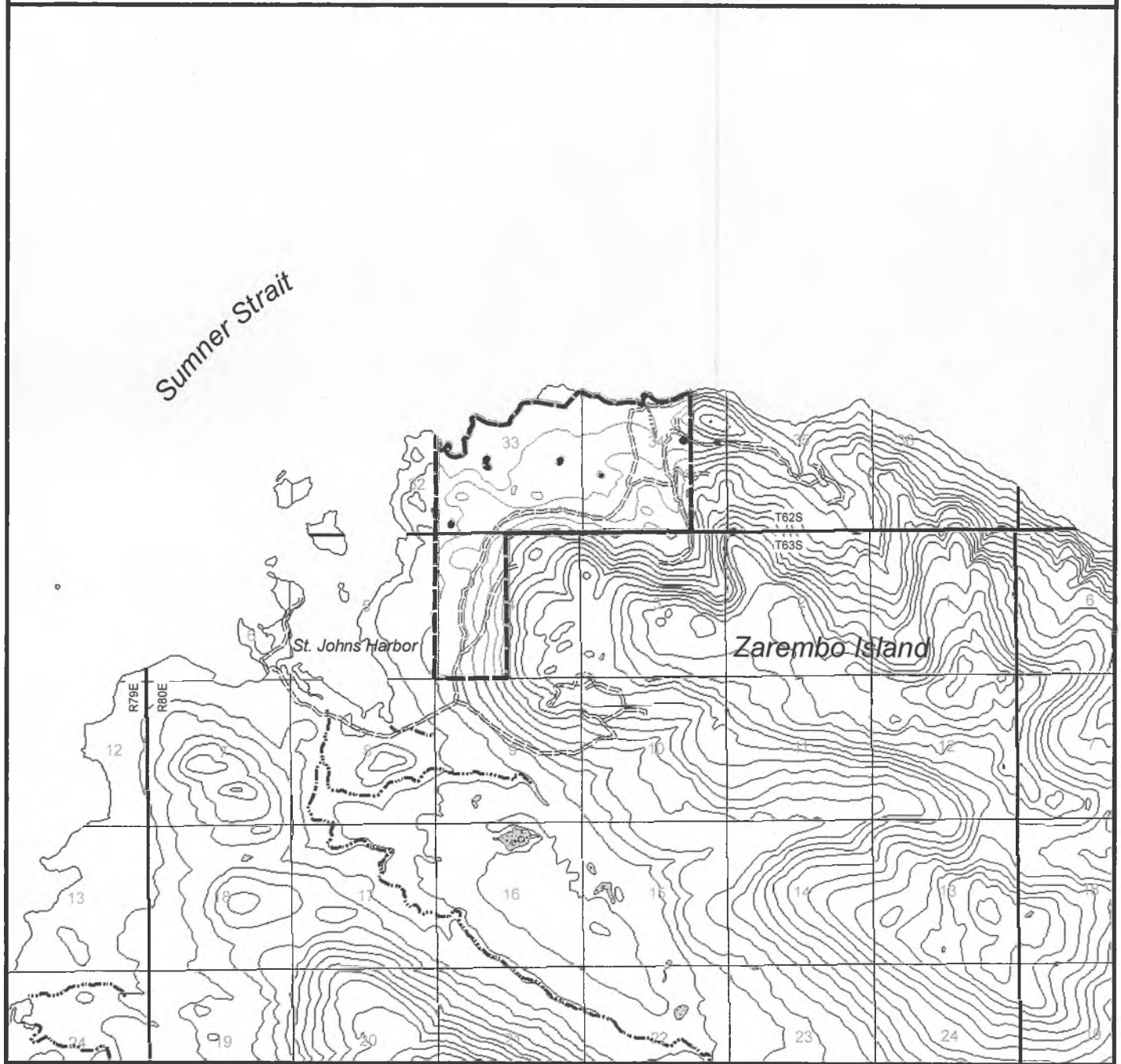
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St. Johns Harbor Parcel









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South Mitkof Parcel









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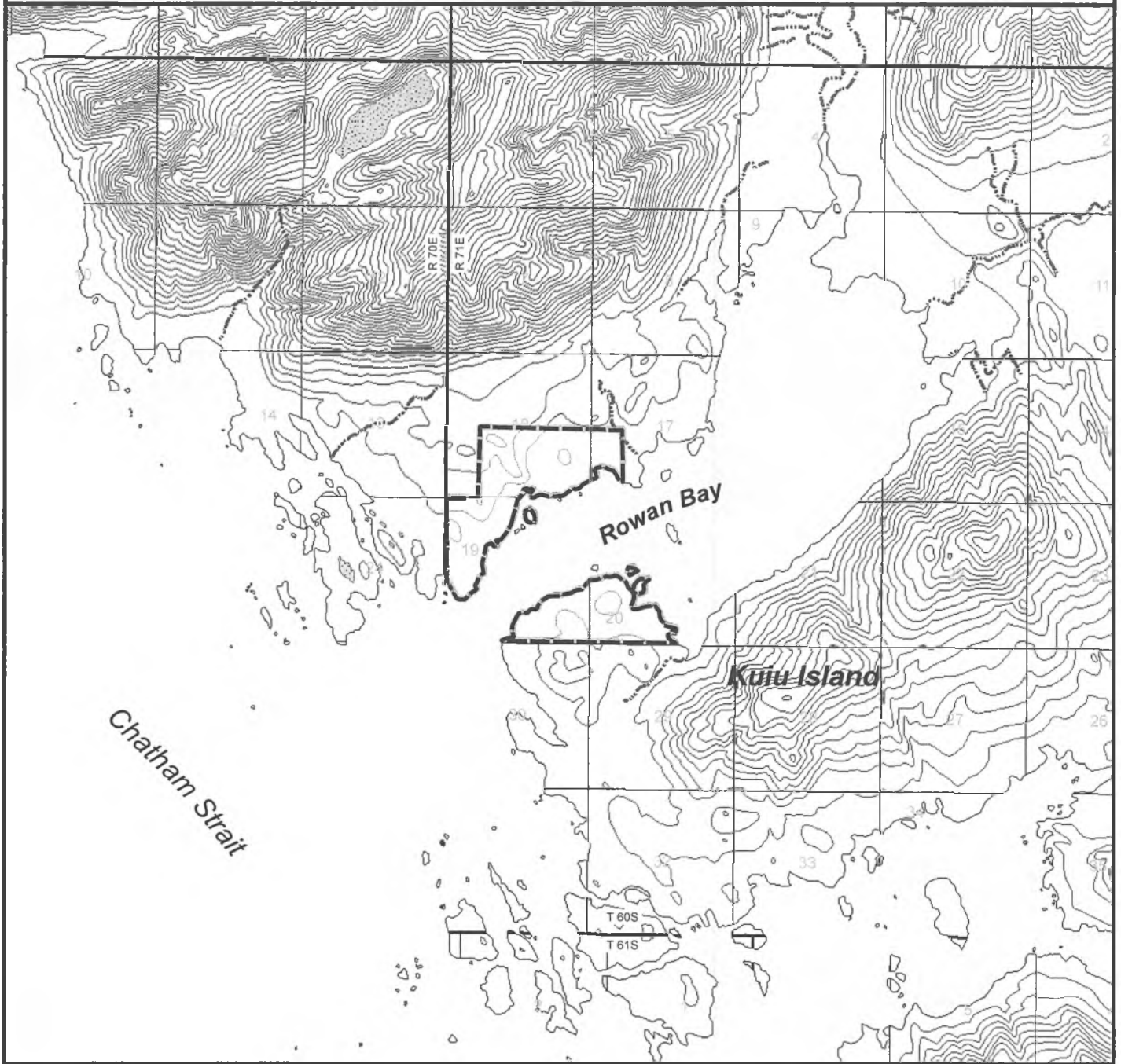
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Rowan Bay Parcel









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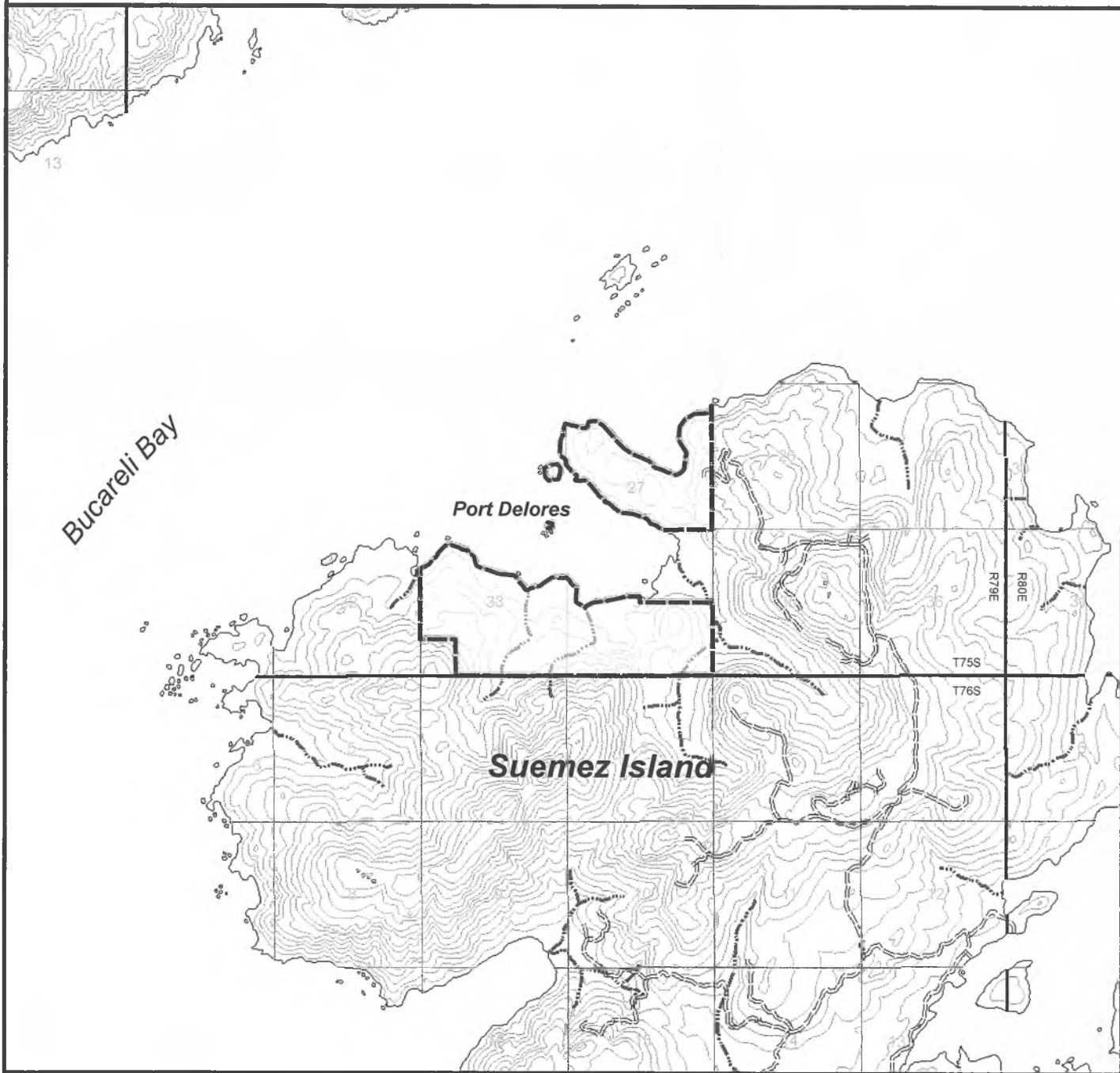
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Port Delores Parcel









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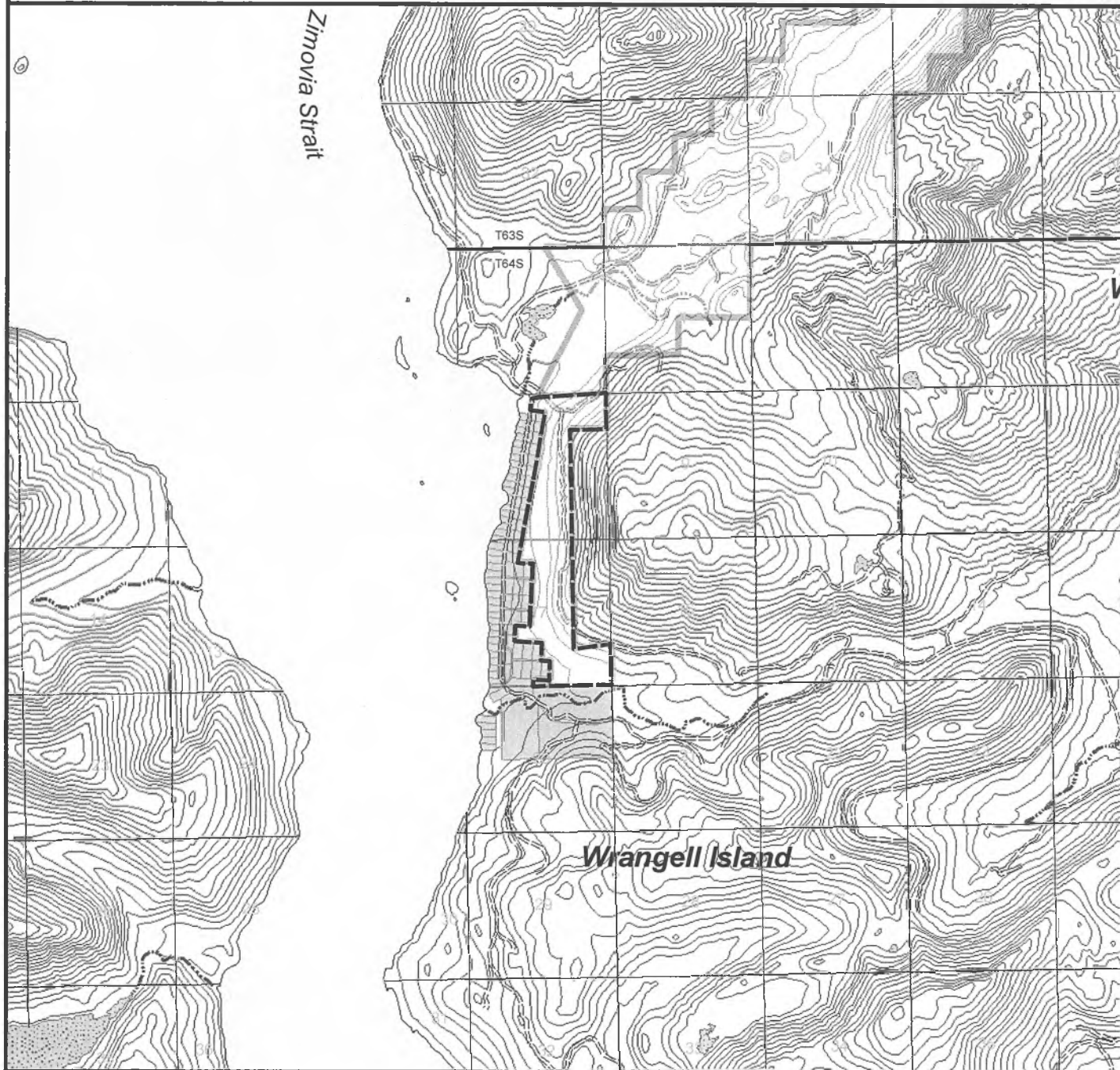
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Pat Creek Uplands Parcel



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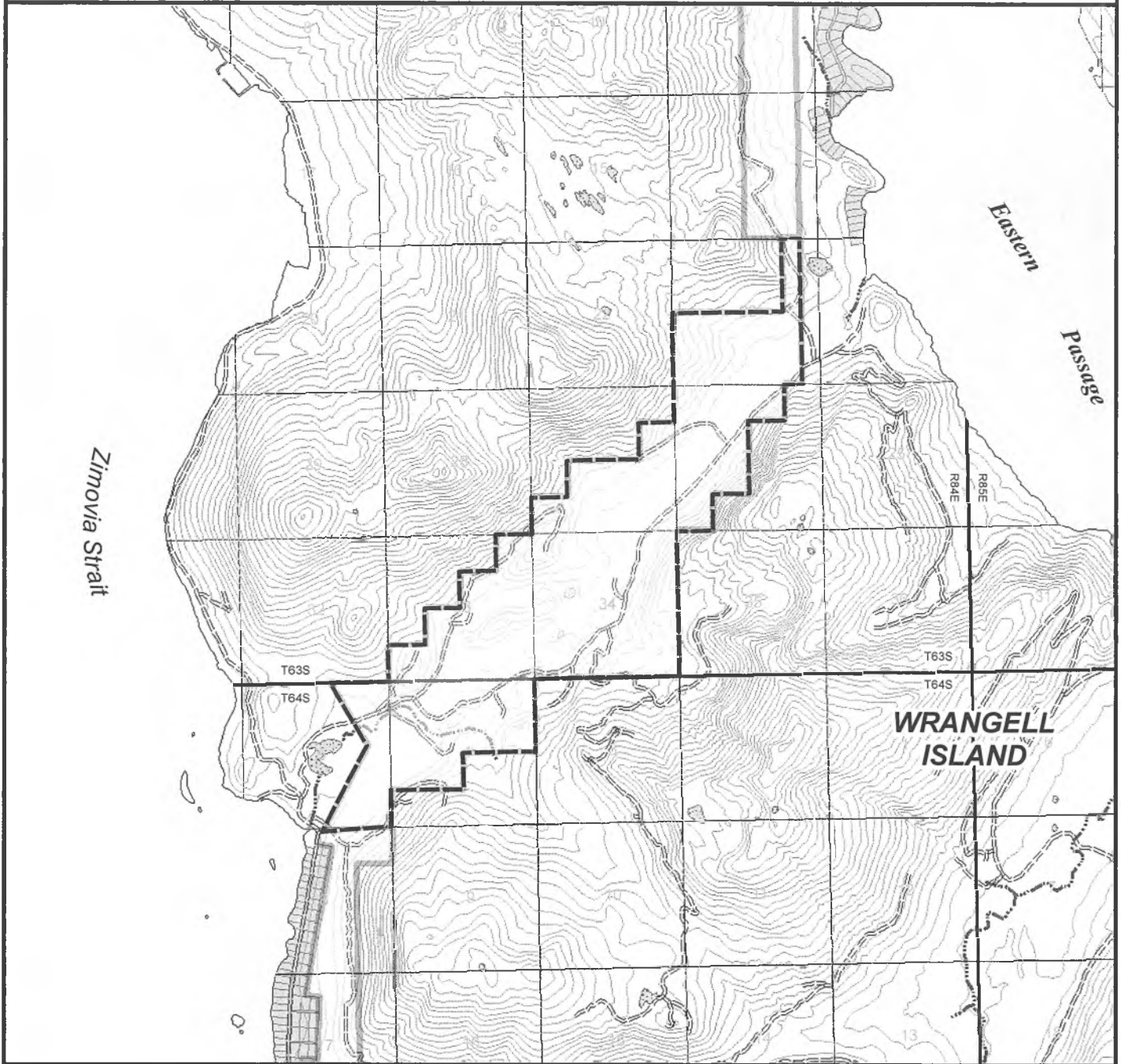
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Pat Creek Parcel









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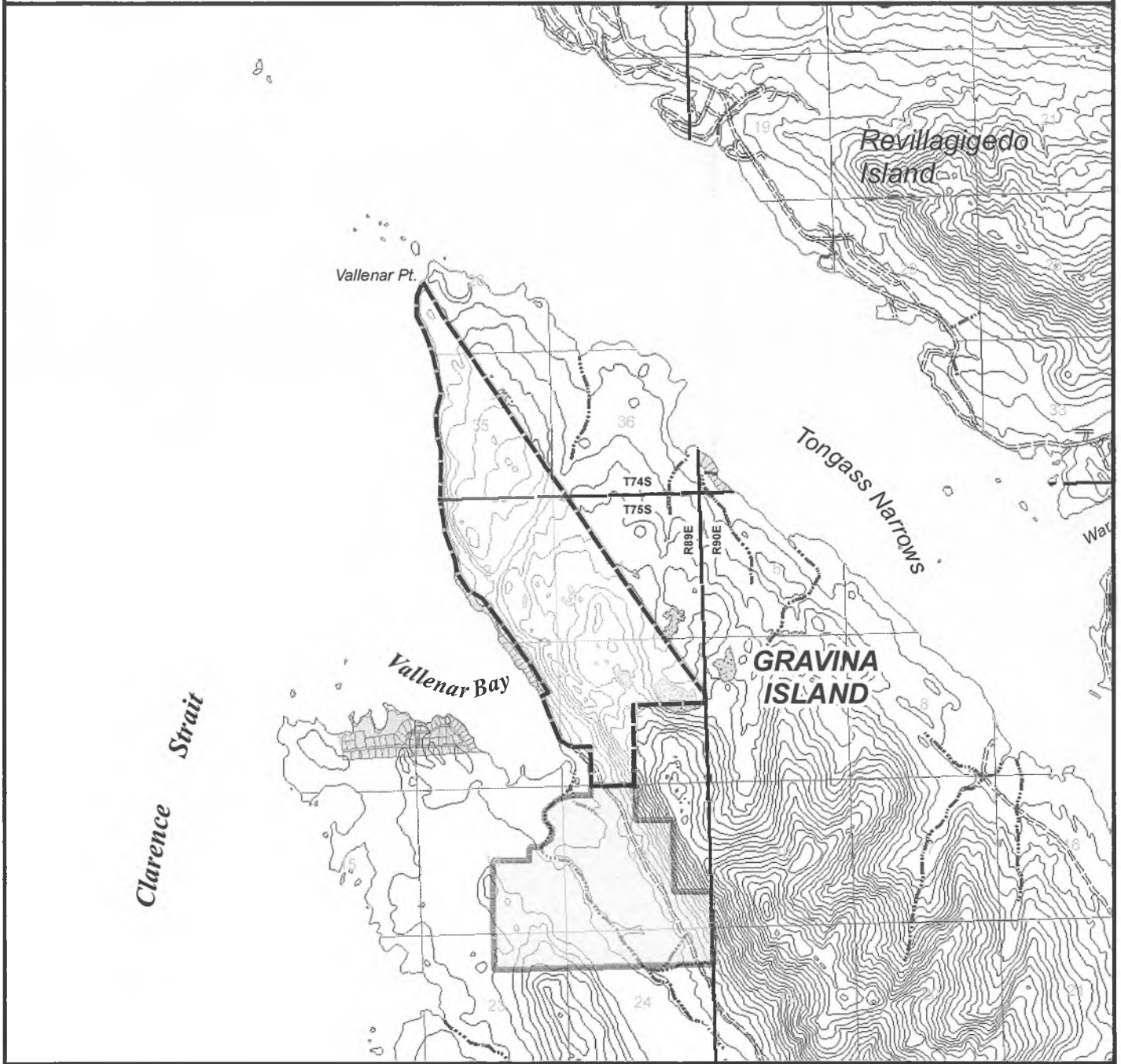
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North Gravina Island Parcel



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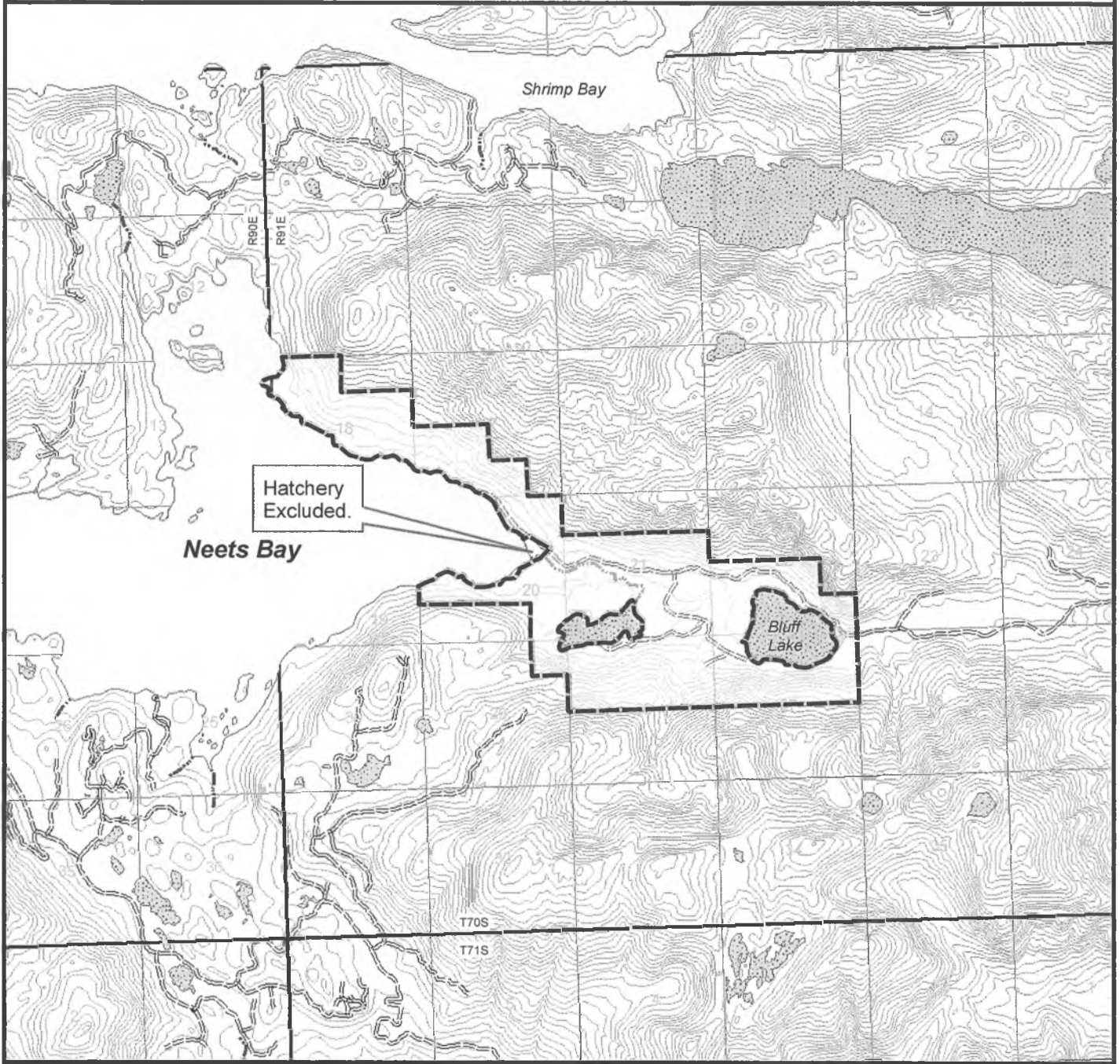
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Neets Bay Parcel









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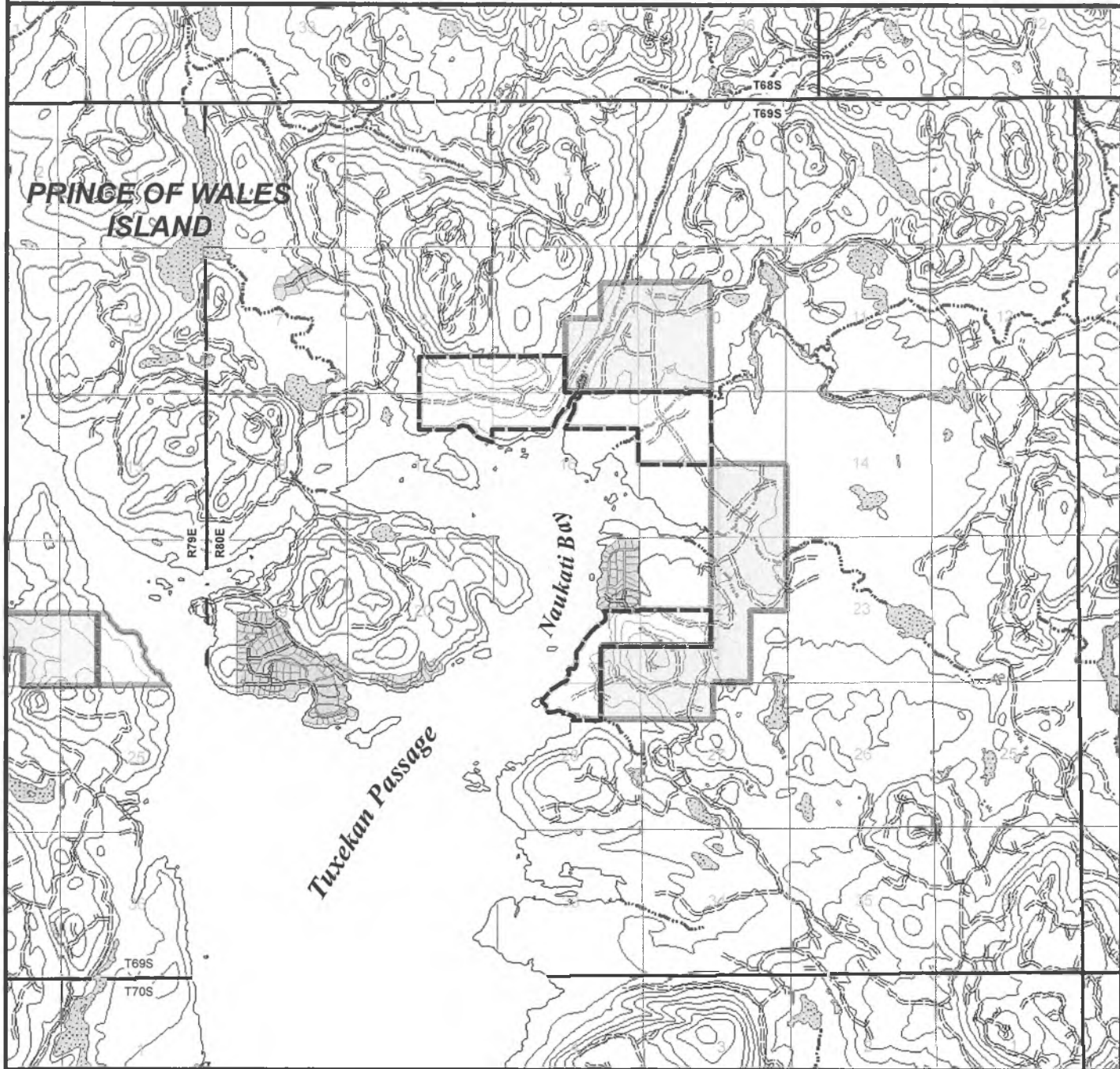
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Naukati Parcel

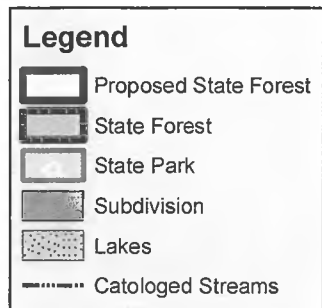


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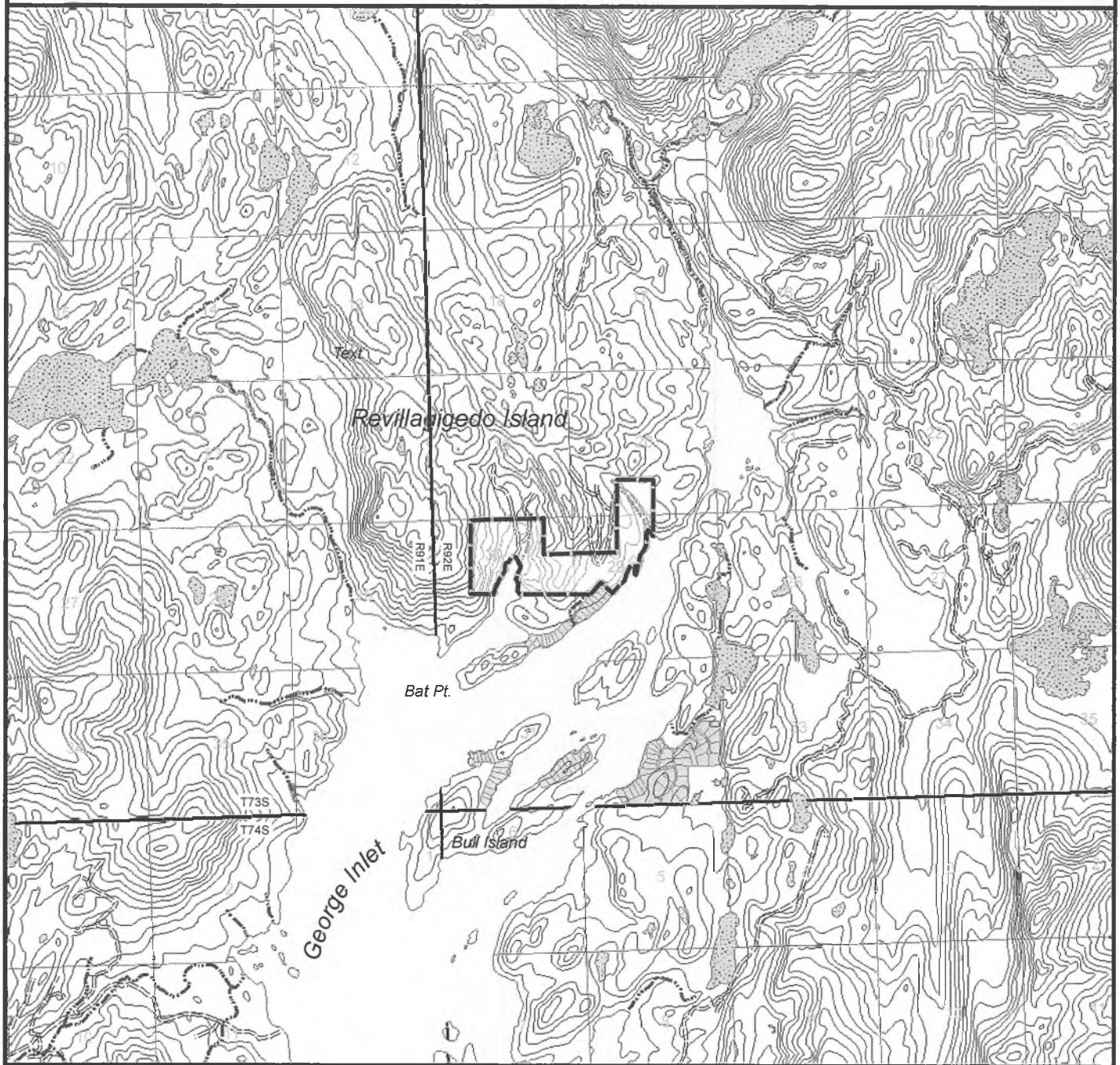
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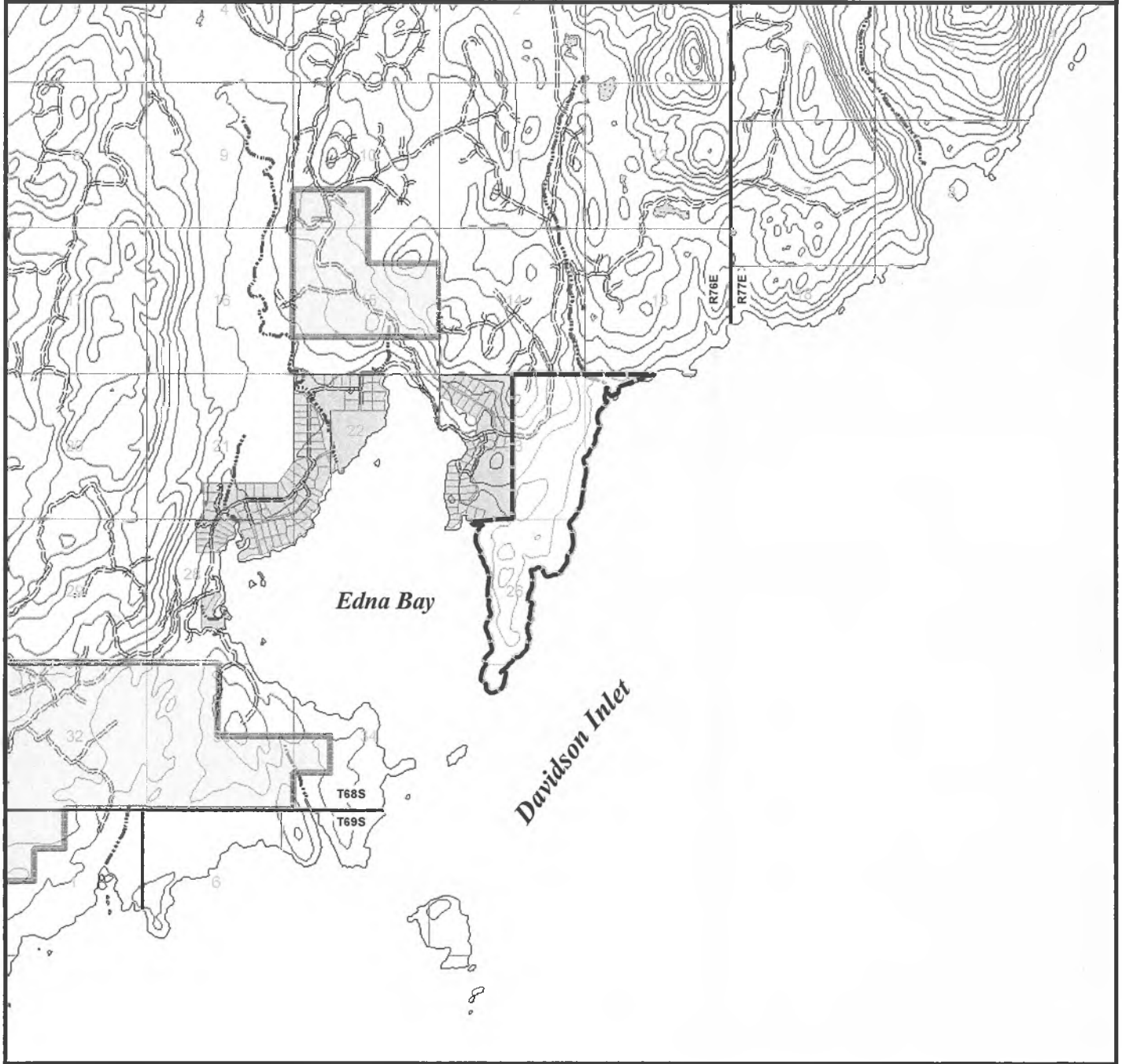
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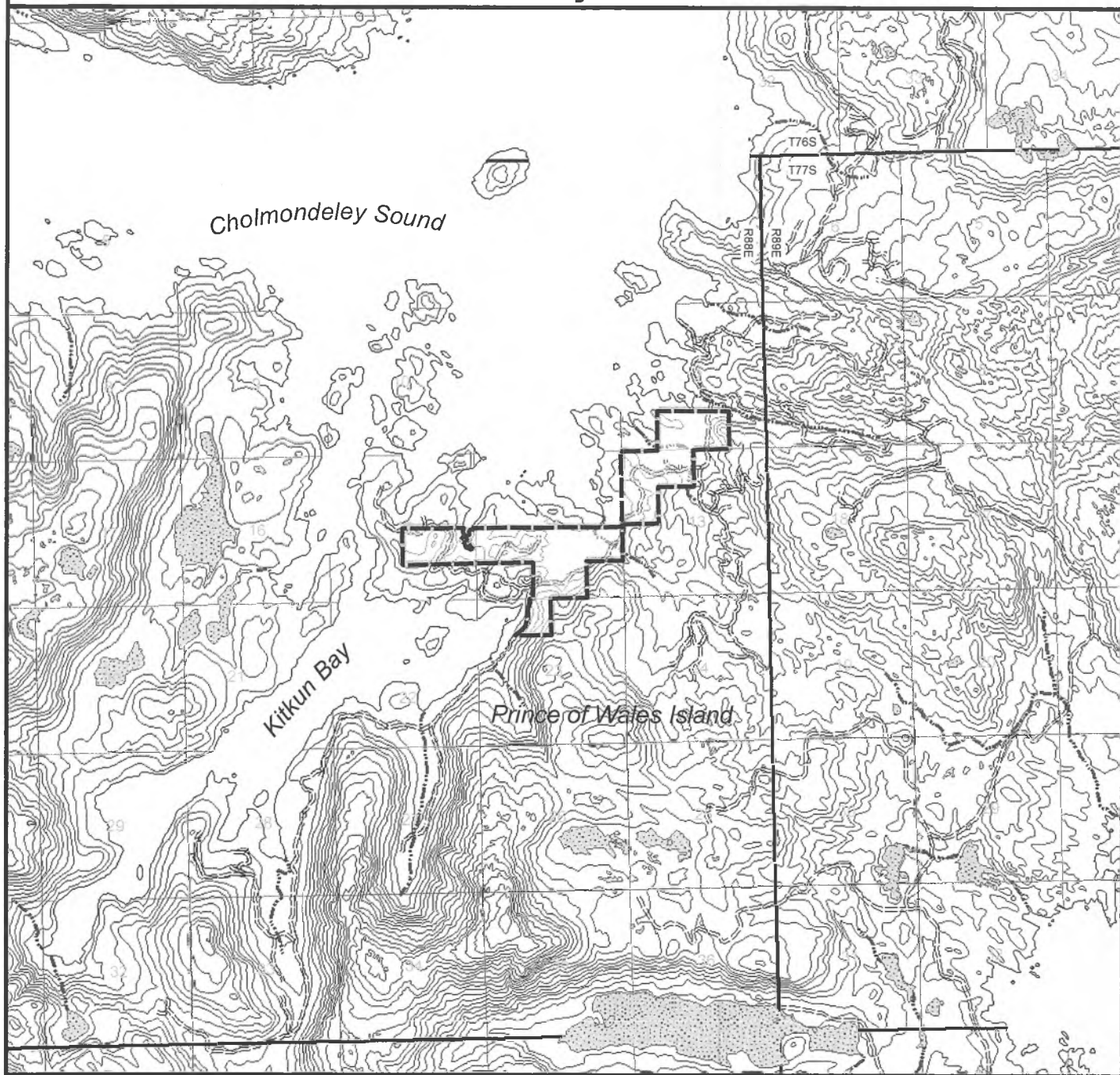
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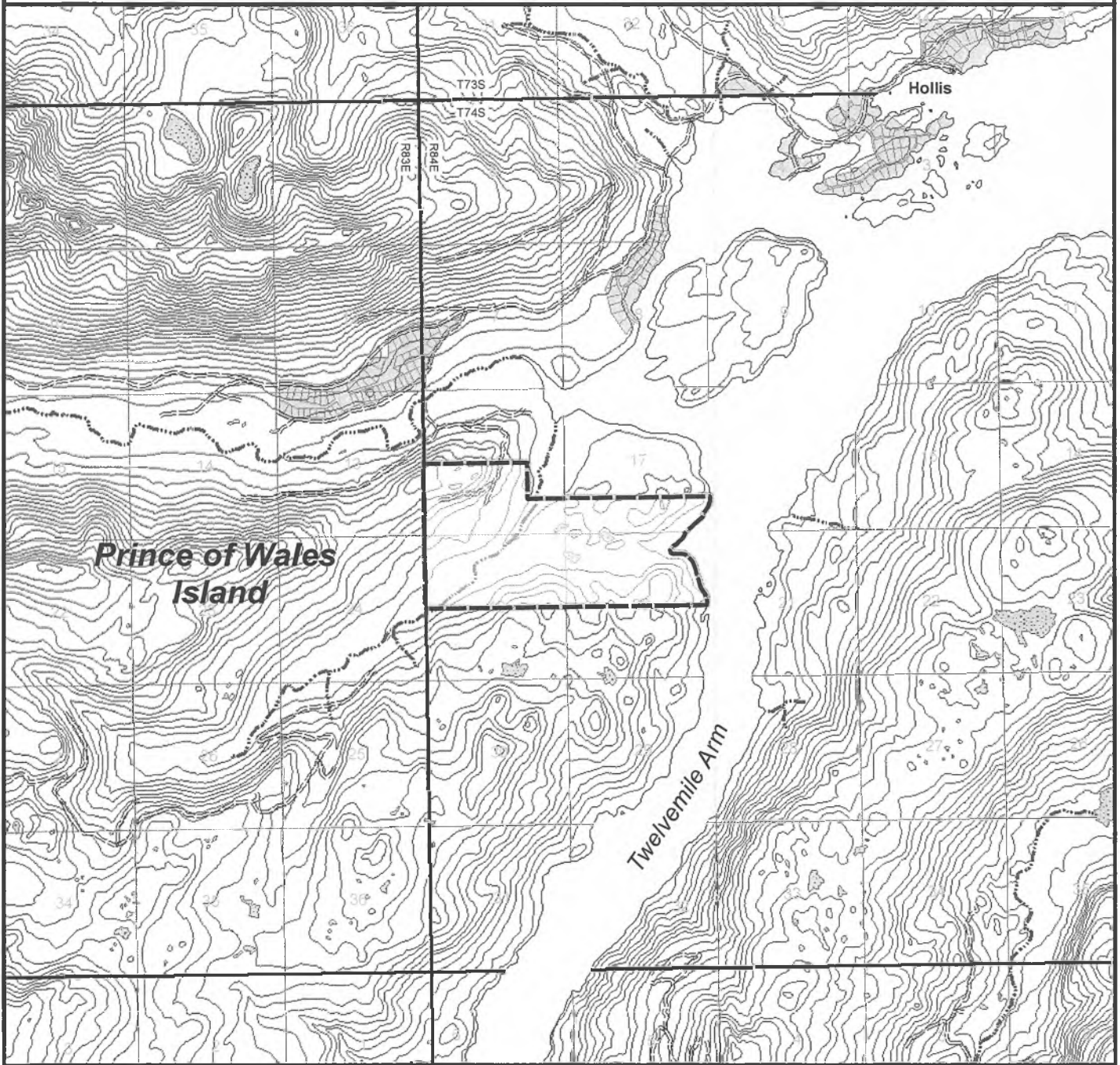
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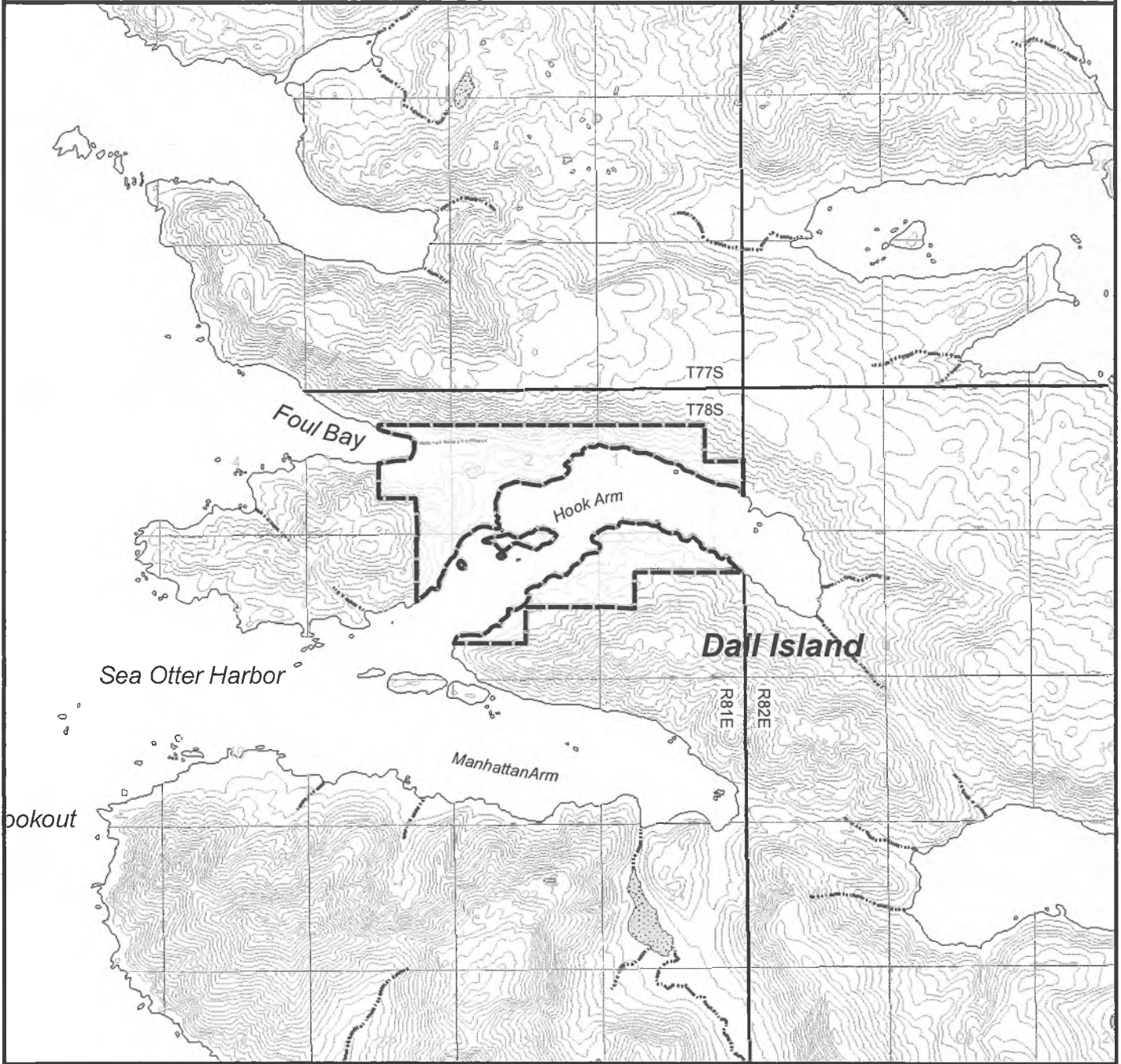
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Hook Arm Parcel









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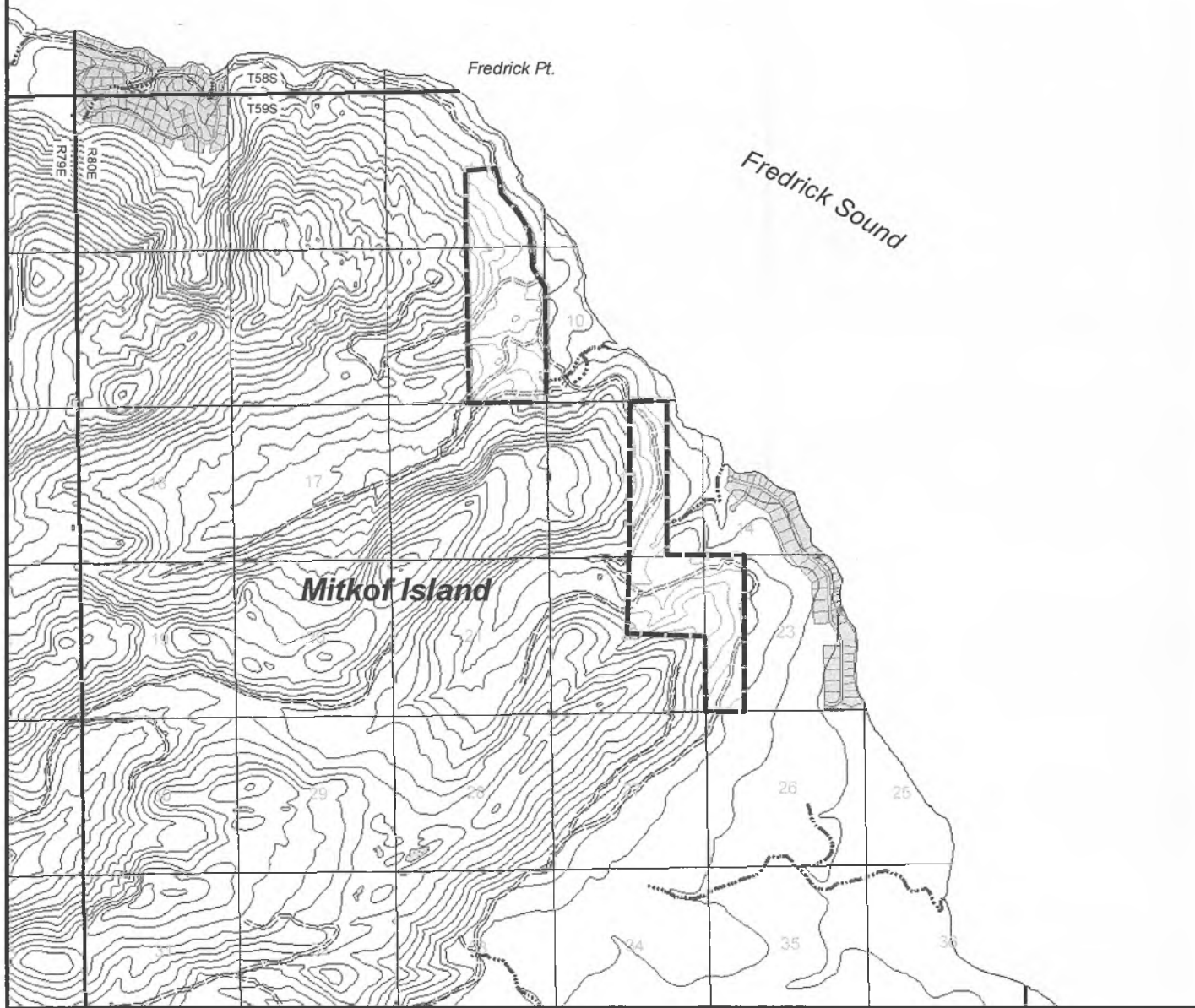
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Frederick Point Parcel









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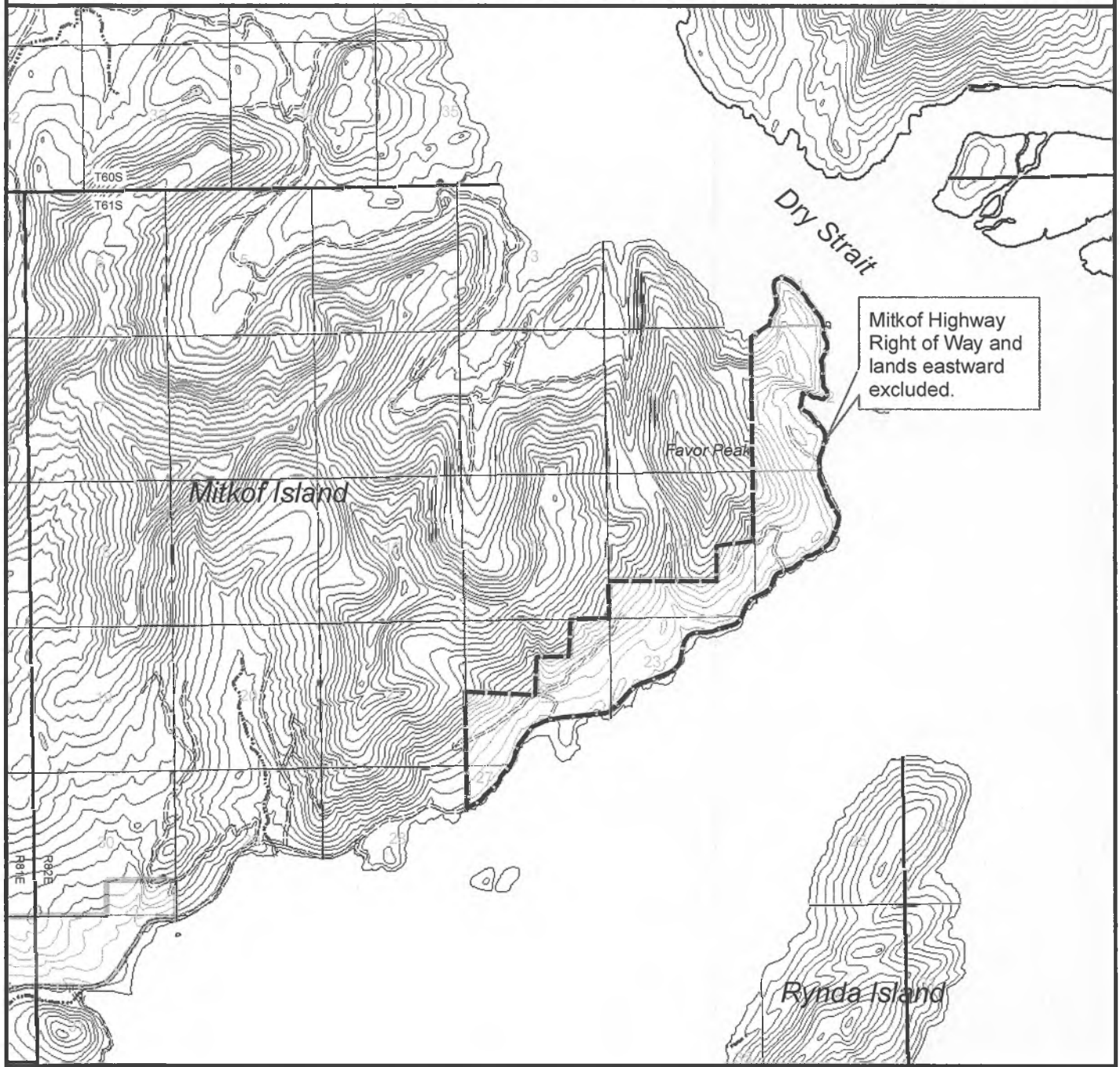
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Favor Peak Parcel






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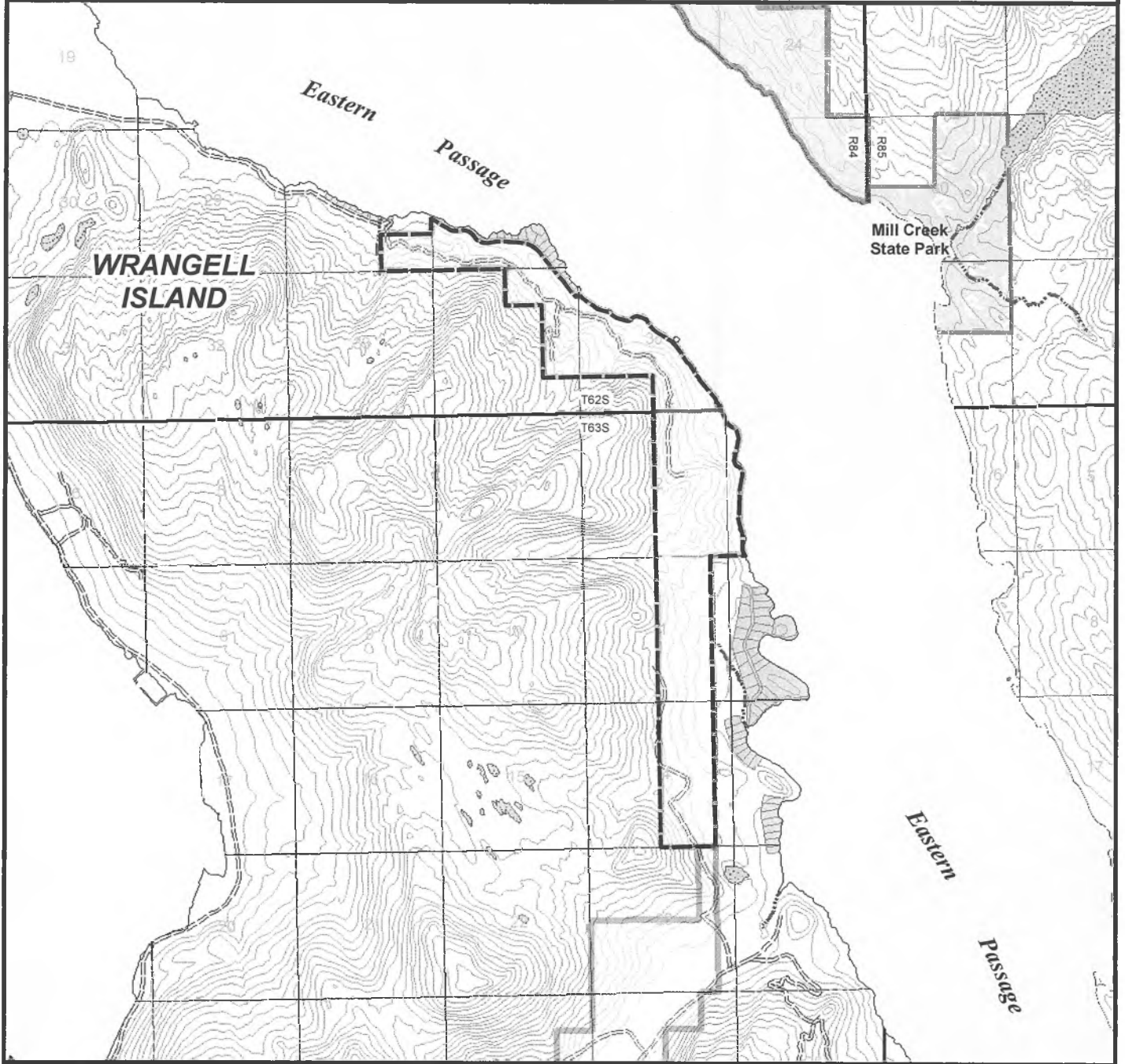
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

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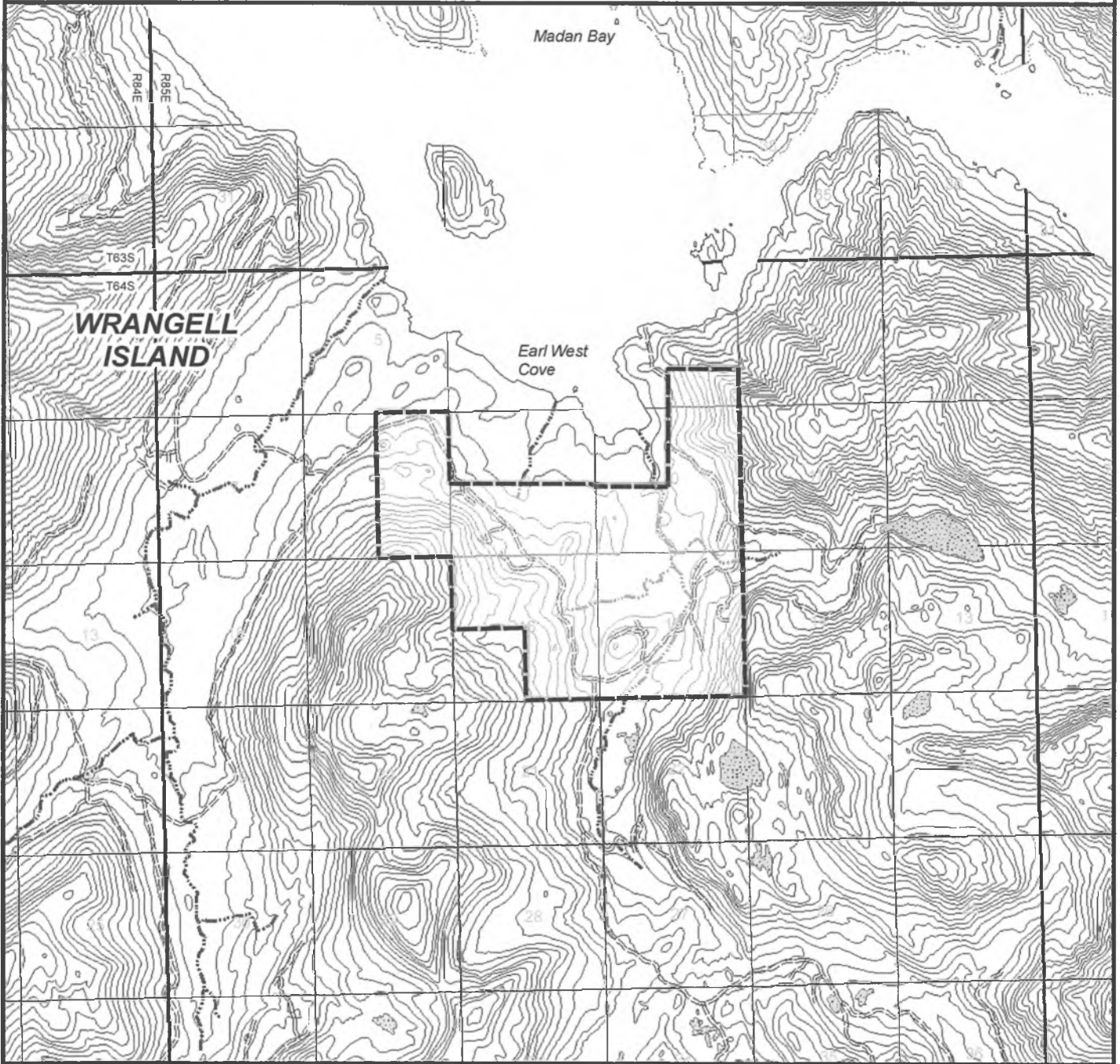


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

Earl West Cove Parcel



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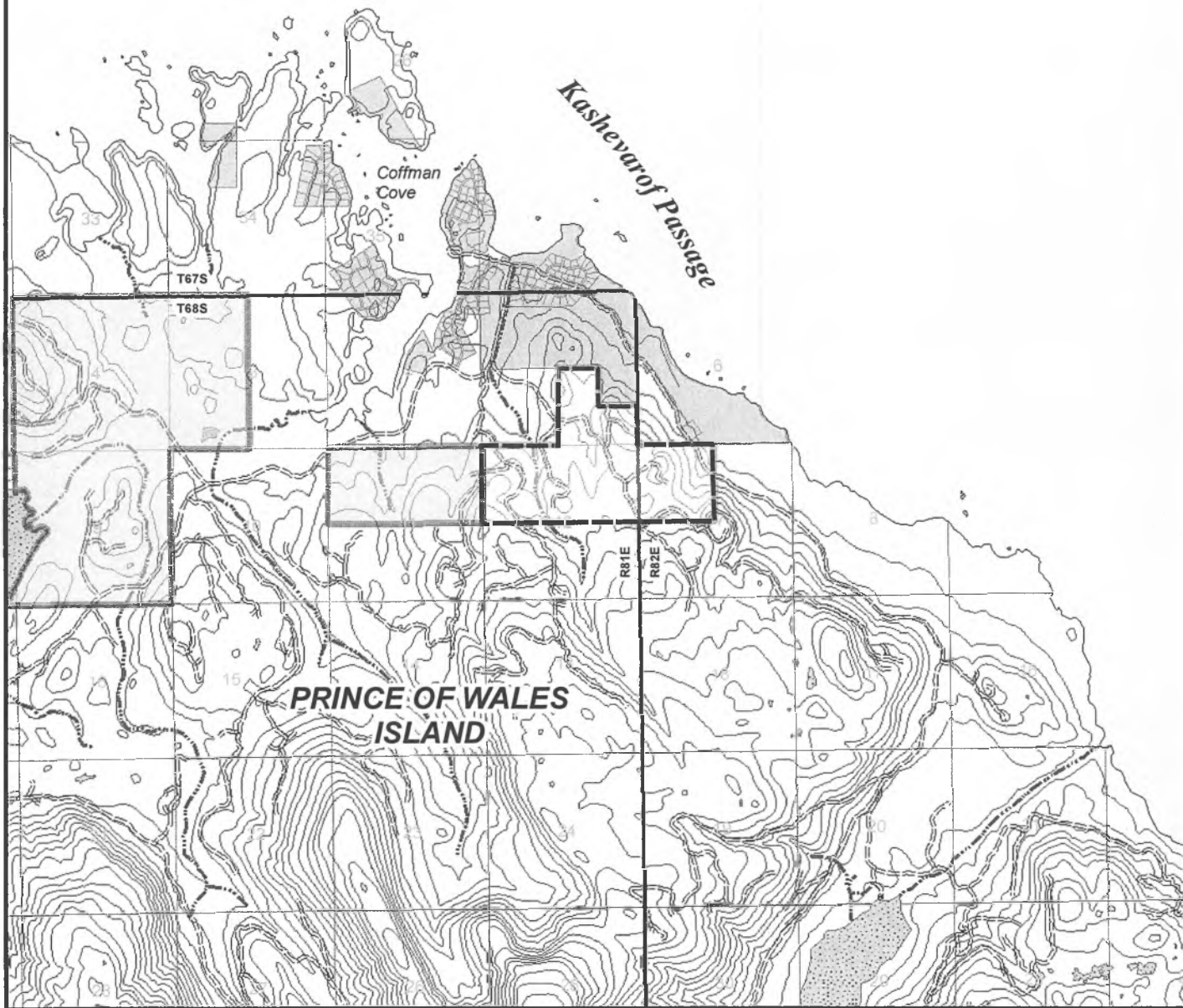
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Coffman Cove Parcel



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**ALASKA ECONOMIC
TRENDS**

DECEMBER 2010

**Population Projections
2010 to 2034**

WHAT'S INSIDE

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Growth continues to eclipse rest of Alaska

Employment Scene

Unemployment rate at 7.9 percent in October



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ENCOURAGING VALUE ADDED TIMBER PROCESSING OF STATE TIMBER

Most state timber made available through state timber sales remains in-state and is processed locally. Over the past six years, of the total statewide timber sale volume of 159 million board feet, just over 8 million board feet, or **5.1%, was exported**. It should be noted that all of the exports have been from the Southern Southeast area, where export markets and local manufacturing markets coexist.

Excluding timber sales conducted outside of the Southern Southeast area, over the past six years, roughly 13% of total timber sale volume was exported. Some of this volume was exported by the mills themselves, as they can maximize sale value by exporting specific logs that command premium prices in overseas markets.

Summary Six Year Sale History SSE Area Office, FY05 - FY10

In thousands of board feet (Mbf) and number of sales

Domestic Sales	54	90.0%
Domestic Volume	54,525	89.7%
Export Sales	6	10.0%
Export Volume	6,262	10.3%
Export Volume by Mills ¹	1,806	3.0%
Total sales ²	60	
Total Volume	60,777	

1 Note: Export by AK mills in eight transactions as follows:

- Viking Lumber, 6 export transactions
- Icy Straights, 1 Export Transaction
- Western Gold, 1 Export transaction

2 Note: These sixty timber sales made to thirty different Alaska businesses

The most effective method for encouraging value-added timber processing is to provide a steady, reliable, and consistent timber supply. However, in instances where available timber might not be adequate to allow for timber export while meeting in-state manufacture needs, the state has a number of authorities to encourage, under certain circumstance, local manufacture of timber from state timber sales.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *South-central Timber v. State of Alaska* (available online at <http://supreme.iustia.com/us/467/82/index.html>) imposes restrictions on the state's

ability to require primary manufacture of timber from competitively bid state timber sales, the state has developed criteria whereby primary manufacture requirements can be included in negotiated state timber sales. Of the following timber sale authorities, the 38.05.118 and 38.05.123 statutes can be applied under certain circumstances, namely underutilized manufacturing capacity, high unemployment, and/or high value-added processing. In most parts of the state, competitive sales go to manufacturers because export markets are not viable. In Southern Southeast, log exports are viable alternatives and thus the 118 or 123 authorities are sometimes used to encourage local manufacturing.

DNR Division of Forestry State Timber Sale Types

◆ Competitive sales (AS 38.05.120)

- No volume limit within allowable cut
- No duration limit
- Requires best interest finding, advertisement, and public notice
- Price determined by auction, but not less than base price
- This is the standard sale type. Use of negotiated sales is limited to the specific conditions listed below.

◆ Small negotiated sales (AS 38.05.115)

- ≤500 MBF
- ≤1 year duration
- No more than one per purchaser each year
- No best interest finding, advertisement, or public notice required
- Price determined by fair market value appraisal and base price (11 AAC 71.092)

◆ Negotiated sales for value-added products (AS 38.05.123)

- Up to 10MMBF/yr (100 MMBF total over 10 years)
- Up to 10 years
- Requires best interest finding and public notice
- Restricted to use for local manufacture that includes “high value-added” wood products. By statute, wood chips are defined as a “value-added” product rather than a “high value-added” product.
- Operators must submit a business plan/operating plan for their processing facilities prior to negotiating a .123 sale. Processing facilities must be operational prior to harvesting timber sold under a .123 sale.
- Requires best interest finding and public notice.
- State typically uses RFP process to select winning proposal, especially where there is competitive interest in state resources.

◆ Negotiated sales for areas with high unemployment (AS 38.05.118)

- No volume limit
- Up to 25 years with reappraisal every five years

Prepared by Rick Rogers, Division of Forestry, March 7, 2011

- Limited to areas with unemployment \geq 135% of statewide average
 - This sale type does not apply in some jurisdictions because their unemployment rates are close to the statewide average)
- Area must have underutilized manufacturing capacity
- Must have underutilized allowable cut or salvage timber
- Requires best interest finding and public notice
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◆ **Personal use sales (AS 38.05.850)**

- Not for commercial use
- No best interest finding, advertisement, or public notice required
- Up to 10MBF per purchaser per year
- Price determined by fair market value appraisal and base price (11 AAC 71.092)

Other Initiatives to Encourage Investment in Value Added Processing

- New Growth Prospectus for Interior Alaska

This publication provides summary inventory information including annual allowable cut and contacts for State and Native Corp lands in interior Alaska.

- Updated Forest Inventories

The division has been updating forest inventories in Southern Southeast, Tanana Valley, and Matsu valley and will proceed with updates in Haines and Kenai over next few years. Reliable inventory information is critical for investors interested in citing new facilities.

- Credible and Effective Regulatory Structure

The State's Forest Resources and Practices program (FRPA) is a model, credible in protecting public resources while not being overly burdensome on operators. Investors in manufacturing facilities need assurance that they can coexist with other forest users and FRPA helps provide that assurance.

Trends in Value Added Processing

The State's investment in the renewable energy fund is generating widespread interest in developing woody biomass energy facilities for heat and combined heat and power. Energy prices and state investments will spur an increase in value added for low quality wood to meet energy needs. DOF is working with existing timber sale authorities however there may be need for modifications to address the unique needs of these projects that include up to 25 year supply commitments.

STATE OF ALASKA

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Senator Lyman Hoffman, Co-chair
Senate Finance Committee
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 520
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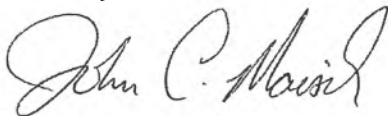
Dear Senators Stedman and Hoffman,

The Alaska Board of Forestry is pleased to convey its support for Senate Bill 44/House Bill 105 to expand the Southeast State Forest. The Board of Forestry provides a forum to discuss and resolve issues on forest practices and management of forests on state land (AS 41.17.947(b)). Board members represent diverse constituencies – the timber, fishing, and mining industries, Native Corporations, professional foresters and fish and wildlife biologists, and environmental and recreational organizations.

The Board of Forestry was briefed on the concept of state forest additions at their meeting on August 23-25, 2010, on a draft of the bill at the December 13-14, 2010 meeting, and on the specifics of SB 44/HB 105. This land is currently part of the state timber base, but susceptible to future changes in land use designations. Five of these parcels were previously part of the University land settlement. Dedication to long-term management helps sustain the Southeast timber industry and communities, and ensure continued multiple use. It also secures a long-term land base that justifies the investment in thinning to increase the volume of second-growth timber and enhance wildlife habitat.

I am pleased to report that on April 1, 2011 the Board unanimously voted to support passage of Senate Bill 44/House Bill 105.

Sincerely,



Chris Maisch, State Forester
Chair, Alaska Board of Forestry

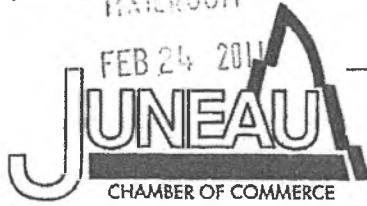
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXPRESSING SUPPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST AS PRESENTED
IN HB 105
02-11**

WHEREAS, the majority of timber in SE Alaska is on federally owned National Forest land, harvest of which has drastically declined and local mills are heavily dependent on sale of state timber, and

WHEREAS, the state is committed to maximizing the sustainable supply of timber from the small state timber land base, and

WHEREAS, there is broad support for shifting timber harvesting in SE Alaska from old growth to young growth stands, which yield higher volumes per acre on shorter rotations, and have less impact on wildlife, and

WHEREAS, much of the state timber land was conveyed from the federal government with young growth stands, the shift from old growth to young growth harvest can be accelerated by thinning these stands, and

WHEREAS, thinning and subsequent young growth management constitutes long-term investment, it is only justified if the land will continue to be available for forest management, and

WHEREAS, land designated as State Forest would ensure that some land will remain available for long-term management for multiple uses including the supply of timber to local processors, and

WHEREAS, the State owns the parcels of land that are listed in HB105 and are suitable for designation and subsequent management as a State Forest,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau Chamber of Commerce endorses the establishment of a Southeast Alaska State Forest as currently proposed in House Bill 105 "An Act relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Juneau Chamber of Commerce will transmit this resolution to the Governor of Alaska, House and Senate Resource Committee Chair, Alaska State Legislature, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Forest Service Chief, U.S. Forest Service Alaska Regional Forester.

PASSED AND APPROVED, by the Juneau Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on this date: February 15, 2011

Cathie Roemmich
CEO, Juneau Chamber of Commerce
At the direction of the Board of Directors and
Representing nearly 400 Business Members



February 14, 2011

Southeast Conference is a broad based association of communities in Southeast Alaska with a mission of undertaking and supporting activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities and a quality environment throughout the region. In keeping with that mission we support expanding the Southeast Alaska State Forest....SB44 & HB105.

The timber industry in SE Alaska is on the verge of disappearing as a result of the failure of the US Forest Service to provide a supply of economic timber from the Tongass National Forest. This disaster started with the cancellation of the Long Term Timber sales. The timber sale program went into a decline starting with the cancellation of the long term contracts and continues today. The current volume offered by the Forest Service is less than 10% of the volume offered at the time of cancellation of the long term sales.

The existence of a timber industry in SE Alaska depends on immediate action to provide a supply of economically viable sales. There has been a concerted effort by the State working with the Forest Service to improve the quantity and quality of the Forest Service timber sales. This effort continues but has not resulted in the improvements needed.

Southeast Conference has reviewed Senate Bill 44-which will add an additional 23,181 acres of State lands to the 25,291 acre existing Southeast State Forest established last year. This expanded Southeast State Forest of 48,474 acres will be managed by the department of Natural Resource' Division of Forestry, which has an exemplary record of managing Alaska's forests and related resources.

Southeast Conference commends Governor Parnell and the Alaska Legislature for the establishment of a Southeast Alaska State Forest.

The Southeast Conference is pleased to support SB-44. Enactment of SB-44 will enable the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry to sustainably manage the timber, fisheries, wildlife, waters, recreation and other multiple benefits that will strengthen the local economy, provide jobs and improve quality of life of all Southeast Alaska communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Merrill Sanford
SEC Timber Committee Chairperson

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

RESOLUTION 11-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST AS PRESENTED IN HB105 & SB44

WHEREAS, the majority of timber in SE Alaska is on federally owned National Forest land, harvest of which has drastically declined and local mills are heavily dependent on sale of state timber, and;

WHEREAS, the state is committed to maximizing the sustainable supply of timber from the small state timber land base, and;

WHEREAS, there is broad support for shifting timber harvesting in SE Alaska from old growth to young growth stands, which yield higher volumes per acre on shorter rotations, and have less impact on wildlife, and;

WHEREAS, much of the state timber land was conveyed from the federal government with young growth stands, the shift from old growth to young growth harvest can be accelerated by thinning these stands, and;

WHEREAS, thinning and subsequent young growth management constitutes long-term investment, it is only justified if the land will continue to be available for forest management, and;

WHEREAS, land designated as State Forest would ensure that some land will remain available for long-term management for multiple uses including the supply of timber to local processors, and;


WHEREAS, the State owns the parcels of land that are listed in HB105 and are suitable for designation and subsequent management as a State Forest, now therefore;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Southeast Conference generally endorses establishment of a Southeast Alaska State Forest as currently proposed in House Bill 105 "An Act relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date".

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT Southeast Conference will transmit this resolution to the Governor of Alaska, House and Senate Resource Committee Chair, Alaska State Legislature, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Forest Service Chief, U.S. Forest Service Alaska Regional Forester.

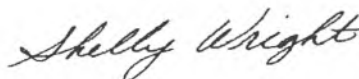
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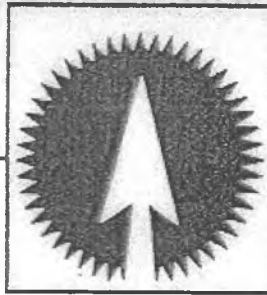
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January 12, 2011

Chris Maisch
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Alaska Division of Forestry
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RE: Support of Additional Lands to Southeast State Forest

Dear Chris:

The Alaska Forest Association supports inclusion of an additional 23,181 acres to the Southeast State Forest. The state's timber sale program in Southeast is very small, but very effective. The federal government controls about 94% of the land in Southeast Alaska but they have been supplying only about 20% of the timber that our industry has harvested in the last few years. While State and private timberlands have supplied the other 80%, this has not been sufficient to keep our mills operating. Currently we have only a single medium-size mill still operating in the region along with a handful of very small mills.

Unlike the federal forest management program, the State effort has provided economically viable timber sales on a regular and consistent basis within the constraints of sustained yield principles. In addition to supporting our timber industry the State's timber sale program brings in revenue in the form of stumpage payments that are invested back into the statewide forest management program.

Dedicating more State lands in Southeast Alaska to long-term forest management helps ensure these lands will continue to support the State timber sale program. This helps sustain our remaining timber industry until we can either overcome the impediments that make the federal timber unavailable or until we can persuade Congress to allow the State to own or manage a significant portion of the Tongass. By dedicating lands for long-term forest management the State is better positioned to invest in practices that enhance forest productivity, such as pre-commercial thinning. By increasing the growth and yield from the State Forest, more timber can be supplied to our industry from these lands in perpetuity.

We urge you to support the current efforts to increase the size of the Southern Southeast State Forest.

Sincerely,

Owen Graham
Executive Director
Alaska Forest Association

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RE: State Forest

Dear Chris:

The City of Coffman Cove fully supports the inclusion of additional lands to the State Forest. The addition of 23,181 acres will ensure the future of a small timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The concept of a State Forest is a good management tool to help Southeast Alaska diversify its economy to include timber harvest along with tourism and fishing.

Coffman Cove has a long history as a logging community. While we are trying to incorporate other industries, timber is still an important part of our lifestyle and economy. Other communities in Southeast Alaska find themselves in similar situations. With the shift in US Forest Service management of the Tongass National Forest we find ourselves in a situation where planning for the future is impossible. The establishment of the State Forest will allow some sensible management practices. The additional acreage will ensure there is enough land base to provide some stability.

Please feel free to copy this letter to use in any capacity to support the State Forest. I will write a similar letter to Senator Stedman and Representative Johansen.

Sincerely,


Elaine Price
City Administrator



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January 5, 2011

Mr. Chris Maisch, State Forester
Division of Forestry
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Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Additional Lands to Southeast State Forest

Dear Mr. Maisch:

The Resource Development Council (RDC) is writing to support the inclusion of an additional 23,181 acres to the Southeast State Forest. This state land in southern Southeast Alaska is appropriately suited for inclusion into the new state forest as it has been consistently managed for timber harvest. A state forest designation over these lands would expand the Southeast State Forest to 48,472 acres and ensure they will remain in state ownership and contribute to the long-term viability of the forest products industry in Southeast Alaska.

RDC is a statewide, non-profit, membership-funded organization founded in 1975. The RDC membership is comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism, and fisheries industries, as well as Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to link these diverse interests together to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

RDC supported the creation of the 25,291-acre Southeast State Forest, which was established in June 2010. In Southeast Alaska, demand for state timber exceeds supply and local mills are dependent on a consistent supply to stay in business. The majority of the timber in Southeast Alaska is on federal land, but federal timber sales have declined sharply. Subsequently, the demand for state timber from local mills has increased significantly.

Much of the new state forest was inherited from the U.S. Forest Service with young second-growth stands. There is broad support for shifting timber harvesting in Southeast Alaska from old growth to second growth stands. The new state forest and the proposed additional parcels to it will help provide a sustainable timber supply to local mills and accelerate the harvest of second-growth timber. Actively managed second-growth stands will provide more timber volume per acre on shorter rotations.

The shift to second-growth harvesting can be accelerated and timber volume increased on state land by thinning these stands. However, thinning is a long-term investment and is only justified if the land will be available for timber harvesting.

The Division of Forestry will manage the state forest for a long-term supply of timber to local processors, and retain the land in state ownership for multiple use, including wildlife habitat and harvest, as well as recreational activities. The forest will be managed as part of the State Forest System in accordance with a new management plan that will be developed within the next three years. In the interim, existing guidance under the current Prince of Wales Island Area Plan and Central/Southern Southeast area plans will apply.

RDC supports the proposed additions to the Southeast State Forest from lands currently available for timber harvest and believes a larger state forest in the region will benefit the economy.

Sincerely,

Carl Portman
Deputy Director



January 31, 2011

Alaska, SAF
C/o Maynard Nuss
Executive Secretary
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Governor Parnell
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

The Alaska Society of American Foresters (SAF) is Alaska's organization of professional foresters and other natural resource scientists dedicated to the sustainable management and protection of Alaska's forests and related resources.

The Alaska Society of American Foresters and Southeast state chapters have reviewed the HB 105 and corresponding Senate Bill 44 – which will add an additional 23,181 acres of State lands to the 25,291 acre existing Southeast State Forest established last year. This expanded Southeast State Forest of 48,474 acres will be managed by the Department of Natural Resource' Division of Forestry, which has an exemplary record of managing Alaska's forests and related resources.

The Alaska SAF commends the Governor Parnell and the Alaska Legislature for the establishment of a SE Alaska State Forest.

The Alaska Society of American Foresters is please to support HB 105. Enactment of HB 105 will enable the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry to sustainably manage the timber, fisheries, wildlife, waters, recreation, and other multiple benefits that will strengthen the local economy, provide jobs, and improve quality of life of all Southeast Alaska communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathryn S. Pyne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Kathryn S. Pyne,
Alaska SAF, Chair

Cc: Southeast Legislature Delegation; Alaska Congressional Delegation, State Forester Chris Maisch, Southeast Conference, USFS Regional Forester Beth Pendleton, and National SAF.