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February 27, 2018

Greg Staunton
Alaska Division of Forestry
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Dear Mr. Staunton:

The Petersburg Borough Assembly is writing in response to the Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales, 2018-2022 released by the Division of Forestry, specifically the proposed timber sales for Mitkof Island and Thomas Bay.

The Petersburg Borough was formed in 2013 and as a result of borough formation the municipality is entitled to receive a set amount of state VUU land from within its boundaries. Last year, Governor Walker signed SB 28 setting the borough's municipal land entitlement at just over 14,600 acres of VUU land.

The Petersburg Borough submitted its municipal land selections to DNR as authorized under SB 28 just recently. The entitlement selections were made based on information provided to the borough in the DNR Division of Mining, Land and Water, *Director's Decision of Land Entitlement Certification Under AS 29.65.030* signed on December 6, 2013 and the *Corrected Director's Decision Land Entitlement Certification Under AS 29.65.03* of March 15, 2016.

The borough made these selections based on the current condition of these lands and believes the state intended for the lands to be conveyed to municipalities in order to promote local self-reliance and local control. The DNR's proposal undermines both of those objectives and moreover sets the stage to devalue future borough assets.

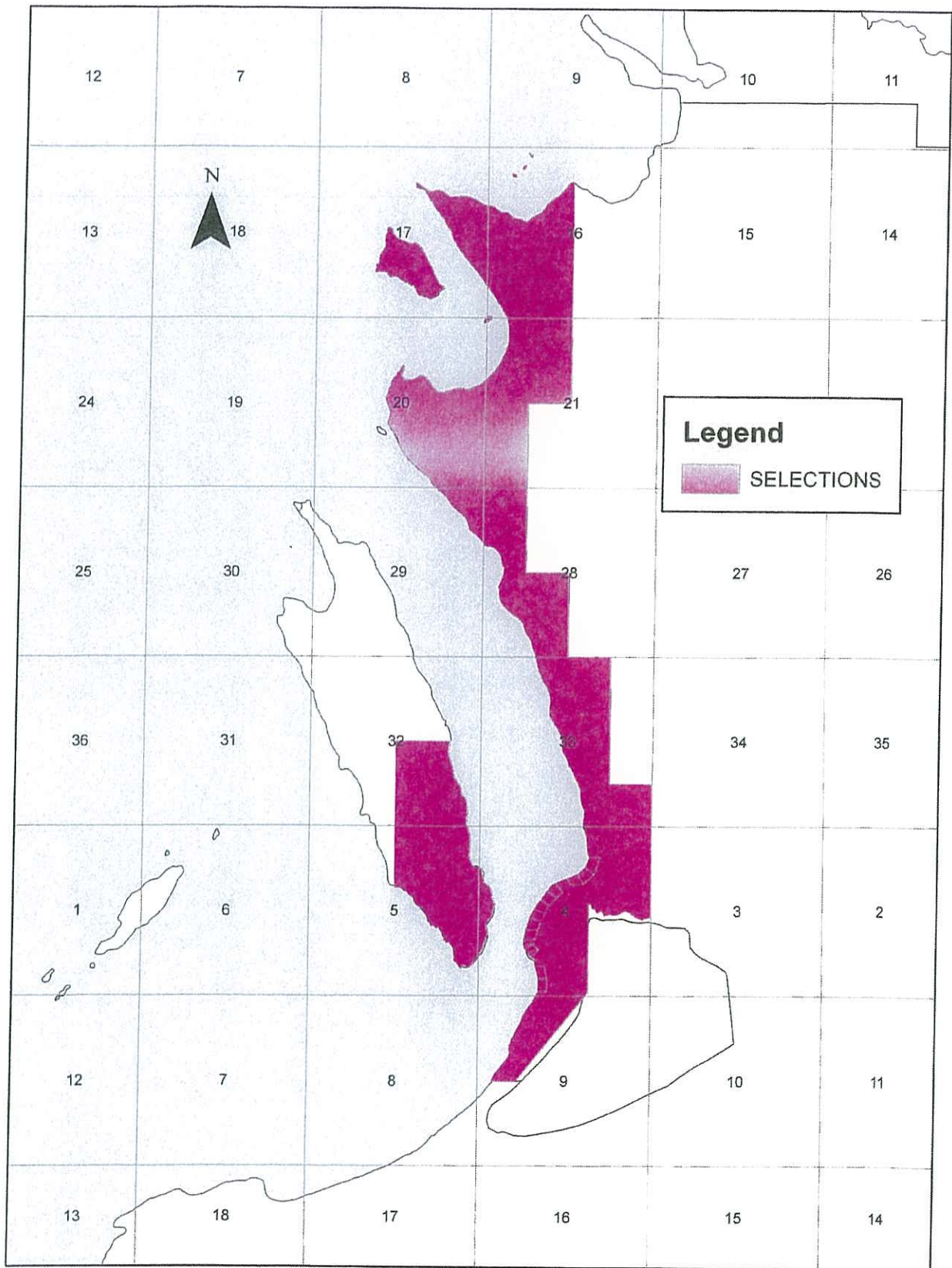
We request all VUU land selected by the borough be removed from consideration in the state's schedule of timber sales. See attached maps of borough selections submitted to DNR.

Please let us know if you need additional information regarding the borough's land selections.

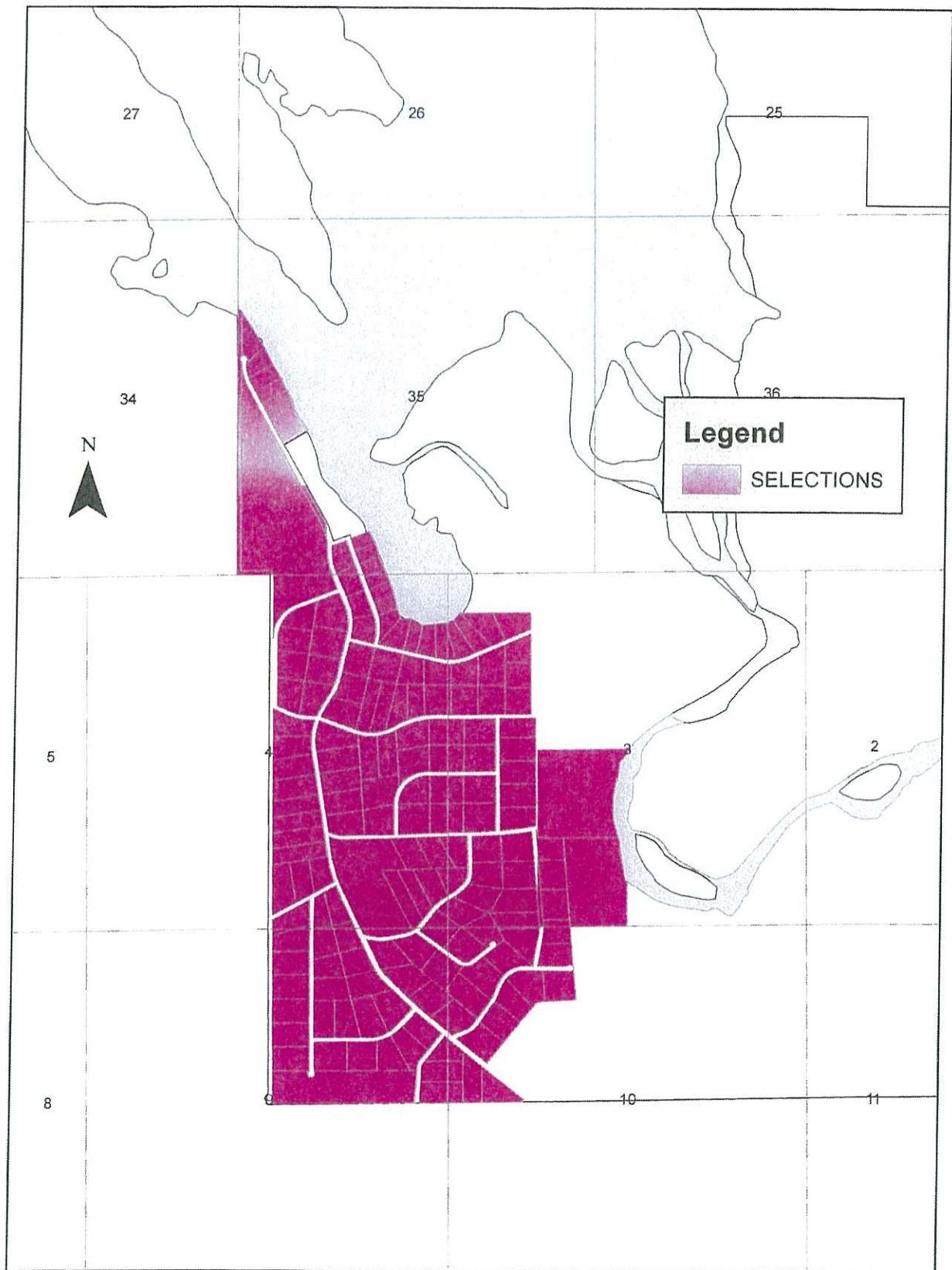
Sincerely,

Mark Jensen, Mayor

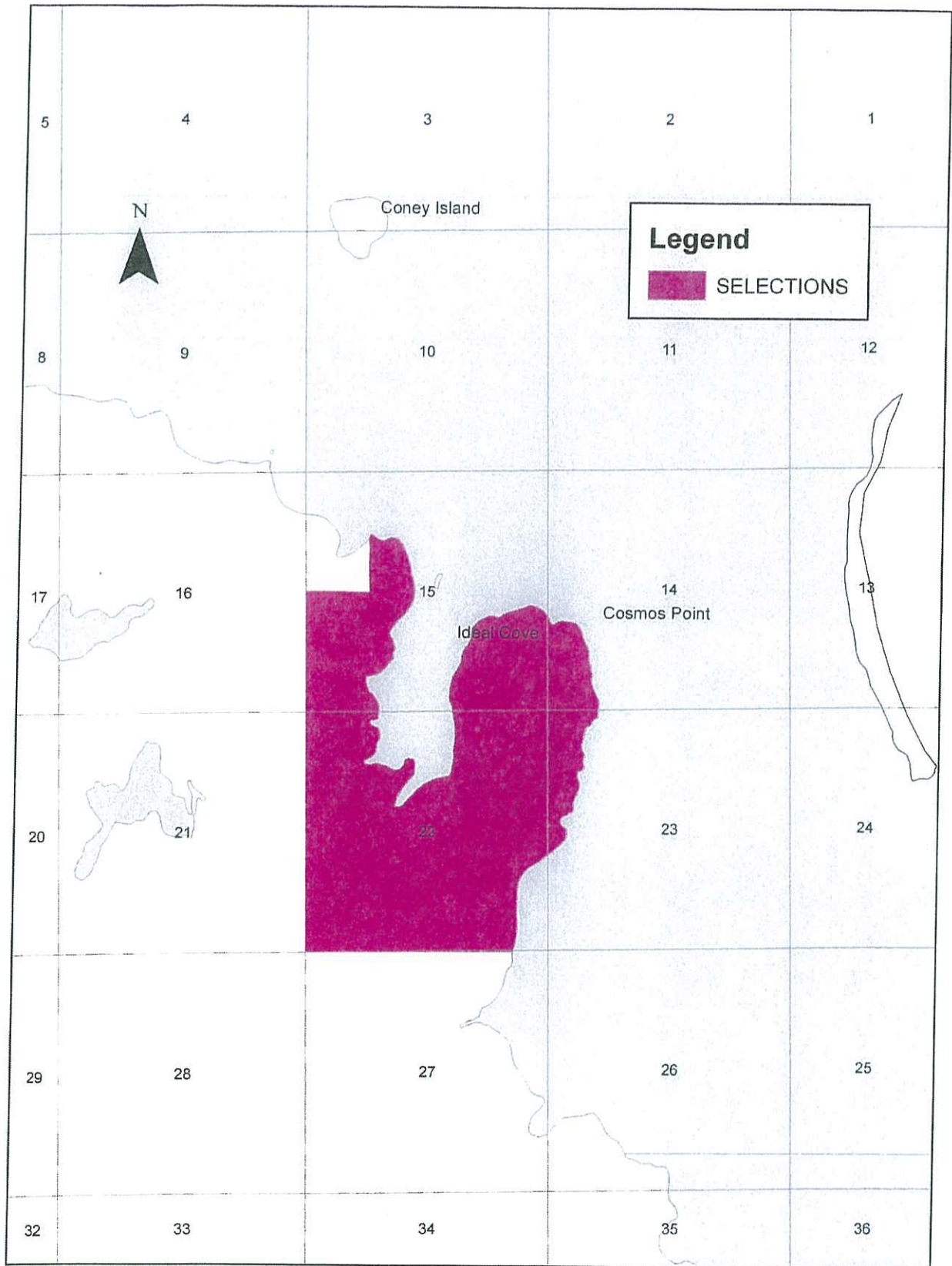
Map 1. Fanshaw Bay Selections



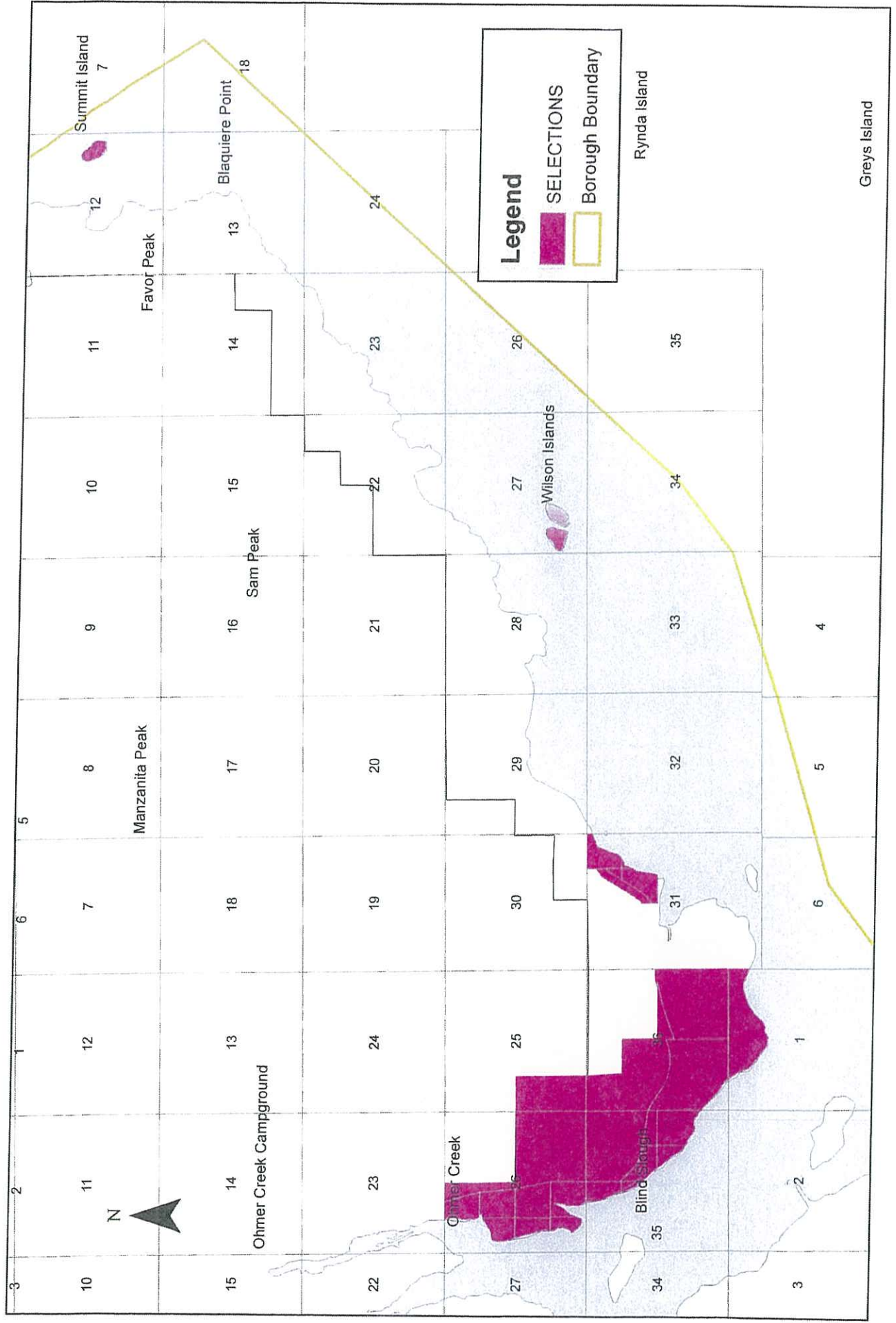
Map 2: Thomas Bay



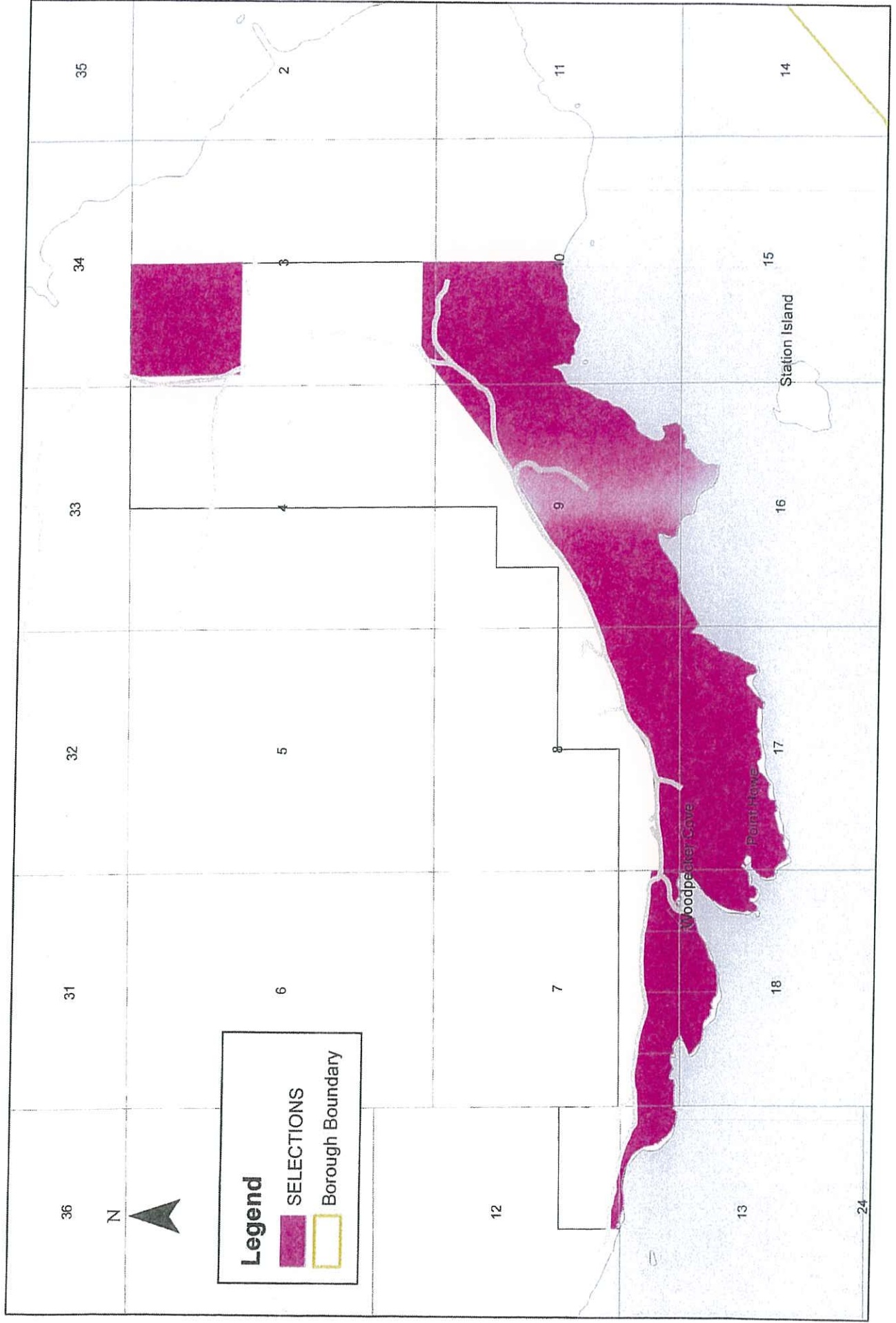
Map 3: Ideal Cove



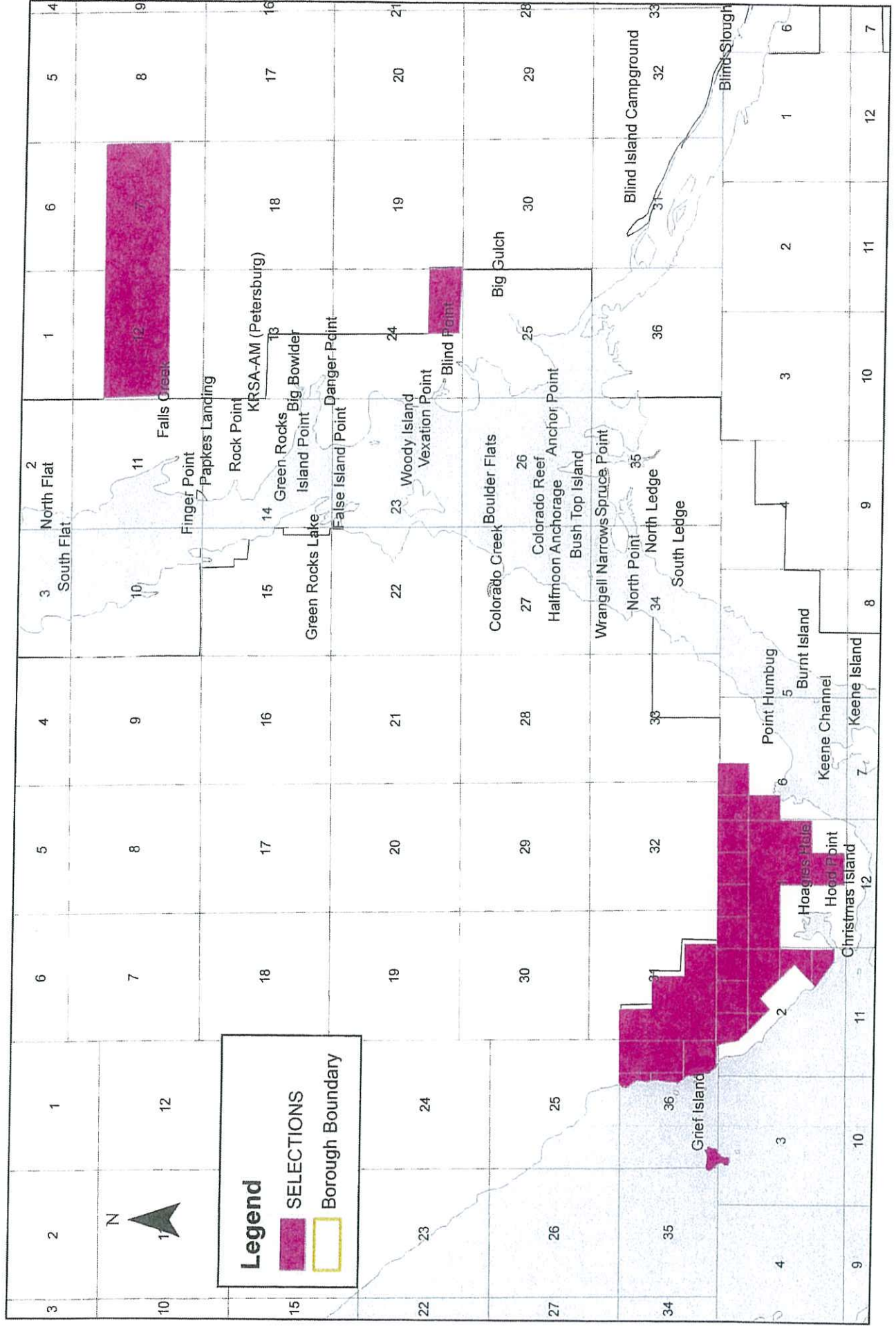
Map 4: Blind Slough



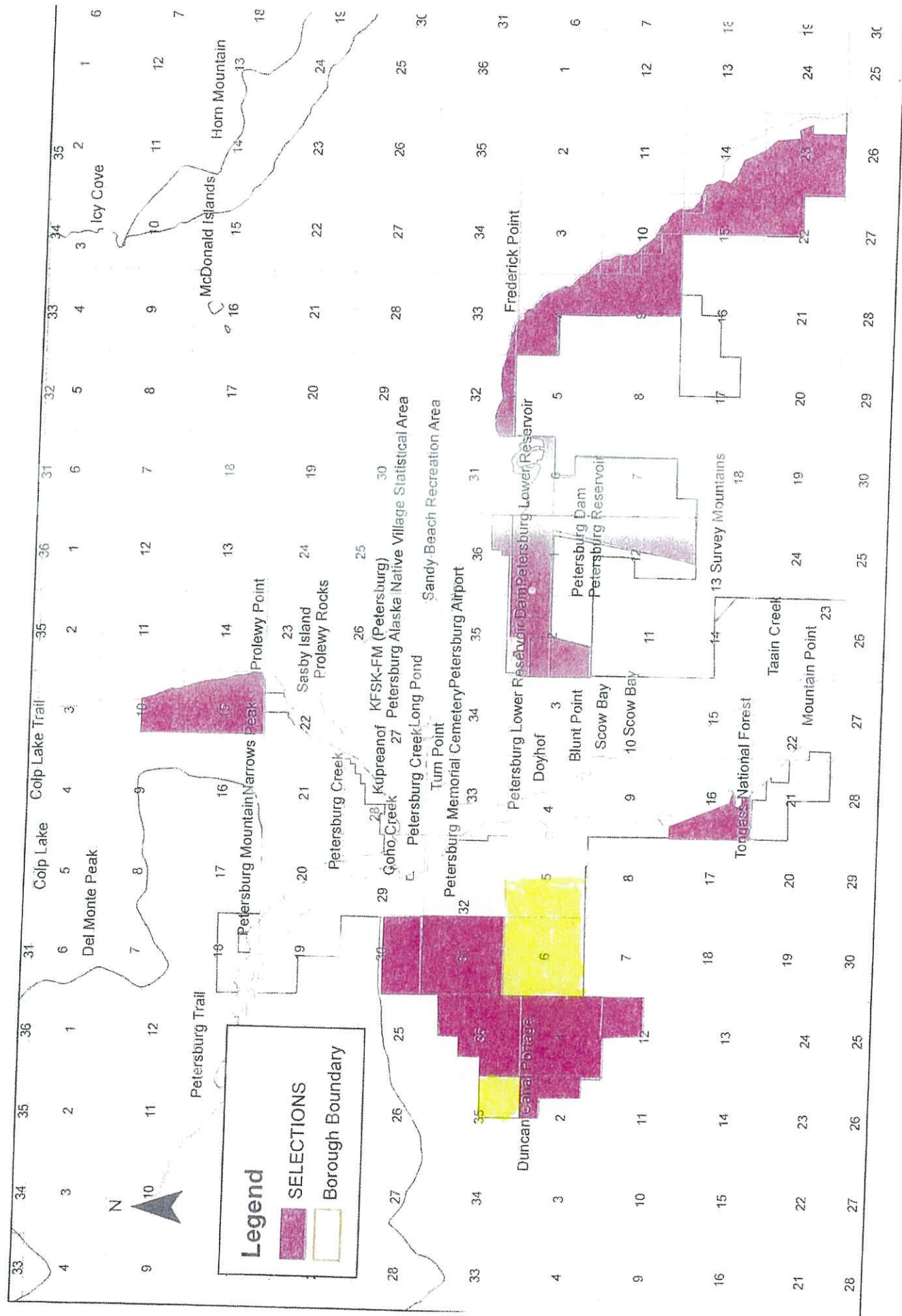
Map 5: Sumner Strait



Map 6: Wrangell Narrows



Map 7: Petersburg



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MAP 1 Fandaw Bay	1	S-04	RMG/PUR	135.00 T33S, R75E	16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31	17	Tract K	PA
			PUR	54.00 T33S, R75E			Tract P (Encl Island)	
	1	S-05	RMG	202.00 T34S, R75E		4, 9	Tract A	
			PUR	202.00 T34S, R75E			Tract B	
	3	P-01	PUR	121.00 T33S, R75E		32	Tract O	
MAP 2 Thomas Bay			PUR	72.00 T56S, R79E	35		Tract A	PA
MAP 3 Ideal Cove	3	P-01		696.00 T57S, R80E	3, 4, 9, 10	3, 4, 9, 10	Tract A (ASI S 810235)	PA
							Tract C (ASI S 810235)	
							Tract D (ASI S 810235)	
			PUR	882.00 T60S, R81E			All Lots, Thomas Bay Subdivision	
MAP 4 Blind Slough	3	P-23	RMG		14, 15, 22, 23		Tract A	TA
MAP 4 Blind Slough	3	P-23	RMG	10.00 T61 S, R82E	1, 12-14, 22, 23, 27	12	TRACT A of that portion southerly of the Milkof Highway right-of-way uplands from the mean high water mark	TA
			PUR/RMG	10.00 T61S, R82E			Tract B, Summit Island	
			PUR/RMG	10.00 T61S, R82E			Tract F, Wilson Islands	
			RMG	10.00 T61 S, R82E			Tract G, Wilson Islands	
			RMG	80.00			W1/2 SW 1/4	
			RMG	220.00			SE1/4, uplands from the mean high water mark in the SW 1/4, NW 1/4	
			RMG	160.00			NE1/4, uplands from the mean high water mark in the NW 1/4, SE1/4	
			RMG	427.00			SE1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, uplands from the mean high water mark in the SW 1/4, SW 1/4	
			RMG				Unlands of the mean high water mark in the N 1/2	
			RMG	90.00			Unlands of the mean high water mark in the N 1/2	
MAP 4 Blind Slough	3	P-25	RMG	10.00	31	31	Southerly portion of the Milkof Highway right-of-way upland of the mean high water mark.	TA
			RMG/PUR	25.00 T61 S, R82E				
			RMG				Lots 1, 2, That portion southerly of the Forest Development Road 6425	
			RMG	157.00			Lots 1, 2, S1/2 W1/2;	
			PUR/RMG	85.00			Tract 37, That portion southerly of the Forest Development Road 6425 uplands from the mean high water mark.	
MAP 5 Summer Strait	3	P-27	PUR/RMG	117.00	8	8	That portion southerly of the Forest Development Road 6245	PA

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MAP 5 Sumner Strait	3	P-27	PUR/RMG	339.00		9	Lots 1 to 4, W1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4 SE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, those portions Northerly of Forest Lots 1 to 4, N1/2NW1/4 southeasterly of the Forest Development Road 6245	PA
			PUR	21.00		16	Lots 1 to 4	PA
			PUR	26.00		17	Lots 1 to 5, NW 1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4	PA
			PUR	61.00	T62S, R81E	18	Lots 1 to 7, Tract 37 (part)	PA
MAP 5 Sumner Strait	3	No Unit	Not Classified	5.00	T62S, R80E	12	That portion in the SE1/4 Southerly of the Forest Development Road 6245 (Related to P-27)	PA
			RMG	321.00	T62S, R79E	12	S1/2N1/2, N1/2SW1/2	PA
MAP 6 Wrangell Narrows	3	P-14	RMG	318.00	T62S, R80E	7	S1/2N1/2, N1/2SW1/2	PA
			PUR/RMG	79.00	T62S, R79E	24	S1/2SE1/4	TA
MAP 6 Wrangell Narrows	3	P-16	RMG	155.00	T60S, R78E	36	Lots 1 to 3, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, Tract B (TA)	TA, PA
			RMG	440.00		1	Lots 1 to 4, S1/2N1/2, N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4	PA
			RMG	80.00	T61S, R79E	2	Lots 1, 2	PA
			RMG	5.00		3	Lot 1 (Griffith Island)	PA
MAP 6 Wrangell Narrows	3	P-30	RMG	240.00	T60S, R79E	31	Lots 1 to 3, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4	PA
			STL/PUR	102.00	T61S, R80E	6	Lots 3, 4, 5	PA
MAP 7 Petersburg	3	P-31	STL/PUR	151.00	T61S, R79E	2	Tract A to E	PA
			PUR	164.00	T58S, R79E	10	E1/2SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4	TA
MAP 7 Petersburg	3	P-02	PUR	430.00		15	All except W1/2W1/2	TA
			RMG/PUR		T58S, R78E	36	NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2	TA
			RMG/PUR	520.00		1	All	TA
			RMG/PUR	640.00		2	N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4	TA
MAP 7 Petersburg	3	P-03	RMG/PUR	160.00	T59S, R78E	12	NE1/4	TA
			RMG/PUR	310.00		30	S1/2	TA
			RMG/PUR	622.00		31	All	TA
			RMG/PUR		T58S, R79E			TA
MAP 7 Petersburg	3	P-05	STL	75.00	T58S, R79E	36	Tract B (ASLS 80-100)	TA
			PUR/STL	320.00		2	S1/2	PA
			PUR/STL	413.00			Lots 3, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, S1/2 Lot 2, S1/2S1/2 of Lot 1, NW1/4SW1/4 of Lot 1	PA
			PUR/STL	426.00	T59S, R79E	1, 12, 13	Tract 37	PA
MAP 7 Petersburg	3	P-05	PUR/STL	152.00	T59S, R80E	6	Tract 15	PA
			PUR/STL	694.00		6, 7, 18	Tract A	PA

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MAP 7 Petersburg	3	P-07 P-07	PUR PUR	117.00 17.00	T38S, R80E	32 33	Lots 1 to 4 Lot 1	P/A P/A
			RMG RMG	12.00 355.00		3 4	Lot 1 Lots 1 to 5, S1/2NW1/4	P/A P/A
			RMG	109.00		9	that portion southeasterly of ASLS 95-66 of Section 9, that portion easterly of the ASLS 95-66 and west of Lot 1 located in Section 10.	P/A
			RMG	265.00		10	Lots 1 to 4, W1/2NW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4	P/A
			RMG	137.00		14	All, excluding ASLS 83300032	P/A
			RMG	138.00		15	Lot 1, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4	P/A
MAP 7 Petersburg	3	P-28 P-29	RMG PUR	481.00 222.00	T59S, R30E T59S, R79E	23 16	All, excluding ASLS 83300032 Tract F (ASLS 790182)	P/A P/A
			TOTAL COMBINED VUU LAND, LESS THE SE STATE FOREST OF 3,562 ACRES	15,305.00				P/A
			TOTAL ACREAGE OF VUU LAND FOR ENTITLEMENT UNDER STATE LAW	14,666.00				
			STATE LAND PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF PETERSBURG	457.47				
			REMAINING TOTAL VUU LAND ACREAGE FOR PETERSBURG BOROUGH ENTITLEMENT	14,208.53				
TOTAL VUU SELECTED BY PETERSBURG BOROUGH				14,202				