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| | Unit Break Points |
| | Undefined |
| Immobile Substrates | |
| | 1 - Bedrock - CC 1-20 - VE |
| | 2 - Bedrock - CC 1-20 - E |
| | 3 - Bedrock/Boulder - CC 1-23, 32, 33 - SE |
| | 4 - Bedrock/Gravel - CC 1-23, 33 - SP |
| | 5 - Bedrock/Gravel - CC 1-23,33 - PNP |
| Mobile/Partially Mobile Substrates | |
| | 6 - Sand & Gravel - CC 24-26, 32 - SP |
| | 7 - Sand & Gravel - CC 24-26,32 - VP/P |
| | 8 - Estuary or Sand/Mud - CC 27-31 - VP/P/SP |
| | 9 - Sediment - CC 21 - 30 - SE/E |
| Current Dominated | |
| | 10 - Bedrock or Sediment - CC 34 - VP/P/SP |
| Tidal Lagoon | |
| | 11 - Bedrock or Sediment - CC 35 - VP/P/SP |
| CC Type | |
| Rock Shore Types - characterized by a lack of clastic sediments such as gravel or sand. | Sediment Shore Types - have substrates that have little or no bedrock cropping out. |
| 1 Rock Ramp, Wide | 21 Gravel Flat, Wide |
| 2 Rock Platform, Wide | 22 Gravel Beach |
| 3 Rock Cliff, Narrow | 23 Gravel Flat or Fan |
| 4 Rock Ramp, Narrow | 24 Sand and Gravel Flat or Fan, Wide |
| 5 Rock Platform, Narrow | 25 Sand and Gravel Beach |
| 6 Sand and Gravel Flat or Fan, Narrow | 26 Sand Beach, Wide |
| 7 Sand Beach, Wide | 27 Sand Beach, Wide |
| 8 Cliff with Gravel Beach | 28 Mud Flat |
| 9 Beach with Gravel Beach, Narrow | 29 Sand Beach, Narrow |
| 10 Platform with Gravel Beach, Narrow | 30 Upland |
| 11 Beach with Sand and Gravel Beach, Wide | 31 Man-made, permeable |
| 12 Cliff with Sand and Gravel Beach | 32 Man-made, impermeable |
| 13 Beach with Sand and Gravel Beach, Narrow | 33 Current Dominated |
| 14 Platform with Sand and Gravel Beach, Narrow | 34 Channel |
| 15 Beach with Sand Beach, Wide | 35 Tidal Lagoon |
| 16 Platform with Sand Beach, Wide | |
| 17 Cliff with Sand Beach | |
| 18 Beach with Sand Beach, Narrow | |
| 19 Platform with Sand Beach, Narrow | |

Shoreline Habitat

The Habitat Type provides a simplified picture of the "look" of the unit overall, based on the detailed biophysical attributes that have been mapped. The Habitat Type category is a summary of the observations of both the unit's biological and geomorphological features. Each Habitat Type has a definition that includes the typical substrate, wave exposure and biobands. For example, for the Semi-exposed, immobile substrate Habitat Type, part of the definition of that class is a certain combination of the most likely biobands and indicator species present at a bedrock shoreline with no mobile sediment present.

How is Habitat Type determined?

Each Habitat Type has typical biological features (including both an indicator species list and typical associated biobands). To determine the Habitat Type, the biomapper looks at the along-shore Units as designated and described by the physical mapper, and

- 1..records the observations of the biobands in the unit and looks for indicator species,
- 2.. assigns a bio-wave exposure category,
- 3.. reviews the physical mapped information, and
- 4.. assigns the Habitat Type that best describes the unit.

The Habitat Type is based on the whole unit and is similar to the physical mappers use of the 'Coastal Class' category, in that the detailed across-shore data are summarized into one attribute. The simplified category describes the features of the whole unit.

Habitat Type is a summary of the biophysical classification of the whole shore unit, based on:

- the biobands observed,
- the wave exposure as indicated by the bands, and
- the substrate types in the unit.

Legend Definitions

CC - Coastal Classification number

Wave Exposure

- E - Exposed - Very high wave exposure, open ocean swells usually fetches >500km
- VE - Very Exposed - Extreme high wave exposure
- SE - Semi Exposed - High wave exposure, open shorelines, areas between fully exposed and more sheltered, usually fetches 50 to 500km
- P - Protected - Low wave exposure, sheltered inlets, usually fetches less than 10km
- SP - Semi Protected - Moderate wave exposure, partly sheltered, usually fetches 10-50km
- VP - Very Protected - Very low wave exposure, fetches < 1km, sheltered anchorages at heads of bays and inlets

Table MIDCOAST and NORTH COAST project area which includes BIO-AREAS CC-35 and NC. The Species/wave exposure/substrate table for Habitat Classification (HAB_OBS), for the Mid-Coast BC study area, from Johnstone Strait/Central Coast Mapping Regions 5, 6 and 7.

| SUBSTRATE STABILITY MAJOR SUBSTRATE COASTAL CLASSES EXPOSURE (SEE OBS) COMMUNITY CODE (HAB_OBS) | IMMOBILE SUBSTRATES | | | | MOBILE OR PARTIALLY MOBILE SUBSTRATES | | | | CURRENT-DOMINATED BEDROCK OR SEDIMENT | TIDAL LAGOON BEDROCK OR SEDIMENT |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| | BEDROCK | BEDROCK/BOULDER | BEDROCK/GRAVEL | BEDROCK/GRAVEL | SAND & GRAVEL | SAND & GRAVEL | SAND/MUD | SEDIMENT | | |
| 1-20 | 1-23, 32, 33 | 1-23, 33 | 1-23, 33 | 1-23, 33 | 24-30, 32 | 24-30, 32 | 24-30, 31 | 24-30 | 34 | 35 |
| E | SE | SP | VP, P | VP, P | no SAL band | no SAL band | has SAL band | VP, P, SP | VP, P, SP | VP, P, SP |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| upper | <i>Vernicaria</i> | <i>Vernicaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i> | <i>Vernicaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i> | <i>Vernicaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i> | <i>Vernicaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i> | <i>Vernicaria</i> <i>Enteromorpha</i> | <i>grasses & rushes</i> <i>Salicornia</i> <i>virginica</i> | no visible macrobenthos due to sediment mobility | tidal current dominated may be a Protected wave exposure but shows an assemblage of indicator species from higher wave exposures. Asemblage observed is "anomalous" for the wave energy of the site. | <i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Fucus distichus</i> |
| middle | <i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i> | <i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i> | <i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i> | <i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i> | <i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i> | <i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i> | <i>Balanus glandula</i> <i>Pucus distichus</i> | | | |
| mid/low | <i>Polysiphonia polymera</i> <i>Mytilus californianus</i> <i>Semibalanus cariosus</i> | <i>Mytilus californianus</i> <i>Semibalanus cariosus</i> | <i>Aplysia prolifera</i> <i>Uvae Uraria</i> spp. | <i>Aplysia prolifera</i> <i>Uvae Uraria</i> spp. | <i>Semibalanus cariosus</i> <i>Uvae Uraria</i> spp. | <i>Uvae Uraria</i> spp. | <i>Uvae Uraria</i> spp. | | | |
| lower | <i>Alaria 'vasei' morph</i> | <i>Hydrophyllum scutell</i> | <i>Phyllospora senilis</i> | <i>Laminaria saccharina</i> | <i>Laminaria saccharina</i> | <i>Laminaria saccharina</i> | <i>Laminaria saccharina</i> | | | |
| subtidal | <i>Nereocystis lachnosa</i> | <i>Nereocystis lachnosa</i> | <i>Nereocystis lachnosa</i> | <i>Macrocystis integrifolia</i> <i>Agardh</i> spp. | <i>Nereocystis lachnosa</i> | <i>Macrocystis integrifolia</i> <i>Agardh</i> spp. | <i>Macrocystis integrifolia</i> <i>Agardh</i> spp. | | | |

