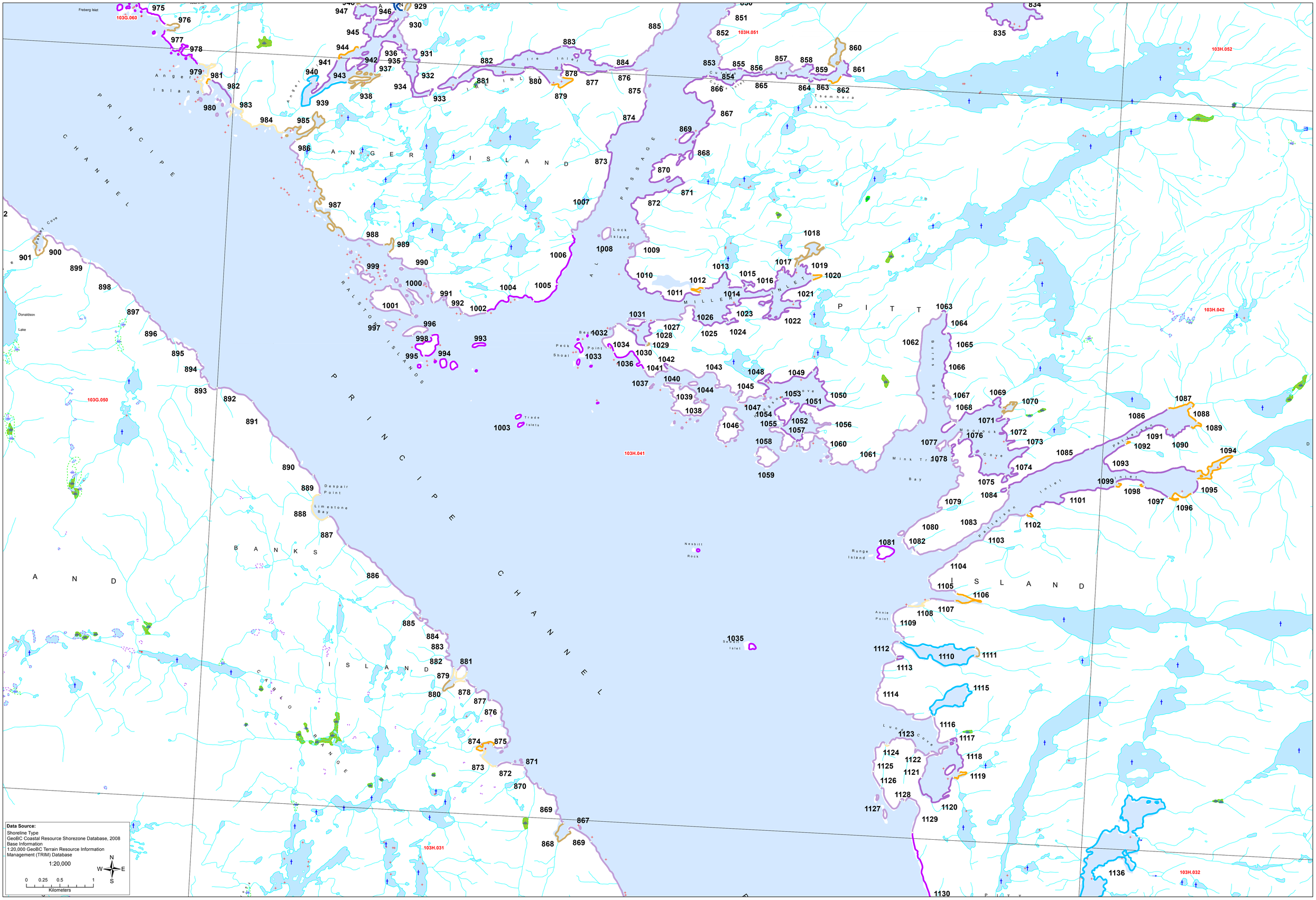


## Legend

- 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 - P/VP

**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 | 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 bedcrock 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 |
| **Rock and Sediment Shore Types - rock and pockets of clastic sediments** | | 26 | Sand and Gravel Flat or Fan, Narrow |
| 6 | Ramp with Gravel Beach, Wide | 27 | Sand Beach, Wide |
| 7 | Platform with Gravel Beach, Wide | 28 | Sand Flat |
| 8 | Cliff with Gravel Beach | 29 | Mud Flat |
| 9 | Ramp with Gravel Beach, Narrow | 30 | Sand Beach, Narrow |
| 10 | Platform with Gravel Beach, Narrow | 31 | Estuaries |
| 11 | Ramp with Sand and Gravel Beach, Wide | **Man-Made Materials** | |
| 12 | Platform with Sand and Gravel Beach, Wide | 32 | Man-made, permeable |
| 13 | Cliff with Sand and Gravel Beach | 33 | Man-made, impermeable |
| 14 | Ramp with Sand and Gravel Beach, narrow | **Current Dominated** | |
| 15 | Platform with Sand and Gravel Beach, Narrow | 34 | Channel |
| 16 | Ramp with Sand Beach, Wide | 35 | Tidal Lagoon |
| 17 | Platform with Sand Beach, Wide | | |
| 18 | Cliff with Sand Beach | | |
| 19 | Ramp with Sand Beach, Narrow | | |
| 20 | 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 biologial 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 indictor 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 swellsm 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 expsoure, partly sheltered, usually fetches 10-50km
VP - Very Protected - Very low wave exposure, fethces < 1km, sheltered anchorages at heads of bays and inletes

**Table MIDCOAST and NORTH COAST project area which includes BIO_AREAS CC, JS 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 | IMMOBILE SUBSTRATES | | | | MOBILE OR PARTIALLY MOBILE SUBSTRATES | | | | CURRENT-DOMI-NATED | TIDAL lAGOON |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MAJOR SUBSTRATE | BEDROCK | BEDROCK/BOULDER | BEDROCK/GRAVEL | BEDROCK/GRAVEL | SAND & GRAVEL | SAND & GRAVEL | SAND/MUD | SEDIMENT | BEDROCK OR SEDIMENT | BEDROCK OR SEDIMENT |
| COASTAL CLASSES | 1-20 | 1-23, 32, 33 | 1-23, 33 | 1-23, 33 | 24 – 30, 32 no SAL band | 24 – 30, 32 no SAL band | 24 - 30, 31 has SAL band | 24-30 | 34 | 35 |
| EXPOSURE (BIO_BIO) | E | SE | SP | VP, P | SP | VP, P | VP, P, SP | SE, E | VP, P, SP | VP, P, SP |
| COMMUNITY CODE (HAB_OBS) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| upper | *Verrucaria*<br>*Balanus glandula* | *Verrucaria*<br>*Enteromorpha*<br>*Balanus glandula*<br>*Fucus distichus* | *Verrucaria*<br>*Enteromorpha*<br>*Balanus glandula*<br>*Fucus distichus* | *Verrucaria*<br>*Enteromorpha*<br>*Balanus glandula*<br>*Fucus distichus* | *Verrucaria*<br>*Enteromorpha*<br>*Balanus glandula*<br>*Fucus distichus* | *Verrucaria*<br>*Enteromorpha*<br>*Balanus glandula*<br>*Fucus distichus* | grasses & rushes<br>***Salicornia virginica***<br>*Balanus glandula*<br>*Fucus distichus* | no visible macrobiota due to sediment mobility | tidal current dominated; may be a Protected wave exposure but shows an assemblage of indicator species from higher wave exposures. A assemblage observed is 'anomalous' for the wave energy of the site. | *Balanus glandula*<br>*Fucus distichus* |
| middle | ***Pollicipes polymerus***<br>*Mytilus californianus*<br>*Semibalanus cariosus* | *Mytilus californianus*<br>*Semibalanus cariosus* | *Mytilus trossulus**<br>*Semibalanus cariosus*<br>***Ulva/ Ulvaria spp.*** | *Mytilus trossulus **<br>***Ulva/ Ulvaria spp.*** | *Semibalanus cariosus*<br>***Ulva/ Ulvaria spp.*** | ***Ulva/ Ulvaria spp.*** | *Mytilus trossulus**<br>*Ulva/ Ulvaria* | | | |
| mid/low | *Alaria 'nana' morph* | ***Hedophyllum sessile***<br>***Phyllospadix scouleri*** | | | | | | | | |
| lower | ***Lessoniopsis littoralis***<br>*Lithothamnion* | *Alaria 'marginata' morph*<br>*Lithothamnion* | *Laminaria groenlandica*<br>***Laminaria saccharina***<br>*Alaria 'marginata' morph*<br>*Lithothamnion* | ***Laminaria saccharina*** | *Laminaria groenlandica*<br>***Laminaria saccharina***<br>*Alaria 'marginata' morph*<br>*Lithothamnion* | ***Laminaria saccharina*** | | | | |
| subtidal | *Nereocystis luetkeana* | *Nereocystis luetkeana*<br>***Macrocystis integrifolia***<br>*Agarum spp.*<br>***Strongylocentrotus franciscanus*** | *Nereocystis luetkeana*<br>*Macrocystis integrifolia*<br>*Agarum spp.*<br>***Strongylocentrotus franciscanus***<br>***Zostera marina*** | *Macrocystis integrifolia*<br>*Agarum spp.*<br>***Zostera marina*** | *Nereocystis luetkeana*<br>*Macrocystis integrifolia*<br>*Agarum spp.*<br>***Strongylocentrotus franciscanus***<br>***Zostera marina*** | *Macrocystis integrifolia*<br>*Agarum spp.*<br>***Zostera marina*** | ***Zostera marina*** | | | |