

# STATE OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

# **GEOGRAPHIC ZONES**

Per the Directives of ESHB 1578 Reducing the threat to southern resident killer whales by improving the safety of oil transportation and Chapter 88.16 RCW Pilotage Act 88.16.190 Oil Tankers-Restricted Waters-Requirements

The following geographic zones for the waterways of Puget Sound were developed taking into account potential hazards including vessel distance to the ground, vessel traffic, weather conditions, currents, vessel capability, etc. Subzones are the critical spots in each passage and are indicated in the darker color of the

#### Notes:

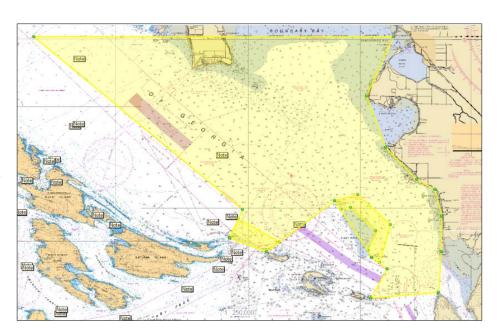
overall zone.

- 1) The colors for each zone were chosen to distinguish them from one another and are not related to risk.
- 2) The written descriptions are the zone definitions. The visuals are provided as an aid to help visualize the zones.
- 3) The BPC recognizes that the U.S. and the state of Washington cannot regulate Canadian waters and that the Canadian VTS manages traffic in the areas of Haro Strait and Boundary Pass.

#### 1. Strait of Georgia

Puffin Island light to Point Migley on Lummi Island. **West:** From Puffin Island light, NE to Lat. 48° 46.4'N, Long 122° 47.5'W then to the South Alden Bank buoy, then to the North Alden Bank buoy, then to Alden

**South:** A line from



Point light on Patos Island, then to Rosenfeld Rock buoy, then NE intercepting and following the international boundary.

**North:** Following the international boundary NW then East to the shore of Point Roberts.

**East:** Following the

mainland shore from Point Roberts to Sandy Point then Point Migley.



### 2. Strait of Georgia South

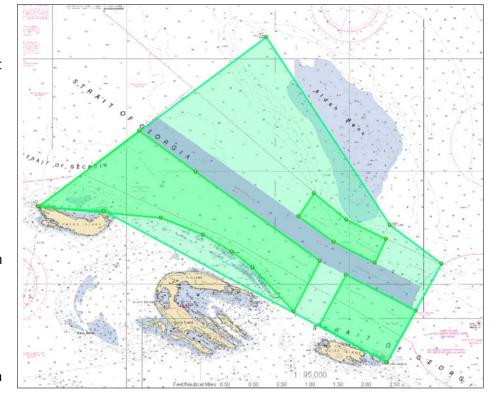
**Southwest:** A line from Puffin Island light NW along the shores of Matia, Sucia, and Patos Islands to Alden Point light.

**Northwest:** A line from Alden Point light on Patos Island to the North Alden Bank buoy.

Northeast: A line from the North Alden Bank buoy to the South Alden Bank buoy then to Lat. 48° 46.4'N, Long. 122° 47.5'W.

**Southeast:** A line from Lat. 48° 46.4'N, Long.

122° 47.5'W to Puffin Island light.

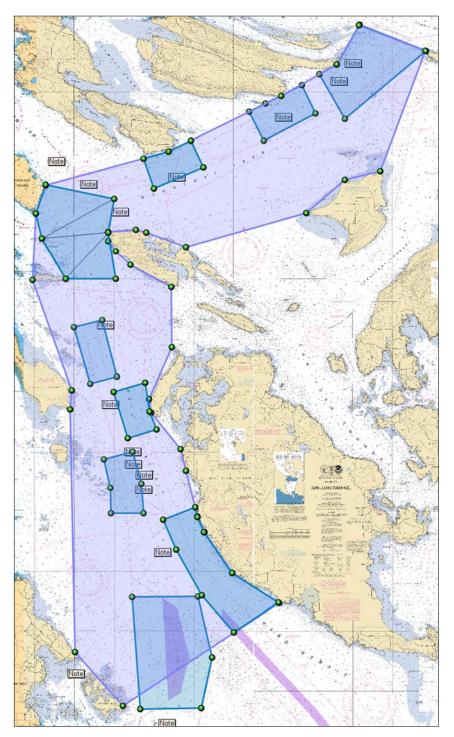


# 3. Haro Strait and Boundary Pass

**Southern boundary:** A line from Discovery Island light to Pile Point on San Juan Island.

Following the adjacent shorelines of Haro Strait North to Tun Point on Stuart Island then following the adjacent shorelines of Boundary Pass Northeast.

Northeast boundary: A line from Alden Point light on Patos Island to Rosenfeld Rock buoy off East Point, Saturna Island.

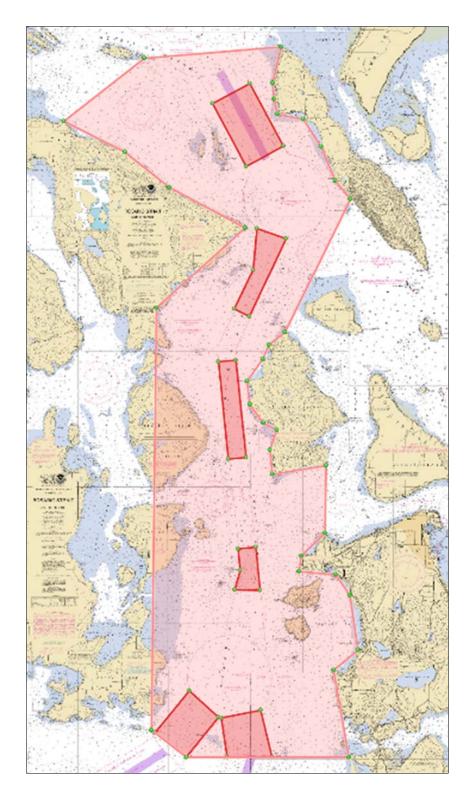


#### 4. Rosario Strait

**Southern:** A line from Davidson Rock light, Southeast to position Lat. 48° 24.0'N, Long. 122° 47.15'W then East to the shore of Whidbey Island at Lat. 48° 24.0'N, Long. 122° 39.9'W.

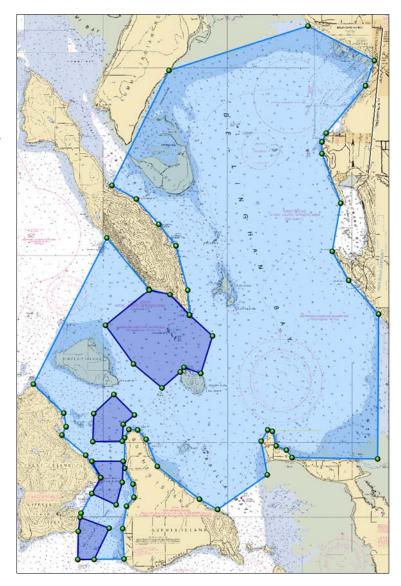
Following the adjacent shorelines of Rosario Strait to the North.

**Northern:** A line from Pt. Thompson on Orcas Island to Puffin Island light and then to Point Migley on Lummi Island.



# 5. Bellingham Channel, Sinclair Island, and waters to the East

**West:** All waters East of Rosario Strait with the exception of Guemes Channel and the waters East of Guemes Island from Padilla Bay buoy "5" South through the "Saddlebags" passage to Anacortes.

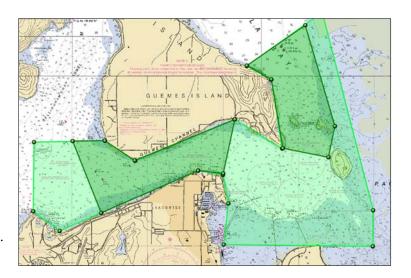


### 6. Guemes Channel and Saddlebags

**West:** The waters of Guemes Channel, East of Shannon Pt. and South of "Yellow Bluff" on Guemes Island.

Following the adjacent shorelines of Guemes Channel to the March Point area then North between Guemes and Saddlebag Islands.

North: South of Padilla Bay buoy "5".



#### 7. Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca

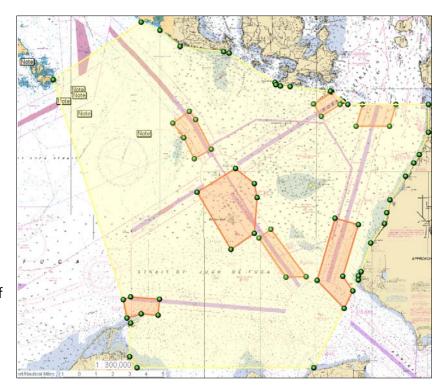
**West:** Line from Discovery Island light to New Dungeness light.

North: Line from Discovery Island light to Pile Pt. on San Juan Island, following the shore of San Juan Island East then crossing Cattle Pass and following the South shore of Lopez Island to Davidson Rock then following the defined Southern boundary of Rosario Strait to a point just South of West Point on Whidbey Island.

East: The Western shore of

Whidbey Island from West Point to Point Partridge Point light then to McCurdy Point.

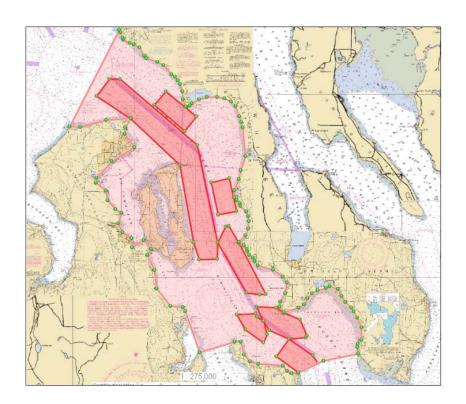
South: From New Dungeness light following the shore East to McCurdy Point.



#### 8. Admiralty Inlet

Northwest: A line from McCurdy Point to Point Partridge.
Following the shorelines of Whidbey Island on the Northeast and the shorelines of the Quimper Peninsula, Marrowstone Island and the North Shore of the Kitsap Peninsula.

Southeast: A line from Point No Point to buoy "SE" then to Indian Point on Whidbey Island.



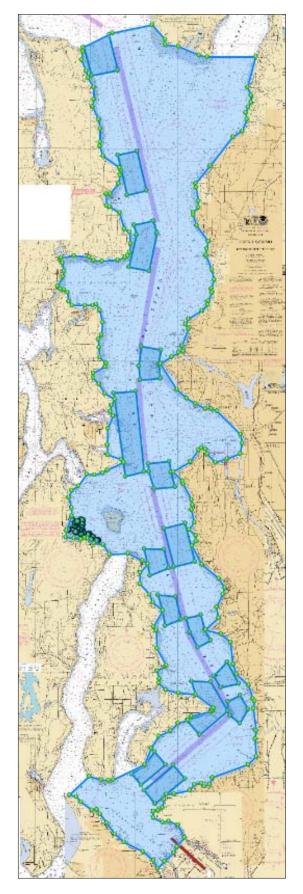
#### 9. Puget Sound

**North**: A line from Point No Point to buoy "SE" then to Indian Point on Whidbey Island then following the shore of Whidbey Island East to Possession Point then due East to the mainland shore.

**East:** Following the mainland shore from Possession Sound, South to Point Defiance including Seattle and Tacoma Harbors as well as East Pass.

**South:** The waters of Commencement Bay, West to Point Defiance.

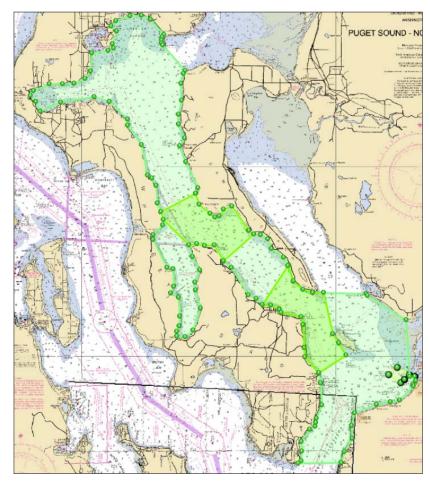
**West:** South from Point No Point following the mainland and East shore of Bainbridge Island not including the waters South of Agate Point in Agate Pass, West of a line from Orchard Point to Beans Point in Rich Passage or South of a line from Point Southworth to Vashon Head. The West boundary continues South from Vashon Head along the shores of Vashon and Maury Islands to Point Dalco then ends at Point Defiance.



# 10. Possession Sound and Saratoga Passage

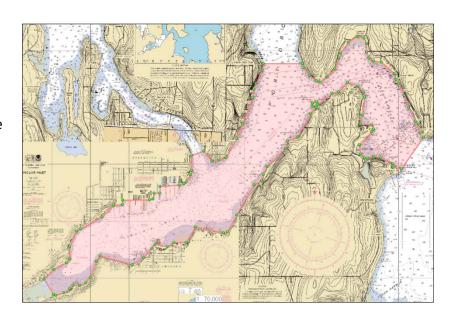
**South:** A line from Possession Point on Whidbey Island due East to the mainland shore. Following the shoreline of Possession Sound and Saratoga Passage North. Not including the waters of Port Susan.

**North:** A line from Ponell Point on Whidbey Island to Rocky Point on Camano Island.



### 11. Rich Passage & Sinclair Inlet

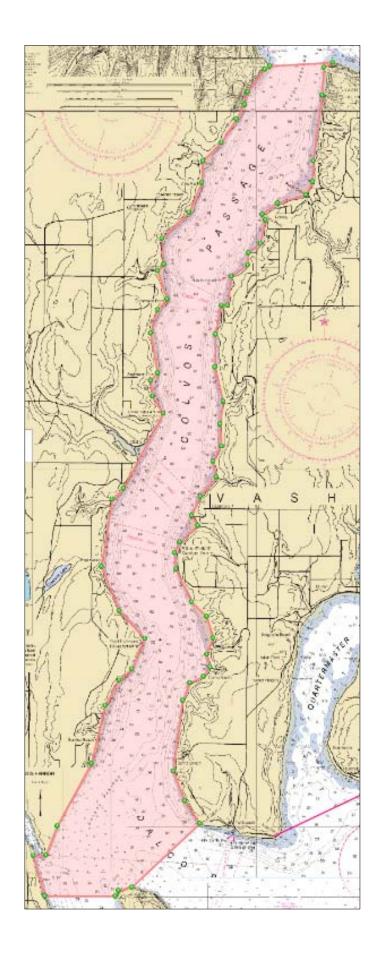
The waters of Rich Passage and Sinclair Inlet West of a line from Orchard Point to Beans Point, not including the waters of Port Orchard North of White Point.



# 12. Colvos Passage

**North:** South of a line from Point Southworth to Vashon Head. Following the shores of Colvos Passage to the South.

**South:** West of a line from Point Defiance to Point Dalco and North of a line from Point Defiance due West to the mainland shore.



# 13. South Sound to Olympia

All waters South of a line from Point Defiance due West to the mainland shore.
Following the main channels via Nisqually Reach or Balch Pass and Dana Passage to Budd Inlet.

