

To; AK Board of Game

My name is Dennis Diamond I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation resident of Ketchikan as my family moved here in 1915 and I have lived here all of my life. I am and avid hunter, just as my family before me.

I am very concerned about many issues that are being brought before the board this year.

I ask you to please take into consideration the people that live here year around and eat from their freezers, just as Alaskans have done for years. This being said we must not let the commercial tourism industry take over and govern the land that we all use for our enjoyment and natural diet.

I have jointly submitted my name on two proposals #6 & 8.

Proposal 6, Closing the December deer hunting season in unit 1-A as we have had declines in the deer herd that started in the mid 90's, as the departments data will show. I have been hunting deer in southeast AK since I was in my youth, starting in the late 60's. From hunting year after year I have witnessed the rise and fall of the deer population. Since the mid 90's the populations have fallen significantly in some areas due to predators, mainly wolves. By closing the December season it will help the deer to begin to recover as they will not be hunted along the beaches and low lying areas as this can be their normal habitat this time of year. This is nothing new for the season as it once closed on November 30<sup>th</sup> for this very reason.

Proposal 8, Lengthen wolverine season in unit 1-A Main Land would encourage wolf trappers to keep there traps out to help reduce the heavy wolf population. Per the department data there are only 3 wolverines taken per year on average of the

last 15 years and this data was taken when the season was open until the end of wolf trapping season.

Proposal's I'm agreement with.

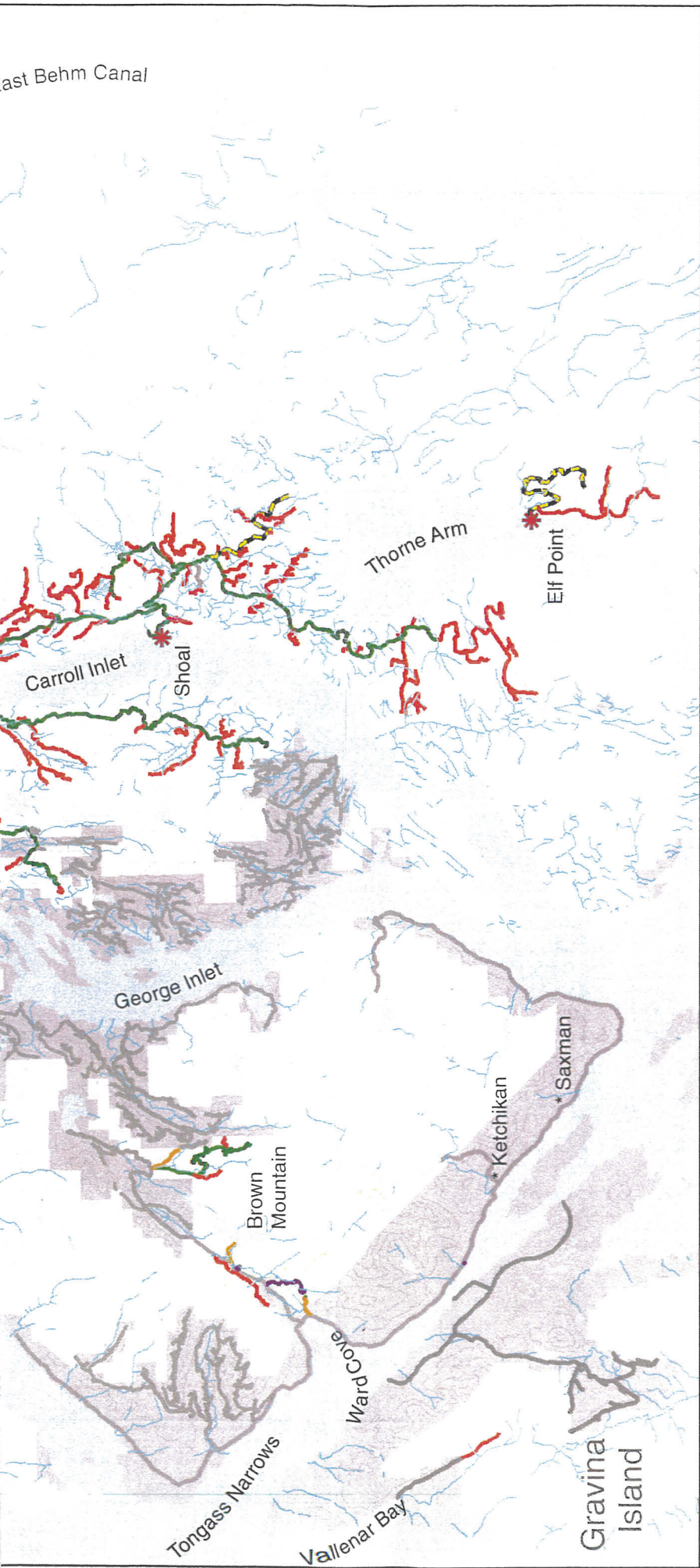
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Proposal's I'm in disagreement with.

2,3,4,5, (18 the department proposal, and 25, defenders of wildlife proposal both would like to issue bag limits on trapping wolfs in unit 2. My concern would be how long will be before these same issues come true for other units or furbearers? I consider this to be a stepping stone! of things to come.

Proposal 43 totally disagree.

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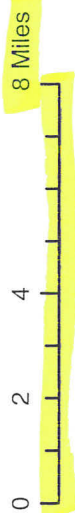
- \* Marine Access Facility
- ML 1 Closed Road
- ML 2 Mixed Use
- ML 3 Passenger Vehicles
- ML 4 Paved Road
- - - OHV Trail
- Non-NFS Roads
- Major Streams
- Non-NFS Lands
- Lakes or Saltwater
- 500-foot contour line

- \* ML - Maintenance Level
- \* OHV - Off Highway Vehicle
- \* NFS - National Forest System

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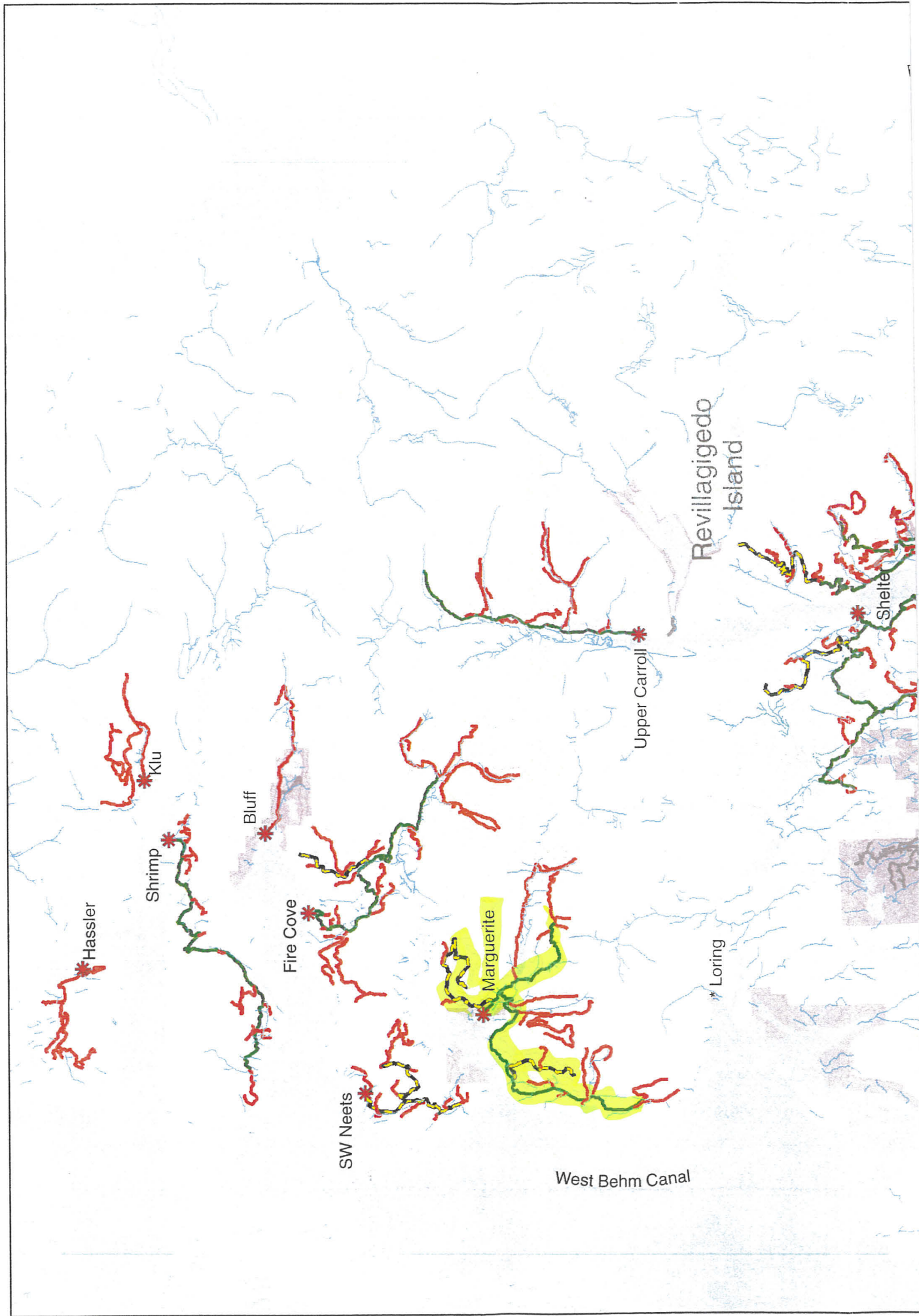
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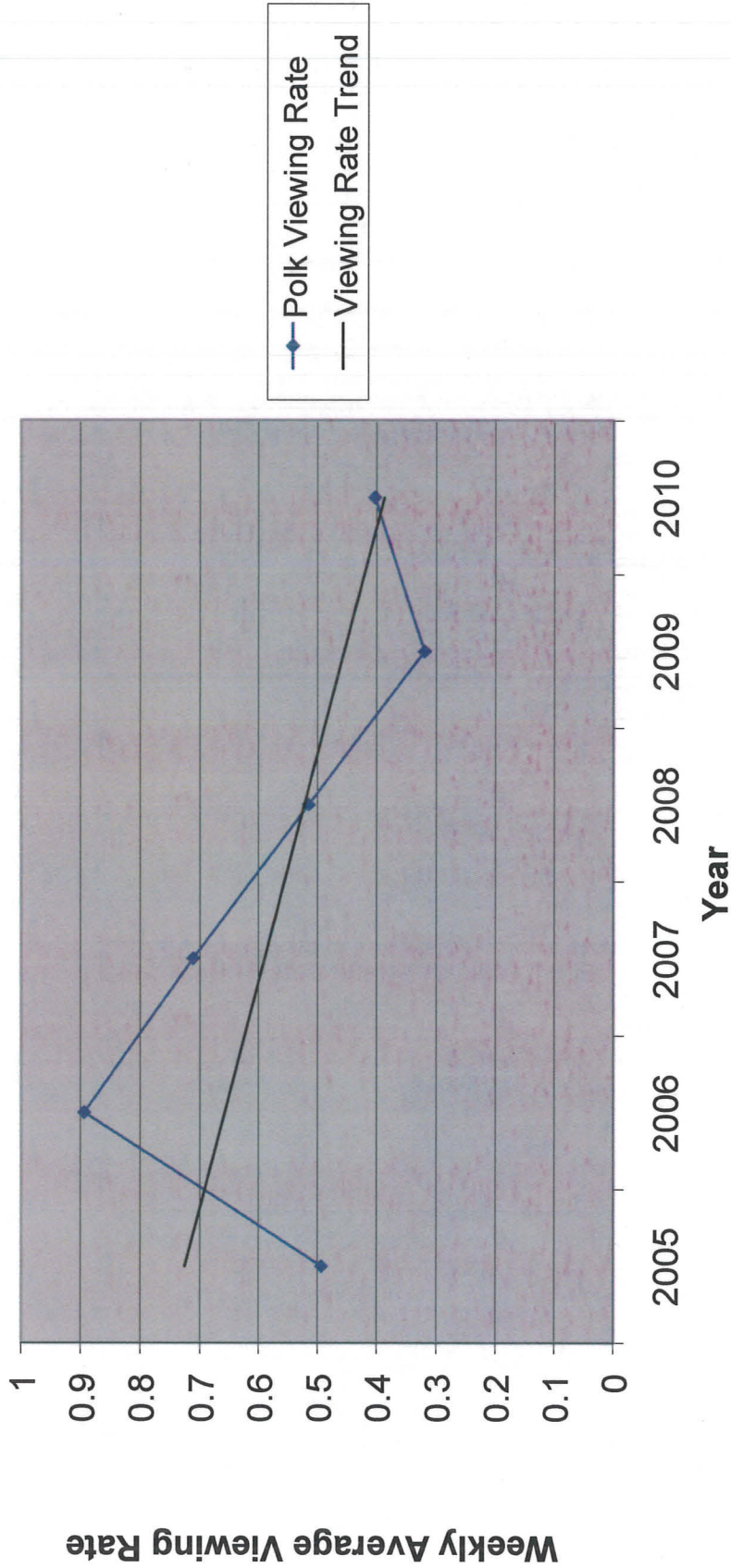
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Alternative 3  
Access and Travel Management Environmental Assessment  
Ketchikan-Misty Fiords Ranger District

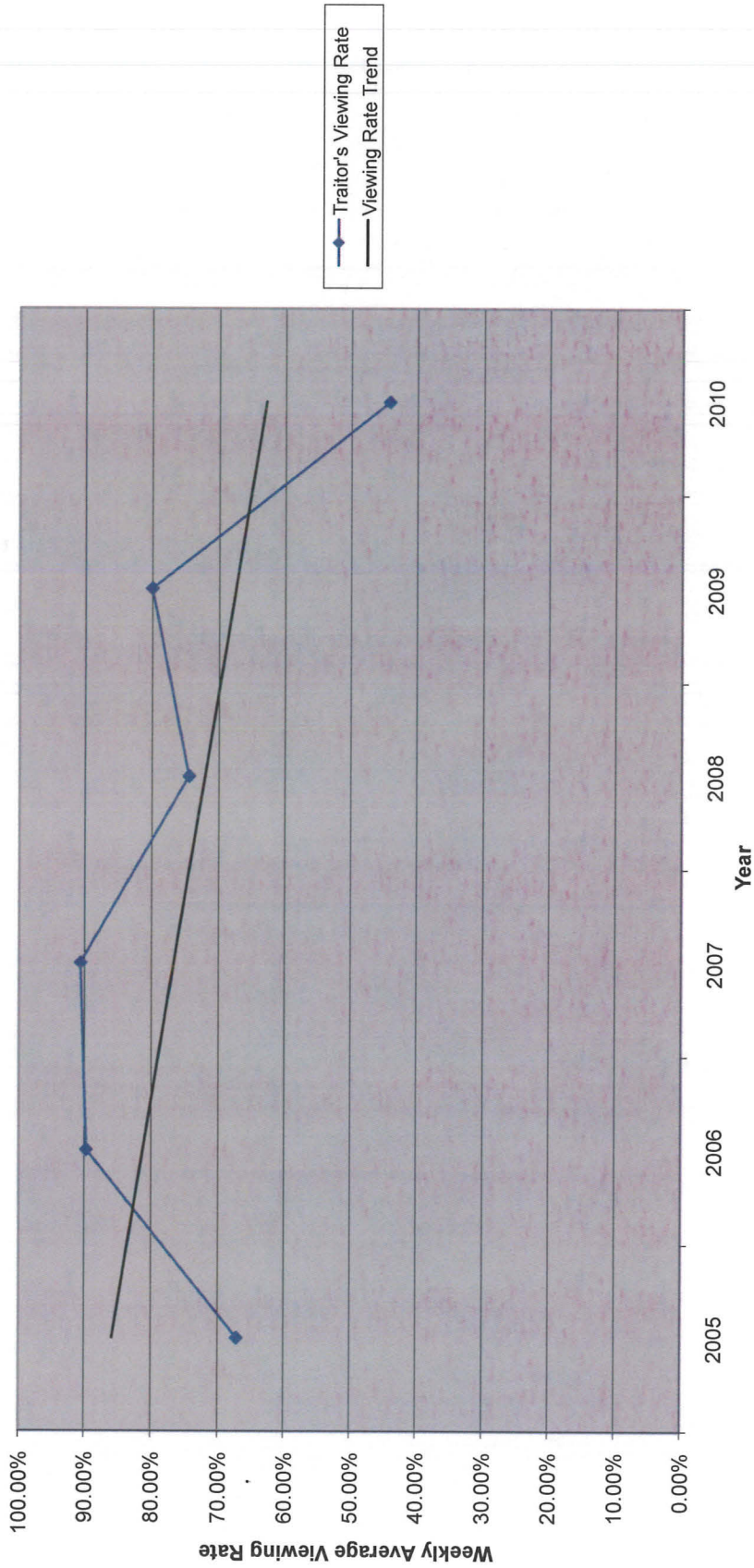


Dog Salmon Fish Pass, Polk Inlet  
Prince of Wales Island (Unit 2)



\*Average season begins on or around July 25th and ends on or around September 1st  
\*\*Average visitors in a season is 1600

Margaret Creek Fish Pass, Traitor's Cove  
 Revillagigedo Island (Unit 1A)



\*Average season begins on or around July 25th and ends on or around September 10th

\*\*Average visitors in a season is 1000