

**A PRELIMINARY GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT  
OF A CROWN LAND PARCEL ON  
HORNBY ISLAND - 1993**

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### **Executive Summary**

The subject Crown Land is 1,003 acres (406 hectares), and is located in the central upland area of Hornby Island on the eastern flank of Mount Geoffrey. A preliminary office groundwater assessment was conducted to determine whether the subject Crown Land is a recharge area and to determine the recharge sensitivity of the subject Crown Land. Because of the size and location of the subject Crown Land, all available hydrogeological information on Hornby Island was reviewed. Hydrogeological data are negligible in the upland areas and an exact delineation of the recharge areas was not possible at this time. Groundwater levels in the lowlands, and geologic and topographic considerations do, however, suggest that the upland areas including a significant portion of the subject Crown Land are important natural groundwater storage and catchment areas. These areas provide groundwater recharge to wells located within many of the surrounding lowlands of Hornby Island including the small-lot subdivisions where quality and quantity concerns exist. This preliminary assessment has shown that the upland areas including the subject Crown Land are both sensitive to groundwater recharge and vulnerable to threats of groundwater contamination and should be protected to help ensure preservation of the quantity and quality of groundwater on Hornby Island. The small lot subdivisions of Hornby Island have a high well density, are vulnerable to both groundwater contamination and reduced well capacities due to mutual well interference. Recommendations are made for further data collection, establishment of long-term monitoring networks, more detailed studies to understand the hydrogeology, and better management and protection of the groundwater resource on Hornby Island.

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## **A Preliminary Groundwater Assessment of a Crown Land Parcel on Hornby Island - 1993**

### **1. Introduction**

Hornby Island is located on the east side of Vancouver Island in the Strait of Georgia, approximately 125 miles (200 kilometres) north of Victoria, B.C. (Figure 1).

As requested by *Islands Trust*, a preliminary assessment of the importance of a 1,003 acre (406 hectare) Crown Land parcel as a "sensitive groundwater recharge area" for Hornby Island, has been carried out. The subject Crown Land is located within the central upland region of Hornby Island (Figure 2). Because of the size of this area and its location, this assessment has included a review of all available well record information on the island including the results of the 1992 *Islands Trust* questionnaire and field visits to the island. Major focus has been placed on the significance this Crown Land parcel has in terms of groundwater recharge, for small lot subdivisions (Sandpiper, Galleon Beach, Whaling Station Bay and between Shingle Spit and Phipps Point) where the majority of water wells are located and where most groundwater quantity and quality problems exist (Kohut et al, 1986).

This report discusses the general groundwater conditions of Hornby Island, the significance of the subject Crown Land parcel as a likely sensitive recharge area, and the hydrogeological relationship between the subject Crown Land area and small lot subdivisions in the regional discharge areas, where most groundwater development occurs.

## 1.1 Subject Crown Land Description

The subject Crown Land includes Portions of Section 2, 4, 5, 11, and 12 and is approximately 1,003 acres (406 hectares) representing 13.6 percent of Hornby Island's land surface. The total area of Hornby Island is 7,356 acres (2,977 hectares). The subject Crown Land is irregular in shape and is located in the centre of Hornby Island on the north-eastern flank of Mount Geoffrey (Figure 2). The upper boundary of the parcel exists at an approximate elevation of 580 feet (177 metres) above sea level, while the lower boundary exists at approximately 125 feet (38 metres). The land surface slopes from 18 percent along the upper boundary to about 3 percent near the lower boundary. The land is heavily forested with primarily second growth fir, cedar, and alder. Soil cover over bedrock is generally thin to absent at many locations.

## 1.2 Surficial Deposits

From field inspection, the surficial deposits in the subject Crown Land area range from thin to absent at higher elevations. Thicker alluvial deposits possibly derived from surrounding sandstone slopes are evident in some topographic troughs, while fine-grained sediments at these locations may have been deposited under marine conditions. Alluvial deposits are also evident at lower elevations near the mouth of Beulah and Ford Creeks (Figure 2).

Successful wells have been constructed in these surficial deposits where water bearing sand and gravel layers are interspersed between finer grained deposits. Groundwater has also been obtained from fractures in the underlying bedrock at these locations where the alluvium may provide storage for recharge to deeper bedrock aquifers. A direct hydraulic connection may exist between the overlying alluvium and the underlying bedrock in these locations.



### 1.3 Bedrock Geology

Hornby Island is underlain by a series of conglomerates, sandstones, shales, and siltstones, all belonging to the Nanaimo Group of Upper Cretaceous age (Figure 3 and Table 1). These strata dip gently towards the northeast. The bedrock geology of Hornby Island consists of five sedimentary bedrock formations. These formations have been designated as, from youngest to oldest: Gabriola, Spray, Geoffrey, Northumberland, and De Courcy Formations (Muller and Jeletsky, 1970).

The Gabriola Formation is the youngest formation of the Nanaimo Group, consisting of medium-to-coarse grained massive sandstone with minor conglomerate. The Gabriola Formation underlies the Whaling Station Bay peninsula.

The Spray Formation, comprised of shale and sandstone underlies the Tribune Bay area and also the lowland area west of Mount Geoffrey. The name is derived from Spray Point, a resistant sandstone ledge projecting into the middle of the bay. The Spray Formation overlies the Geoffrey Formation. The lithology of the lower part of the Spray Formation, is similar to that of the Northumberland Formation.

The Geoffrey Formation is found in the centre of the island, east of Mount Geoffrey and underlies the subject Crown Land. The Geoffrey Formation is composed mainly of coarse conglomerate with minor sandstone.

The Northumberland Formation is exposed near the south end of Hornby Island at Ford Cove, between underlying De Courcy sandstone and overlying Geoffrey conglomerate, and at Galleon Beach. Less than 200 feet (61 metres) of the Northumberland Formation is exposed on Hornby Island. The lithology of the Northumberland shale is similar to that of the Spray Formation.

The De Courcy Formation occurs at Norman Point on the southern tip of

Hornby Island and on Norris Rocks southeast of that point. The De Courcy is a brown grey massive sandstone, in beds up to 10 feet (3 metres) thick, and separated by shale layers.

The bedrock geology of Hornby Island is both varied and complex. Groundwater occurs in and moves throughout the pores and / or openings in these rock formations. The rock types can vary significantly in their ability to store and transmit water. The openings can be intergrain pores in the sandstone or shales or, more likely, through openings in the fault zones, fractures and bedding planes (Groundwater Resources of British Columbia, 1993). Groundwater occurrence and movement is governed by local geology, availability of openings in the bedrock, recharge, and movement of water from areas of recharge towards points or areas of discharge (Driscoll, 1986).

#### **1.4 Hydrologic Cycle and Groundwater Flow**

An understanding of the hydrologic cycle and groundwater flow is necessary for recognizing the important connection between the Mount Geoffrey upland area and the surrounding lowlands on Hornby Island.

The hydrologic cycle refers to the circulation of water between the land, ocean, and atmosphere. Inflow of water to the land based portion of the hydrologic cycle occurs as precipitation whereas outflow leaves as streamflow and groundwater discharge to the ocean and evapotranspiration to the atmosphere (Driscoll, 1986). Between the inflow and outflow, some water travels as overland flow while some water infiltrates into the ground and travels as groundwater flow (Figure 4).

Gravity is the dominant driving force in groundwater movement. Groundwater typically flows downward from the recharge areas and upwards to the discharge areas (Figure 4). Steeper topographic slopes generally signify higher groundwater gradients. Topography can play a significant part in controlling the

gradient and direction of groundwater flow because the form of the water table is often a subdued replica of the land surface (Freeze and Cherry, 1979).

### 1.5 Water Well Record Information

The Groundwater Section has 512 water well records on file for Hornby Island (Figure 5 and Appendix A). Water well records are also plotted on 1:5000 mapping. There may be a greater number of wells located on Hornby Island as submission of water well records is not mandatory. The 512 reported wells include those completed to January, 1992. Of this number, 86 percent or 439 wells, are drilled while the remaining 14 percent are dug wells or springs. Well frequency versus well depth is shown in Figure 6. The average depth of all drilled wells is 138 feet (42.1 metres) with the deepest well recorded as 500 feet (152.4 metres) at the Sandpiper Subdivision.

Sixty-six percent of drilled wells are located on lot sizes generally 1/2 acre (0.20 hectare) or less and are located within the small lot subdivisions of Hornby Island (Table 2). The majority of wells are completed in fractured bedrock and most wells are located within the lowland areas. Water levels are generally shallow with 80 percent of water levels recorded at the time of well completion as 20 feet (6.1 metres) or less below ground level.

Well frequency versus well yield is shown in Figure 7. The median reported well yield for all wells is 4 gallons per minute (0.25 litres per second). Thirty wells have yields of 20 gallons per minute (1.5 litres per second) or greater with the greatest well yield reported as 50 gallons per minute (3.8 litres per second) inland within the upland area off Slade Road west of Tribune Bay. Reported well yields are however, based on short-term bail tests conducted by drilling contractors at the time of well completion and may not be as accurate as pumping tests for determining

long-term yields. It is important to note that only 2 wells appear to be located within the upland area covered by the subject Crown Land and Mount Geoffrey Regional Park. Direct groundwater data for assessing whether the subject Crown Land is in a sensitive recharge area are therefore, negligible.

### 1.6 Observation Well No. 288 Discussion

In 1984, the Groundwater Section constructed an observation well on Central Road located adjacent to the Sandpiper Subdivision. The well is 6-inch (152mm) diameter, 253 feet (77.1 metres) deep, and was rated at 5 gallons per hour (0.006 litres per second) by the well driller based on a short term bail test (Wei, 1985).

The well was constructed for the purpose of monitoring long-term response to aquifer recharge and local domestic well pumping. The well is equipped with an automatic water level recorder and protective steel recorder housing.

Continuous water level data has been collected since March, 1984. Month-end water levels have been manually digitized from the hydrographs, corrected to ground level, and plotted in Figure 8.

The seasonal water level fluctuation has ranged up to 18 feet (5.5 metres) with the lowest seasonal water levels occurring around October to November and the highest water levels occurring around March to April. Groundwater level fluctuations correlate with precipitation indicating the groundwater recharge on Hornby Island is from infiltration of precipitation. This interpretation is consistent with studies done for other fractured bedrock terrains in southern Vancouver Island (Kohut et al, 1984). Data collected suggest there is no long-term aquifer depletion occurring; however, water level response at this site may reflect regional groundwater conditions rather than local conditions. Examination of the actual

hydrographs indicate that this well also responds to nearby pumping and ocean tides; these phenomena would not, however, be evident from the month-end plot in Figure 8.

## 2. Hydrogeology of the Subject Crown Land

The subject Crown Land is characterized by moderate to steep slopes, thin soil cover, and dipping fractured and layered conglomerate and sandstone. The bedrock formations of the Nanaimo Group form the principal aquifer system on Hornby Island. Groundwater is generally obtained from irregular fault planes, joints and fractures along bedding planes or where the rock is porous. Bedding plane fractures can range from horizontal to vertical. Where fractures are steeply dipping, significant groundwater recharge could occur. However the bedrock fracturing, may have limited storage capacity.

Soil conditions and topography also influence the amount of recharge to the aquifer. Thin soil cover suggests that there is limited opportunity for the surficial deposits to serve as a storage reservoir for the underlying bedrock. Surface water runoff within the subject Crown Land is likely significant; however, some recharge to the groundwater regime will occur when heavy rainfall forms intermittent streams or wetlands that remain on the surface long enough for water to infiltrate into the bedrock and recharge the aquifer.

Beulah and Ford Creeks and the wetlands surrounding these creeks may also be important. An important hydraulic relationship may exist between overland flow, these creeks, and the groundwater system of Hornby Island. During periods of heavy precipitation these creeks may provide significant quantities of surface water to recharge the groundwater. The amount of recharge available to the groundwater would depend largely on the permeability of the stream beds. Because of the possible heterogeneity in soil types at the ground surface over the watershed,

certain portions of the watershed may regularly contribute overland flow to these creeks, whereas other portions may not. Unfortunately, much of the surface water may be lost to runoff during periods of heavy rainfall which normally occurs during the winter months (December to March), because the local groundwater table is relatively shallow and stream recharge to the underground may be minimal. During the summer months, however, groundwater may in turn discharge to Ford and Beulah Creeks to sustain creek flows.

### **2.1 Determining whether the Subject Crown Land is a Recharge Area**

A recharge area, by definition, is where the net saturated flow is directed into the aquifer; in a recharge area, there is a downward component of groundwater flow (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). As a corollary, groundwater flows from recharge to discharge areas. By definition, a discharge area is where there is a net upward component of flow out of the aquifer.

There are several indicators for determining whether the Crown Land area is a recharge area:

- 1) directly from groundwater data (water levels, flow direction, and hydraulic gradient) and,
- 2) indirectly from topography,
- 3) depth to the water table,
- 4) groundwater chemistry, and
- 5) vegetation type and distribution.

### **2.1.1 Recharge Area Inferred Directly from Groundwater Levels, Flow Direction, and Hydraulic Gradient**

Direct indicators of a recharge or discharge area are groundwater level measurements, flow directions, and hydraulic gradient. Lack of well data preclude the determination of flow directions in the upland area covering the subject Crown Land and Mount Geoffrey Regional Park areas. However, existing data within the surrounding lowland areas are useful for determining the general groundwater levels and flow directions in the bedrock aquifer system and allowing us to infer where groundwater flow is derived.

The regional groundwater level elevations have been estimated from land surface altitudes and historical water level measurements in wells. Groundwater levels have been contoured (Figure 9). Groundwater levels rise from sea level in the coastal lowland areas to greater than 150 feet (45.7 metres) above sea level inland and form a subdued replica of the land surface. Groundwater levels would represent the water table surface on Hornby Island assuming steady-state flow conditions and essentially horizontal flow. The groundwater levels in Figure 9 suggest regional groundwater flow directions are from the edge of the central upland area to the surrounding lowlands to the north and east. Groundwater flow from the upland area also likely occurs to the south and west, however groundwater levels in those areas are ill-defined due to lack of well data. Groundwater flow directions were inferred assuming the bedrock permeability is isotropic or uniform throughout.

Although no groundwater levels are available beneath the Mount Geoffrey Regional Park and subject Crown Land areas, the relationship between topography

and groundwater level elevations from existing wells, suggests the highest groundwater level elevations would be expected in those areas (Figure 10). Negative groundwater elevations shown in Figure 10, however, may be affected by pumping conditions from wells located near coastal areas, slow recovery of the water level in low permeability bedrock after the well was drilled, or possible inaccuracy in well location.

Groundwater flow on Hornby Island is interpreted to be from the uplands towards the lowlands. The subject Crown Land, located in the upland area, therefore appears to be in the regional recharge area of the island. The radial groundwater flow direction inferred from the groundwater level contours suggests the upland area recharges the surrounding lowlands on Hornby Island, except perhaps Whaling Station Bay Peninsula. Recharge on Whaling Station Bay peninsula appears to be derived locally. Figure 11 is a cross sectional view of Hornby Island showing the groundwater flow occurring away from the upland area towards the lowland areas; from the recharge area to the discharge areas. Part of the subject Crown Land is shown on Figure 11 and appears to be within the upland area of recharge. Downward (vertical) flow measurements in the upland area are required to better define the recharge area.

### **2.1.2 Recharge Area Inferred Indirectly from Topography**

Recharge areas can be inferred from the topography. According to Freeze and Cherry (1979), field observations in many areas typically show highlands are recharge areas and lowlands are discharge areas. This is because the water table often forms a subdued replica of the topography. Groundwater flow directions can be inferred from topography where direct water level measurements are unavailable. Figure 10 shows that groundwater elevations generally increase with increasing land elevation and the use of topography to infer recharge areas, in this



case is reasonable. The topographic location of the subject Crown Land in the upland area suggests that it is in the recharge area.

### **2.1.3 Recharge Area Inferred Indirectly from Depth to Water**

Areas of general ranges of depth to water in wells have been delineated to infer locations of recharge and discharge areas on Hornby Island (Figure 12). Generally, depth to water is greater in recharge areas and less in discharge areas (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). The coastal lowlands north and east of the upland area, characterized by shallow depth to water between 0 feet and 15 feet (0 metres and 4.5 metres), are interpreted as discharge areas. The regions of shallow groundwater include a small portion of the subject Crown Land. The deeper depth to water area between Shingle Spit and Norman Point reflects the presence of a high escarpment. This area, however, is also interpreted as a discharge area despite the deeper depth to water.

The greatest depth to water in the central upland area and covering much of the subject Crown Land (>100 feet or >30 metres) is interpreted to be a recharge area. This depth to water area, however, is inferred from groundwater level trends observed in Figures 10 and 11 as negligible data exist in the upland. The deeper depth to water at Whaling Station Peninsula is also interpreted as another recharge area.

An area of shallow depth to water lies at the headwater of Ford Creek, just west of the subject Crown Land. The location of this shallow groundwater area in the uplands suggests it may be a local discharge area which eventually recharges the aquifer further down gradient (Figure 13).

### **2.1.4 Recharge Area Inferred Indirectly from Groundwater Chemistry**

Another indicator of a recharge or discharge area is water quality. A general

observation is that pH and salinity (represented by total dissolved solids) generally increase along the groundwater flow path. Water in recharge areas is usually relatively fresh while water in discharge areas is more alkaline and saline (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). Unfortunately, no water quality information is presently available within the topographically high areas of Hornby Island and any chemical evolution of groundwater from recharge to discharge area can not be discerned from existing data.

#### 2.1.5 Recharge Area Inferred Indirectly from Vegetation

Groundwater flow systems and relationships between recharge-discharge areas can also, in some cases, be inferred from land surface features such as location of springs and vegetation (Domenico and Schwartz, 1991; Freeze and Cherry, 1979). Review of 1:10,000 scale air photos (30BCC911008) covering Hornby Island indicate that broadleaf maples grow along the base of the prominent escarpment directly west of Mount Geoffrey where springs (discharge features) are known to occur. Broadleaf maples typically grow in coarse, gravelly moist soils (Hosie, 1979) and although broadleaf maples do not appear to occur in large groves on the island, their occurrence in small stands, especially along slopes or break in slopes, may indicate areas of shallow groundwater (discharge areas) on the island. Areas uphill from these trees are interpreted as regional recharge areas where no significant discharge features are discernable. Delineating these uphill areas may be a qualitative and preliminary method of mapping recharge areas on the island in the absence of direct groundwater data.

Although red alder also grows in wet areas, occurrence of red alder on Hornby Island is ubiquitous and includes upland areas that were clear-cut or logged. As such, red alder was not used as the main tree species for differentiating between

recharge and discharge areas. Alders may indicate wet areas or areas of shallow groundwater along steeper slopes where logging did not occur.

In delineating recharge areas, the areas uphill of broadleaf maple stands on Hornby Island were delineated from air photos and from 1:20,000 scale forest cover mapping (Forest Cover Mapping Series 92F.057); these upland areas are shown in Figure 14. Tree and plant species were spot-checked in the field.

The recharge area, as mapped from vegetation, covers Mount Geoffrey Regional Park and a significant portion of the subject Crown Land as well as the local upland area at Whaling Station Peninsula (Figure 14). The recharge boundary is more clearly defined west and south of Mount Geoffrey where topography and surface features are prominent; the recharge boundary northeast of Mount Geoffrey and along the eastern edge of the subject Crown Land is ill-defined because surface features are muted. Local discharge areas may exist at the north end of the subject Crown Land at Beulah Creek and at the headwater of Ford Creek. Figure 14 also shows that groundwater at Whaling Station Bay peninsula may be recharged locally from precipitation falling on the peninsula rather than from the Mount Geoffrey upland area.

The recharge areas inferred from vegetation generally coincide with areas of deeper groundwater in the upland region and at Whaling Station Bay peninsula (see Figure 12). The recharge boundaries, as defined, likely represent regional recharge areas. Other, more localized, recharge areas may occur downhill of the delineated boundaries. For example, the local valley at the head of Ford Creek may be an area of local groundwater discharge as indicated by the presence of broadleaf maples surrounding the valley. However, the valley area may in turn be within the area of regional recharge to the lowland areas further downstream, including the Sandpiper Subdivision area (Figure 13). Similarly, the areas at the base of the

prominent escarpment west of Mount Geoffrey, including the 40-acre parcel in Hodge's (1992) previous assessment, may receive recharge from Mount Geoffrey but also provide recharge for areas further down gradient.

Although the upland region of Hornby Island appears to be a recharge area, it is not possible at this time to delineate the recharge area precisely because of limited data. The recharge boundaries, as delineated, are interpretive and preliminary. Detailed field mapping of springs and vegetation, together with direct groundwater level data, is required to more accurately define the recharge areas. Even then, recharge areas inferred from vegetation may only be feasible where surface features are prominent. However, the boundaries provide a first approximation of the recharge area on Hornby Island where direct groundwater data are lacking.

Springs exist on the steeply sloping west side of Mount Geoffrey Regional Park at about 230 feet (70 metres) elevation. These springs are discharge features and may represent the hinge line (the line that separates local recharge areas from discharge areas) in this local area. Spring activity is also apparent to the northeast and to the southeast of Mount Geoffrey Regional Park (Chwojka, 1984). Locating, mapping, and sampling natural spring activity is one method of delineating the recharge areas of Hornby Island on a regional scale.

## **2.2 Determining the Sensitivity of the Upland Recharge Area**

To determine the sensitivity of the upland area to human activity requires a comprehensive examination of the bedrock and soil characteristics, land slope features and vegetation as well as the proposed activity and land use. As these

characteristics can vary locally, so can the degree of sensitivity of an area. An understanding of how a specific contaminant travels and the velocity at which the contaminant is transported through this aquifer is also necessary in assessing sensitivity. In the absence of available data, vulnerability of the aquifer to contamination is inferred from 3 general factors: 1) level of hydraulic confinement of the aquifer, 2) effective porosity, and 3) likely attenuation of contaminants by the soil cover and bedrock.

The fractured bedrock aquifer exists under unconfined conditions. There does not appear to be any confining layer above the aquifer offering protection against contamination introduced at the land surface. Unconfined aquifers are therefore, generally considered more vulnerable to contamination from activities directly above the aquifer than confined aquifers, everything else being equal. Groundwater on Hornby Island flows down gradient from uplands to lowlands and the water table appears to be a subdued replica of the topography. The water table likely therefore has a steep hydraulic gradient locally. For example, if a contaminant were introduced by human activity, into the aquifer at the upland recharge area, the primary driving force for contaminant travel would be created by the hydraulic gradient in the aquifer. The steeper the hydraulic gradient, the quicker the contaminant would likely travel through the aquifer. Other factors, of course, come into consideration when assessing contaminant travel, such as the depth to water table, density of the contaminant in relation to water and how the contaminant reacts with the geologic medium.

Effective porosity affects the average linear velocity of groundwater and therefore transport of any contaminant (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). The lower the effective porosity of the aquifer, the higher the velocity. Effective porosity of

fractured bedrock is typically an order of magnitude (or more) less than that of sand and gravel aquifers. The relatively low porosity of fractured bedrock may result in quicker transport of any contaminants.

Although the sandstone underlying the subject Crown Land may have low permeability, fractures in the rock and along bedding planes may act as preferred conduits for any contaminants placed on the land surface.

The thin soil cover and likely low porosity of the fractured bedrock in the central upland area likely offers limited attenuation capacity for any contaminants. The fact that the thin soil cover, having limited surface water retention capacity, overlies fractured bedrock having limited storage capacity and the water table has a steep hydraulic gradient show the important interconnecting hydrogeologic relationships that exist within the upland recharge area. This relationship suggests that the upland recharge area is also likely sensitive to groundwater recharge.

### **3. Vulnerability of Small Lot Residential Subdivisions**

In addition to assessing whether the subject Crown Land is in a sensitive recharge area, the vulnerability of the discharge areas, particularly the small lot subdivisions where groundwater development occurs and which receive recharge from the upland areas are also discussed.

The majority of residents on Hornby Island live within small lot residential neighbourhoods. According to the May, 1990 Hornby Island Official Community Plan, there are 661 small lots of 1/2 acre (0.20 hectare) size or less in the residential neighbourhoods of Sandpiper, Galleon Beach, Whaling Station Bay, and the area

between Shingle Spit and Phipps Point. These areas have been identified as being vulnerable to both groundwater contamination and for reduced well capacities due to mutual well interference (Chwojka, 1989).

The majority of developed properties have septic systems and drilled wells. Sewage contamination to groundwater and hydrogen sulphide gas are of concern. Continued development has also increased the likelihood of well interference, local decline of the groundwater level, and sea water intrusion.

A cursory discussion on the groundwater conditions and water quality within the major small lot residential areas is presented below:

### **3.1 Sandpiper Subdivision**

The Sandpiper Subdivision is located directly east and downslope of the subject Crown Land. The subdivision exists at an elevation of 150 feet (46 metres) inland, with the land surface gradually sloping in an easterly direction towards the ocean (sea level).

The Groundwater Section has records of 132 wells constructed on small lots up to November, 1990 (Table 2). The average depth of wells is 129 feet (39.3 metres). The deepest well on record is 500 feet (152.4 metres). Some wells have been completed in surficial deposits around Ford Creek and to the north around Beulah Creek where alluvial materials have been deposited. Most wells, however, are completed in bedrock where groundwater is obtained from fractures in the bedrock or bedding planes.

The median reported bedrock well yield is 5 gallons per minute (0.31 litres per second). Most well capacities reported are estimated, based on short term bail tests

carried out by the drilling contractor. The Mount Geoffrey area likely provides groundwater recharge to the Sandpiper Subdivision wells (Figures 9 and 14). Because of considerable surface water runoff, probable limited bedrock fracturing and thin soil cover, groundwater recharge to wells may, however, be limited.

Water quality degradation is a concern. Sewage contamination to groundwater, hydrogen sulphide gas, high iron and sea water intrusion problems are reported in wells located within the Sandpiper Subdivision.

Many homeowners use septic tank / leaching field systems to treat their sewage. Of the 71 groundwater questionnaire respondents within the Sandpiper subdivision, 43 households have septic tank / leaching field systems. Other residents use outhouses or chemical toilets. If a thin cover of poorly sorted soil and sloping bedrock below the soil are present as is evident in the area, some of the effluent may reach the sloping bedrock and migrate quickly and for a considerable distance along the soil / bedrock contact zone. Problems exist where a water supply (ie. well) may intersect the migration path. Seven groundwater questionnaire respondents reported above acceptable limits for total coliform detected in their water supplies. Homeowners may unknowingly contaminate their own water supplies through improperly located and defective systems; however a water supply may also be contaminated from a defective neighbouring system.

Hydrogen sulphide gas in wells located in the Sandpiper Subdivision is common (Kohut et al, 1986). During the field surveys carried out by the Groundwater Section in 1981 and 1982, many residents reported hydrogen sulphide gas in their water supplies. Eleven residents, responding to the 1992 *Islands Trust* groundwater questionnaire, reported the presence of hydrogen sulphide gas in their well water.



Salt water encroachment is suspected in some wells located within the Sandpiper Subdivision. On the groundwater questionnaire a few well owners report "salty water" in their wells. This situation may result from wells being located in close proximity to the ocean and high groundwater use, moving the fresh water / salt water interface inland and nearer the ground surface (upconing) thereby contaminating the groundwater.

### **3.2 Galleon Beach Subdivision**

The Galleon Beach Subdivision is located north and downslope of the subject Crown Land. The Galleon Beach subdivision exists at an elevation of 80 feet (24.4 metres) above sea level inland with the land surface gradually sloping to the north to sea level.

The Groundwater Section has records of 56 wells constructed on small lots up to December 1991. The average depth of wells is 131 feet (40 metres). The deepest well on file is 300 feet (91 metres). All drilled wells are completed in bedrock where groundwater is obtained from fractures or bedding planes. Thicker overburden to 30 feet (9.1 metres) is evident to the east of the main subdivision. The average depth to water in wells is 15 feet (4.6 metres) below ground level. The median reported well yield is 3 gallons per minute (0.19 litres per second).

The subject Crown Land and Mount Geoffrey upland area is likely an important groundwater recharge area for wells located within the Galleon Beach Subdivision and neighbouring areas. Surface water entering the groundwater flow system eventually reaches the lowlands around Galleon Beach Subdivision and provides recharge to wells. Similar soil conditions, well density, spacing between

wells, and land use (small lot subdivision) suggest that the Galleon Beach Subdivision may be experiencing similar septic disposal / well contamination problems already evident in the Sandpiper Subdivision.

Hydrogen sulphide gas in wells located in the Galleon Beach Subdivision is common. During the 1981 and 1982 field surveys, 22 water quality tests were conducted on wells located within the Galleon Beach Subdivision. Contamination to wells through sea water encroachment was generally not evident during these surveys. A few instances of elevated iron concentrations in well water were also reported.

### **3.3 Whaling Station Bay Subdivision**

Whaling Station Bay Subdivision is a flat, low-lying area located between Tralee Point and Cape Gurney, and is somewhat geographically isolated from most of Hornby Island. The Groundwater Section has records of 85 wells constructed on small lots up to January, 1992. The average depth of wells is 162 feet (49.4 metres) and the deepest well is 392 feet (119.5 metres). Because of limited recharge and poor water quality, community water wells have been established at Whaling Station Bay. Many of the 85 wells on record may be unused or abandoned. The median reported yield of bedrock wells located within Whaling Station Bay is 2 gallons per minute (0.13 Litres per second). Groundwater recharge to wells located at Whaling Station Bay may be limited mainly to precipitation entering into bedrock storage within the relatively small catchment area of the Whaling Station Bay peninsula. The fact that wells are on the average, deeper than those wells located inland and water quality is poor, tends to support this theory.

### **3.4 Shingle Spit - Phipps Point**

The Shingle Spit - Phipps Point area is bounded by steep topography of Mount Geoffrey to the east and the ocean to the west. Although a considerable number of wells are located between Shingle Spit and Phipps Point, well density is not as great as evident in other "small lot" areas of Hornby Island. Wells are located both along the coastline on small lots and inland on 10 acre size lots.

Considerable spring activity is apparent inland near the base of Mount Geoffrey. Much of this area downslope of Mount Geoffrey is characterized as natural "wetland". Surface water runoff from Mt. Geoffrey is likely significant, recharging the wetlands immediately downslope. The wetland in turn likely provides recharge to the underlying bedrock and wells downslope (Figure 14). The Groundwater Section has records of approximately 30 wells located on small lots. The average depth of drilled wells is 93 feet (28.3 metres). The deepest well on file is 340 feet (103.6 metres). Some well yields reported are very productive, giving evidence to the value of the wetlands in providing recharge to the underlying bedrock. The median reported well yield has been determined as 5 gallons per minute (0.31) litres per second). Residents responding to the 1992 *Islands Trust* groundwater questionnaire have indicated that water quantity and quality are generally excellent.

### **3.5 Fresh Water / Salt Water Interface Discussion**

Chloride concentrations exceeding 100 mg/L have been reported in numerous wells located near and within the Sandpiper Subdivision

(Chwojka, 1989; 1984 ; Kohut et al, 1986). Many residents have reported "salty" water in their water supplies (Chwojka, 1989; 1984; 1992 *Islands Trust* questionnaire).

Salt water encroachment, by landward intrusion of salt water or up-coning of salt water beneath pumping wells, into the fresh water bedrock aquifer system is also a major concern for residents located within the low-lying coastal subdivisions of Hornby Island (Figure 15). As fresh groundwater flow towards the ocean is decreased due to increased pumping for example, salt water flow may be directed inward from the ocean. The degree of salt water movement inland is dependent on many factors including the time of year, local hydrogeology, well construction, pumping rates, and density and spacing between wells.

During the late summer / early fall, when groundwater demand is greatest and water levels are low, the fresh water / salt water interface would be expected to move furthest inland. In contrast, in the winter months when most precipitation and recharge to the groundwater system occurs, increased groundwater flow towards the ocean would force the interface to move towards the ocean.

If the local bedrock is fractured and porous and many wells completed below sea level are pumped, up-coning of salt water may occur. The depth of the fresh water / salt water interface is governed, among other factors, by the density difference between fresh and salt water. Theoretically, for every foot (or metre) the water table is above sea level, the boundary separating the fresh groundwater and salt water is about 40 to 45 feet (40 to 45 metres) below sea level (Figure 14). When the water table is lowered (by well pumping for example), for every foot (or metre) the water table is lowered, the interface rises 40 to 45 feet (40 to 45 metres). This up-coning of salt water may eventually reach the pumping well if pumping drawdown in the well is excessive (Figure 15). Fresh water / salt water interface contours have been shown in Figure 16. Contours are interpretative and preliminary. Fresh water / salt water contours are inferred from recorded historic water levels and ground

elevations and the fresh water / salt water interface relationship (1 : 40 to 45). The boundary between fresh and salt water may, however, in reality be a diffused layer of mixed water and not the distinct boundary assumed in Figure 15. Structural discordances such as major faults and folding of the strata may influence the position of the interface. The contours as shown do, however, provide a preliminary approximation of the fresh water / salt water interface position. Future water level and water quality data will help to more clearly define the position and characteristics of the fresh water / salt water interface in the low-lying coastal areas on Hornby Island.

#### 4. Abandoned / Unused Domestic Wells

Forty abandoned or unused wells were reported by Hornby Island residents participating in the 1992 *Islands Trust* groundwater questionnaire (Figure 17). Of the 40 wells, 15 wells were drilled and 25 wells were dug. The questionnaire has revealed a potentially serious situation previously unknown, as well drilling contractors and property owners are not required by legislation to report the existence of abandoned wells. Aside from the safety hazard posed to humans by uncovered large diameter wells, the most immediate threat from abandoned wells is that of groundwater contamination. If the abandoned well is not properly sealed, contaminated surface water or other contaminants can enter the well and contaminate the groundwater.

However, where unused wells are adequately constructed and strategically located, they could serve a useful purpose as observation wells located in areas of Hornby Island where groundwater monitoring is required.

In July, 1993 a number of the abandoned or unused wells noted on the *Islands Trust* questionnaire were investigated and two of these wells were established as

long-term observation wells. These wells are located within the Whaling Station Bay area and southwest of the Galleon Beach Subdivision and are equipped with locking well caps and will be monitored once per month by local observers. Water level data will be collected to study aquifer response to groundwater recharge and withdrawal and will assist in making decisions concerning the future land and water use planning on Hornby Island.

#### **5. Establishment of Community Wells Inland**

As recommended by Chwojka (1984), establishment of community wells on Hornby Island should be considered. Water quality problems are evident in wells located on existing small lot subdivisions. Establishment of community wells may help alleviate these problems. As a preliminary step, areas inland where high capacity wells are reported should be investigated (thirty wells on Hornby Island have reported yields of 20 gallons per minute (1.5 litres per second) or greater). Test drilling would be required to assess the potential of an area, the groundwater quality, and the effects groundwater withdrawal would have on existing nearby wells. Economic factors such as well construction and testing costs and pipeline and system hook-up costs would have to be taken into consideration.

The subject Crown Land may not need to be considered for establishment of community wells as there are areas inland with road and power access upslope of all major small lot subdivisions that may have potential sites for construction of community wells.

## 6. Conclusions

1. The subject Crown Land can be characterized as having thin soil cover and moderately to steeply sloping topography. Although surface water runoff is probably significant, recharge to the underlying bedrock aquifer system does occur when heavy rainfall forms intermittent streams and wetlands that eventually infiltrate into the bedrock. The subject Crown Land is located in the uplands and, although negligible groundwater data exist within the upland areas, groundwater levels in the surrounding lowland areas and topographic considerations, suggest the upland areas, including a significant part of the subject Crown Land are an important natural groundwater storage and catchment area providing recharge to wells located within the surrounding lowlands of Hornby Island. The precise recharge area can not, however, be determined without more groundwater data. The recharge boundaries inferred from areas of deeper depth to water and vegetation suggest a significant portion of the subject Crown Land lies in a recharge area. Parts of the subject Crown Land in lower elevation areas may be local discharge areas, however these areas likely provide recharge for areas further down gradient.

2. A preliminary assessment has shown that the upland recharge area including the Subject Crown Land is likely vulnerable to groundwater contamination. Existing hydrogeological information suggests that if a contaminant were introduced in the upland, local hydrogeologic conditions would likely result in this contaminant infiltrating into the bedrock aquifer and travelling down gradient towards the lowlands. A comprehensive examination is however necessary to more fully understand specific contaminant transport.

3. The majority of existing water quality concerns on the island exist within small lot subdivisions. All subdivisions except around Whaling Station Bay peninsula are likely recharged by the Mount Geoffrey upland area. Well location, high well density, close spacing between wells, thin soil cover, and improperly located or improperly designed sewage disposal systems may all contribute to the occurrence of poor and non-potable groundwater. Major water quality concerns on Hornby Island are sewage effluent contamination of wells, hydrogen sulphide gas, high iron, and salt water encroachment. The 1992 *Islands Trust* groundwater questionnaire has been very useful and supportive in updating our present knowledge of the types of water quality problems and where water quality problems exist. The *Islands Trust* questionnaire has also indicated where areas exist that may have excellent potential having minimal water quality problems.

4. The Groundwater Section has 512 records of wells recorded on Hornby Island. Eighty-six percent of wells are drilled while the remaining fourteen percent are dug. Sixty-six percent of all wells are located on lots generally of 1/2 acre (0.20 hectare) size or smaller and are located within the subdivisions of Sandpiper, Galleon Beach, Whaling Station Bay and the Shingle Spit-Phipps Point area. As submission of well records by drilling contractors is not compulsory, many more "unreported" wells may exist on Hornby Island. Only 2 wells are located within the subject Crown Land.

5. The average depth of water wells on Hornby Island is 138 feet (42.1 metres) and the deepest water well on record is 500 feet (152.4 metres) located at Sandpiper Subdivision. The majority of wells are completed in bedrock, however, some successful wells have been completed within alluvial deposits near the mouth of



Beulah and Ford Creeks.

6. The median reported well yield for all wells is 4 gallons per minute (0.25 litres per second). The greatest reported well yield on Hornby Island is 50 gallons per minute (3.1 litres per second). Reported well yields are however based on simple bail tests and not from long-term pumping tests.

7. Data collected from Observation Well No. 288 suggests recharge to the bedrock aquifer system is derived from precipitation falling directly on Hornby Island. Data also show that long-term aquifer depletion is not occurring; however, water level response at this site reflects regional groundwater conditions rather than local groundwater conditions.

8. The 1992 *Islands Trust* Groundwater Questionnaire has indicated that at least 40 dug and drilled abandoned or unused wells are located on Hornby Island. These unused wells may pose a physical hazard and also provide a direct pathway for any contaminants to the aquifer. Some of these unused wells which are suitably constructed and strategically located could be useful as observation wells. The remaining unused wells should be properly decommissioned.

In July, 1993 a number of unused/abandoned domestic wells were investigated and two drilled wells were established as long-term observation wells. These wells are located within the Whaling Station Bay area and southwest of the Galleon Beach Subdivision. Water levels will be monitored on a once per month basis by local observers. Collection and analysis of water level data will assist in making decisions concerning the future land and water use planning on Hornby Island.

## 7. Recommendations

1. The subject Crown Land should be protected as a community watershed area to ensure preservation of the quantity and quality of groundwater on Hornby Island. Any activities or proposed land use in the subject Crown Land should be reviewed as to possible impacts on the underlying groundwater resource. Groundwater and land use policies should be developed to protect the groundwater resource in the subject Crown Land area. A preliminary list of activities which should be subject to restriction in this area is provided in Table 3
2. Springs and discharge features should be mapped in more detail to delineate more precisely the recharge areas of Hornby Island on a regional scale. Locating springs should be conducted at a time of maximum or near maximum recharge (December to March).
3. A water quality reconnaissance study is recommended for the late summer when groundwater demand is highest and water levels are lowest. Field analysis with selected lab analysis would be sufficient and resident participation should be encouraged. Wells located within the small lot subdivisions should be targeted for sampling. Field analyses should include bacteriological tests, and determination of total dissolved solids and salinity which would be helpful in determining the position of the fresh water / salt water interface.
4. Drilling of observation wells is recommended to obtain direct groundwater information in the upland areas where data are lacking .

5. An up-to-date water well record collection program should be undertaken to obtain well information and further understand groundwater conditions on Hornby Island.

6. Pump testing of selected wells is recommended to determine permeability of the bedrock aquifer for estimating flow rates on Hornby Island.

7. The existing network of observation wells should be expanded and a network of water quality sites set up to monitor long-term groundwater level and quality trends on Hornby Island.

8. Information on land use on Hornby Island should be obtained to help interpret groundwater data and further determine sensitive groundwater areas. Local residents can greatly assist in this task.

9. Groundwater data for groundwater mapping and modelling should be compiled and interpreted to quantify the groundwater flow system on Hornby Island. Increased understanding and delineation of the groundwater resource will lead to better management of the resource.

10. Consideration should be given to establishment of community water wells in areas inland and upslope of the small lot subdivisions. The subject Crown Land may not need to be considered for establishment of community wells.

11. Abandoned wells should be investigated and well owners should be informed on the importance of having abandoned wells properly decommissioned and methods of safe closure.

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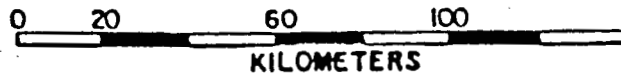
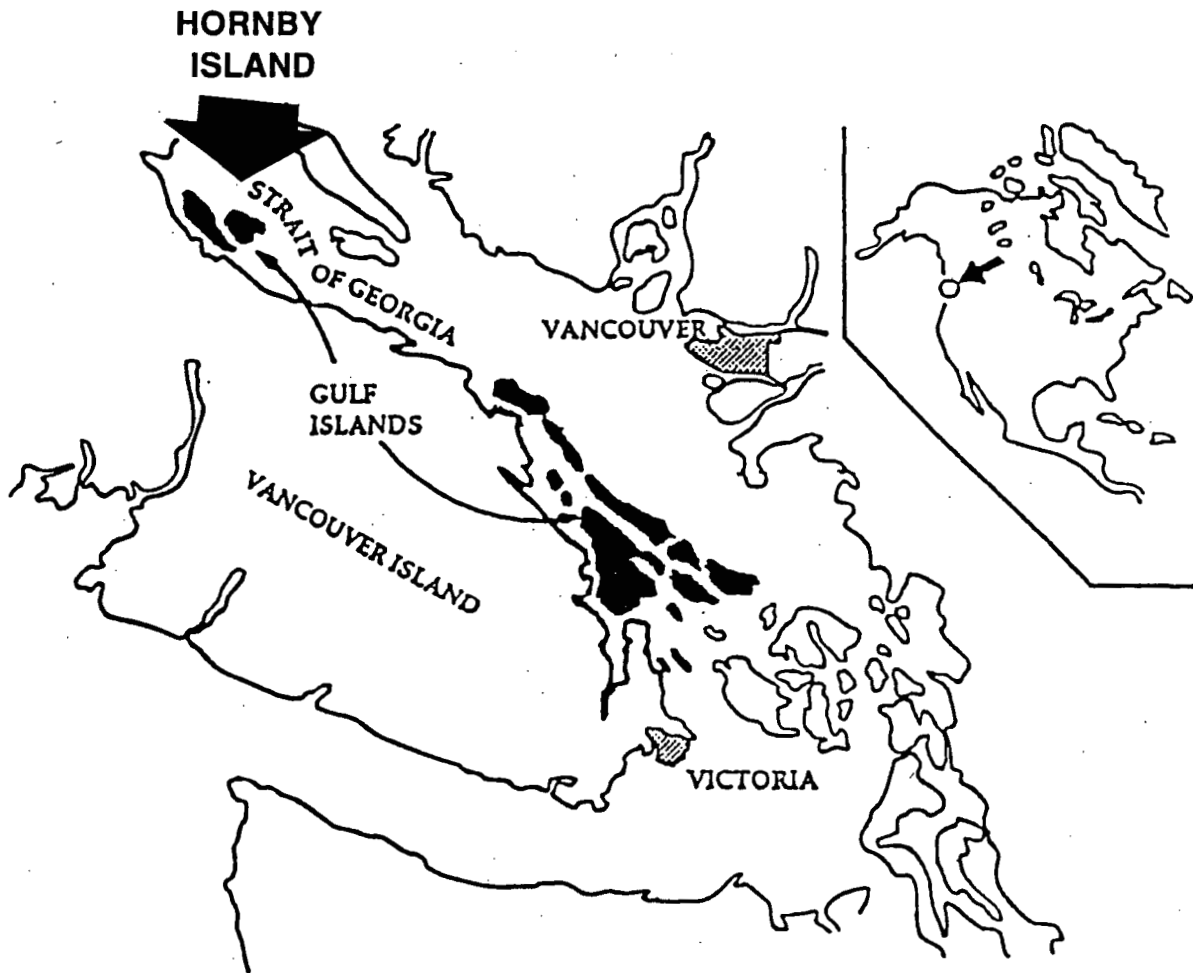
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LOCATION MAP**

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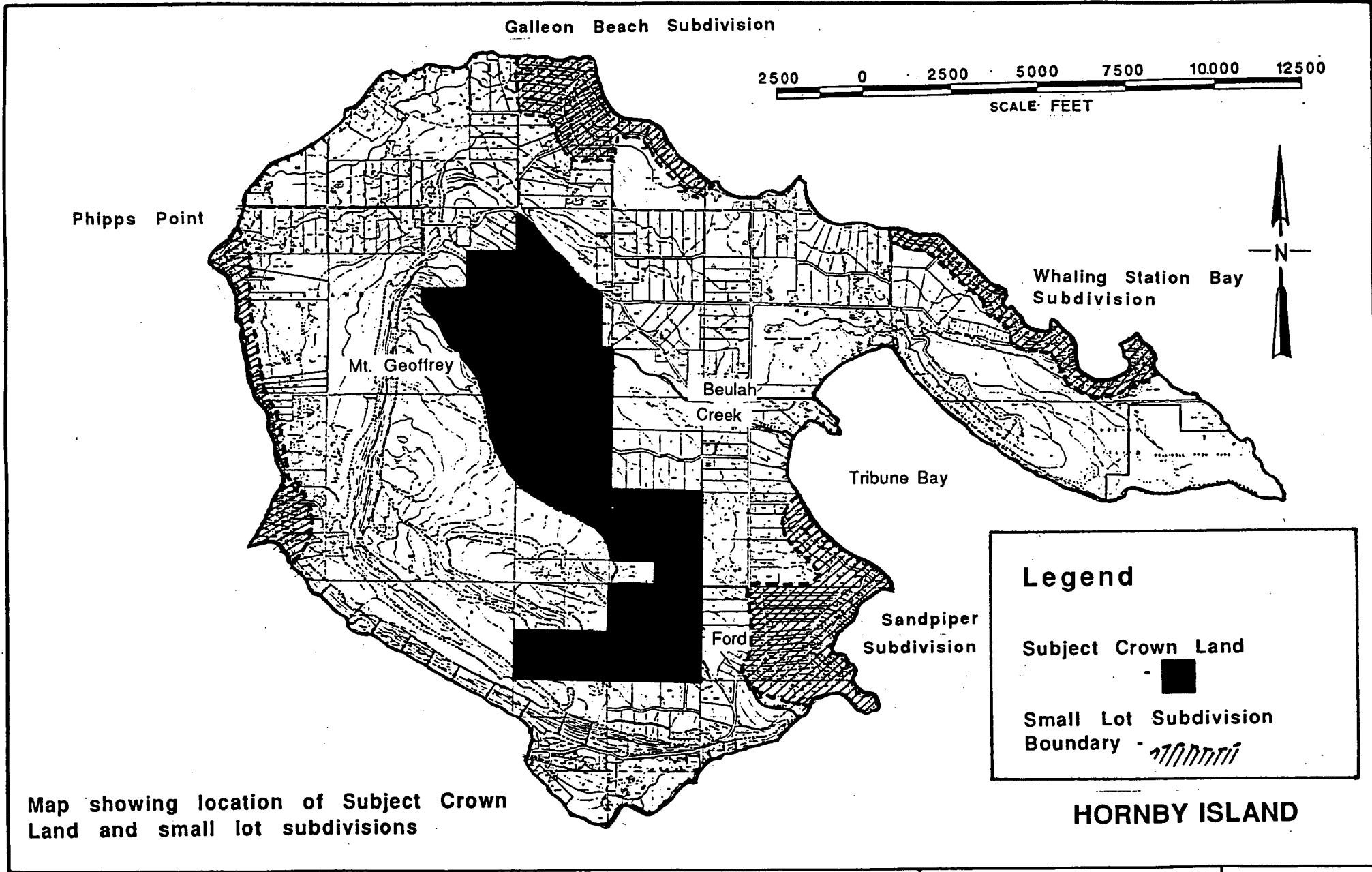
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Map showing location of Subject Crown Land and small lot subdivisions

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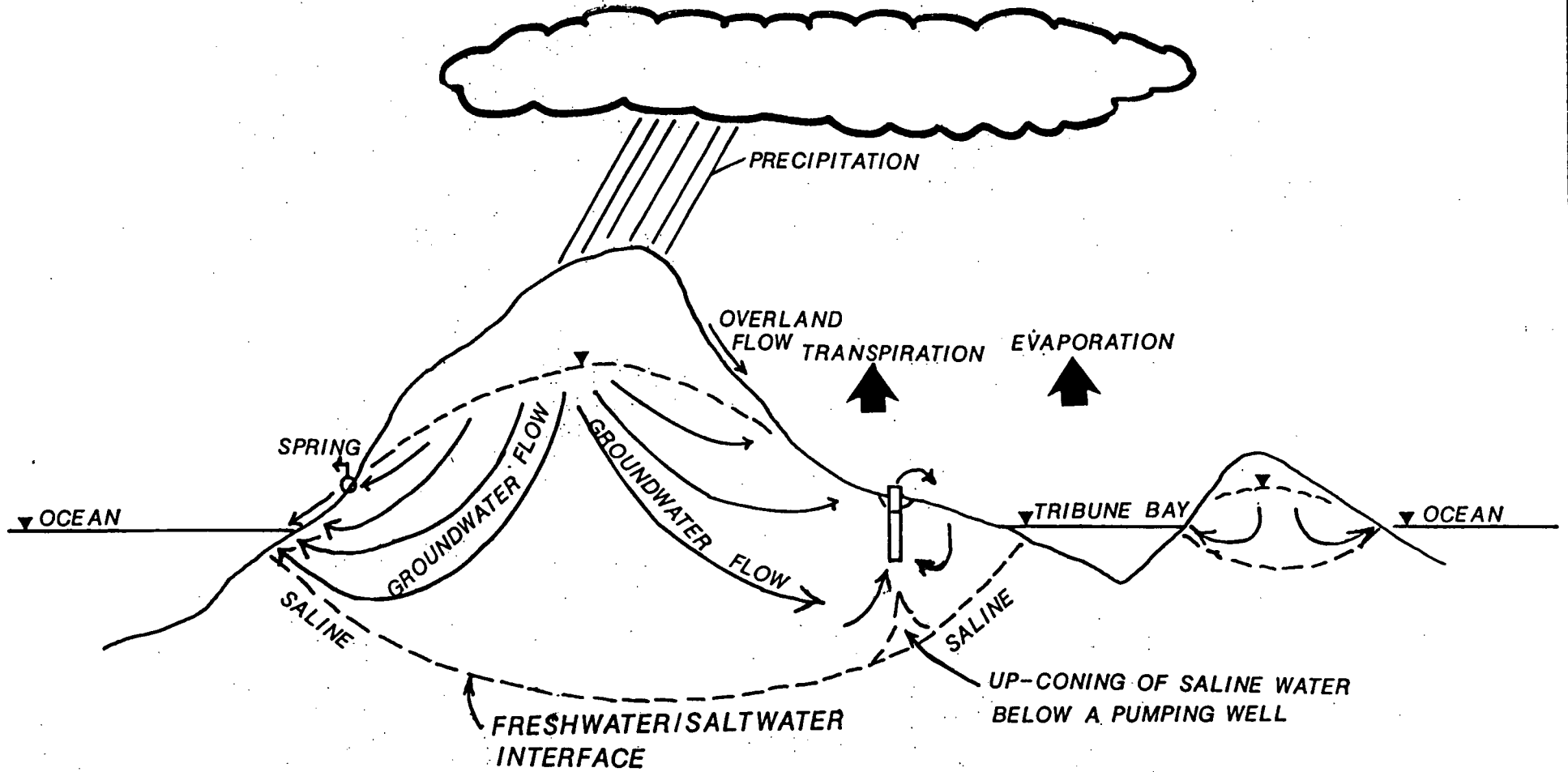
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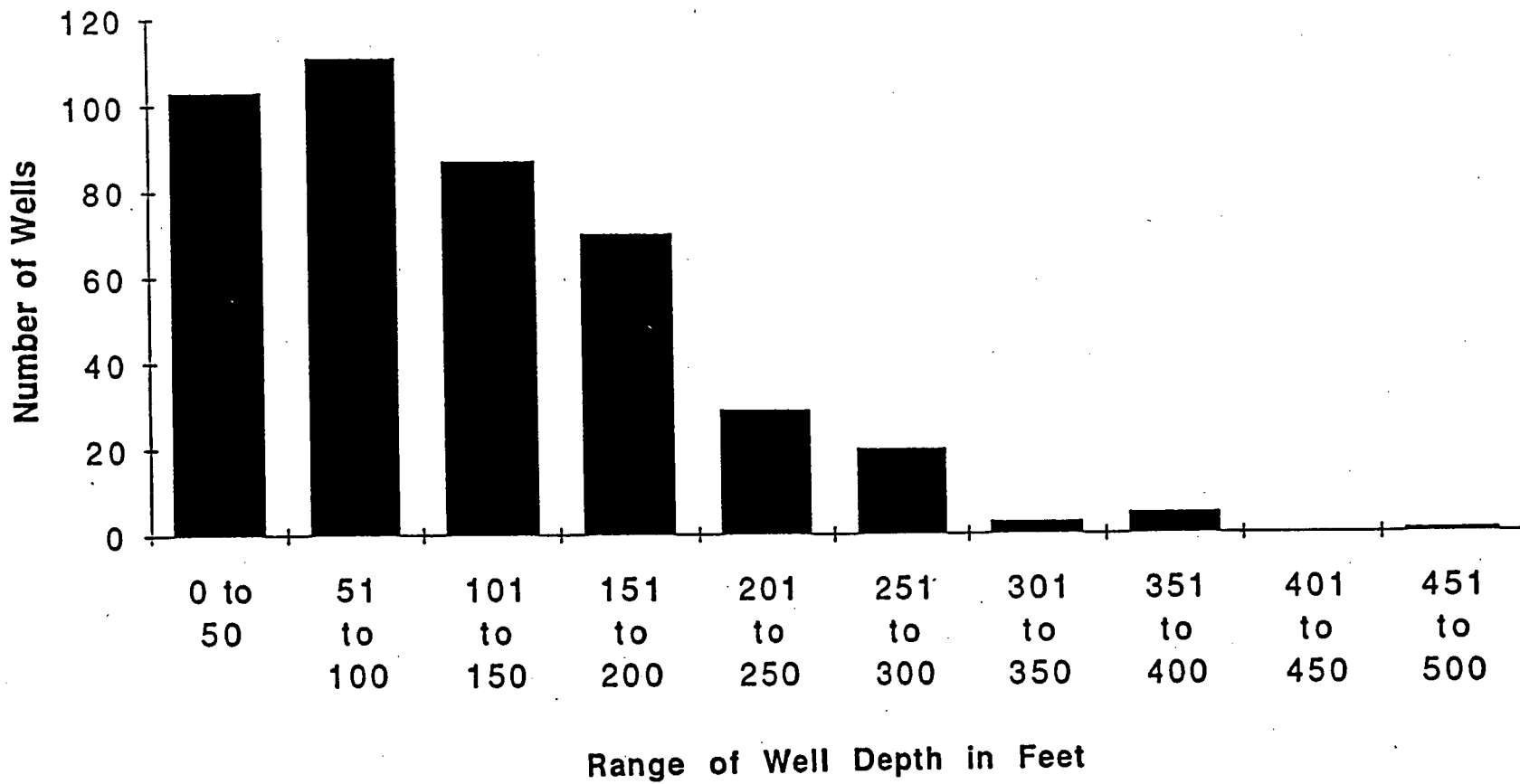


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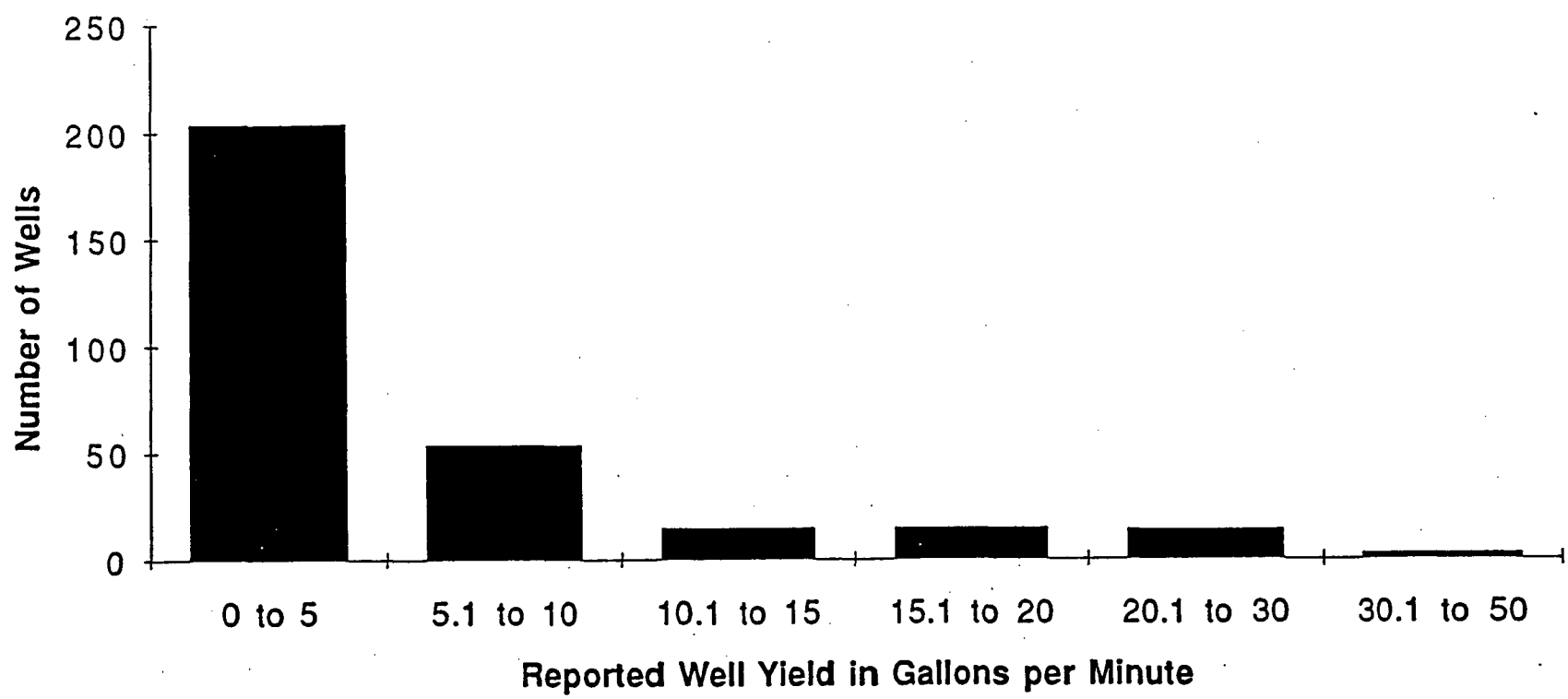
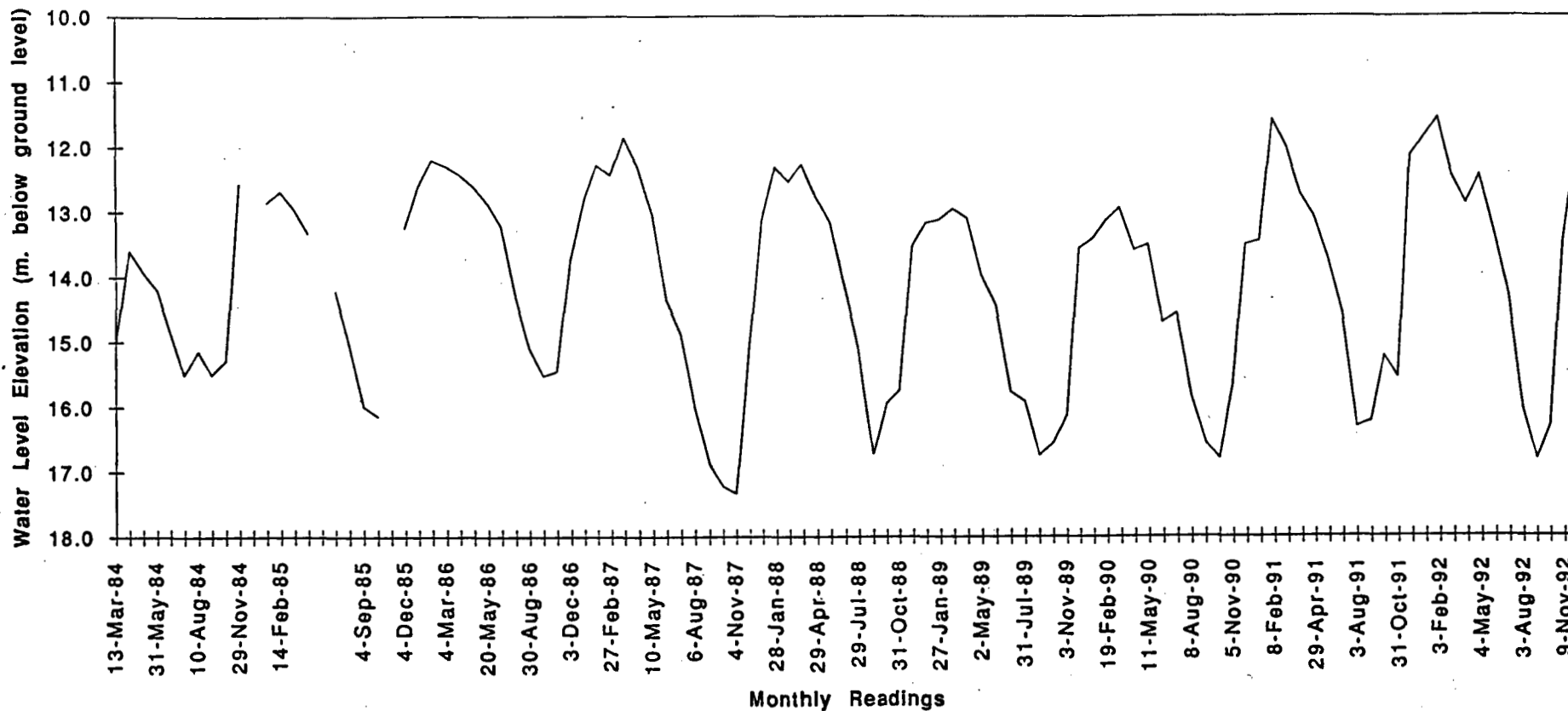


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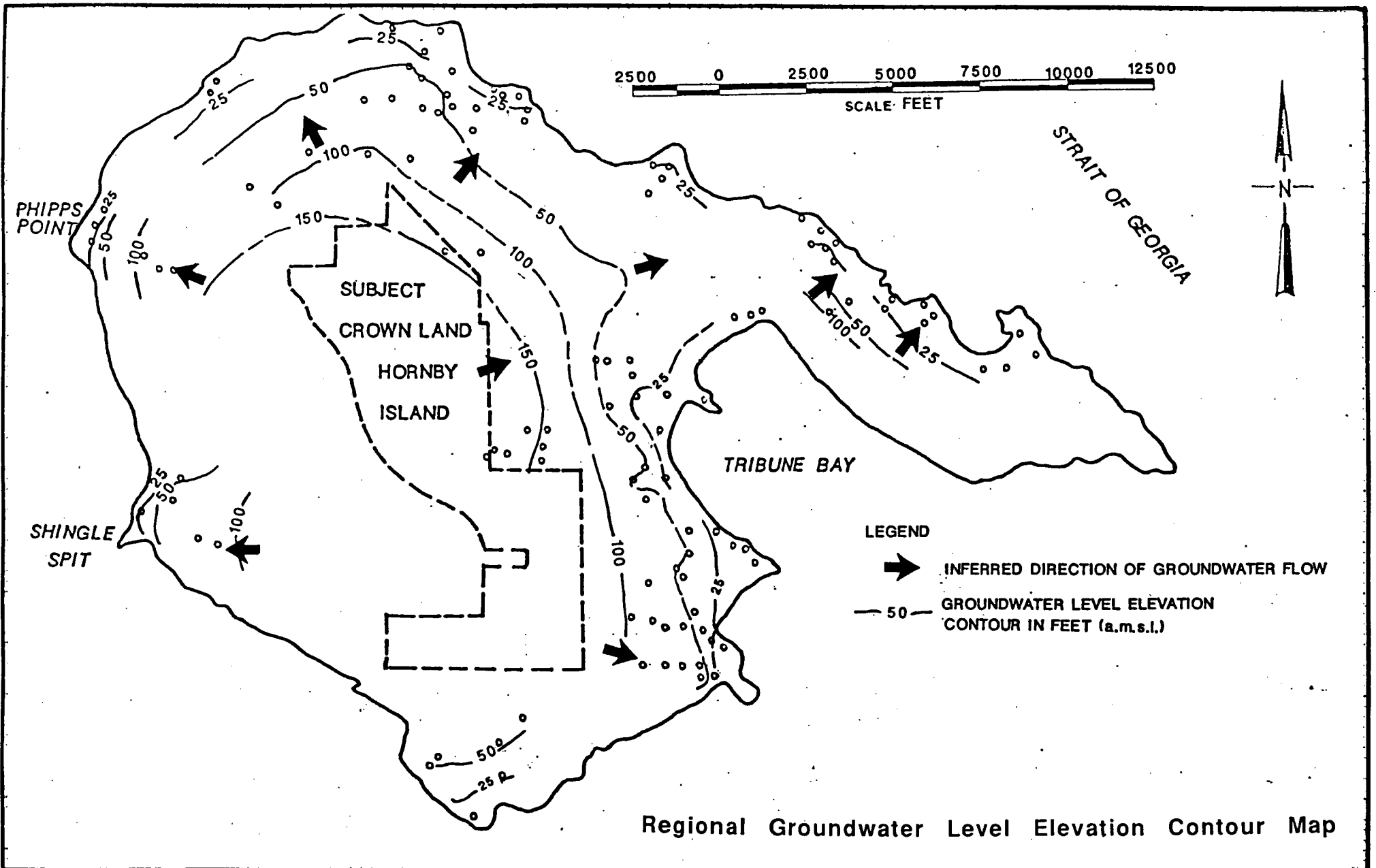
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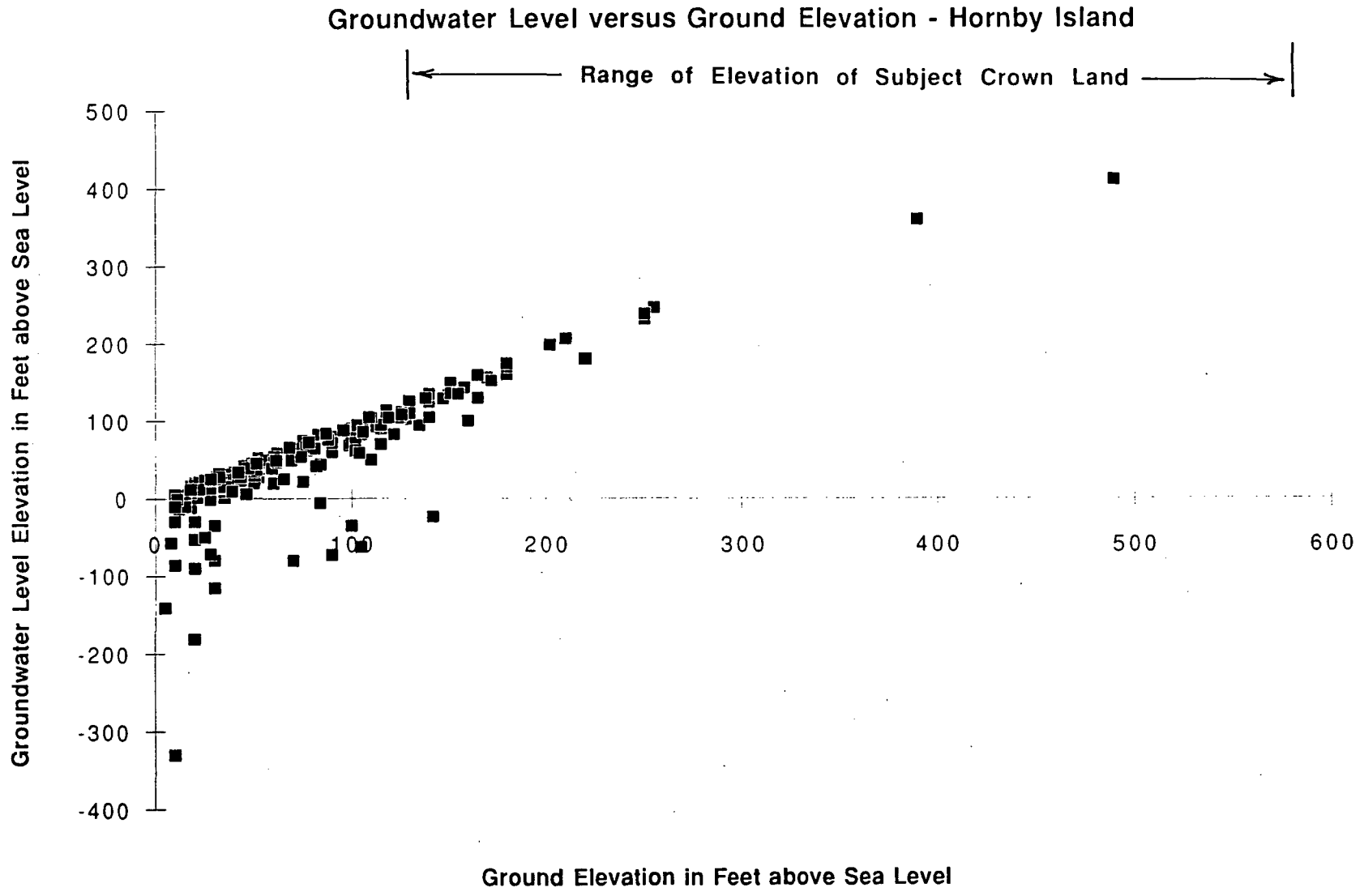
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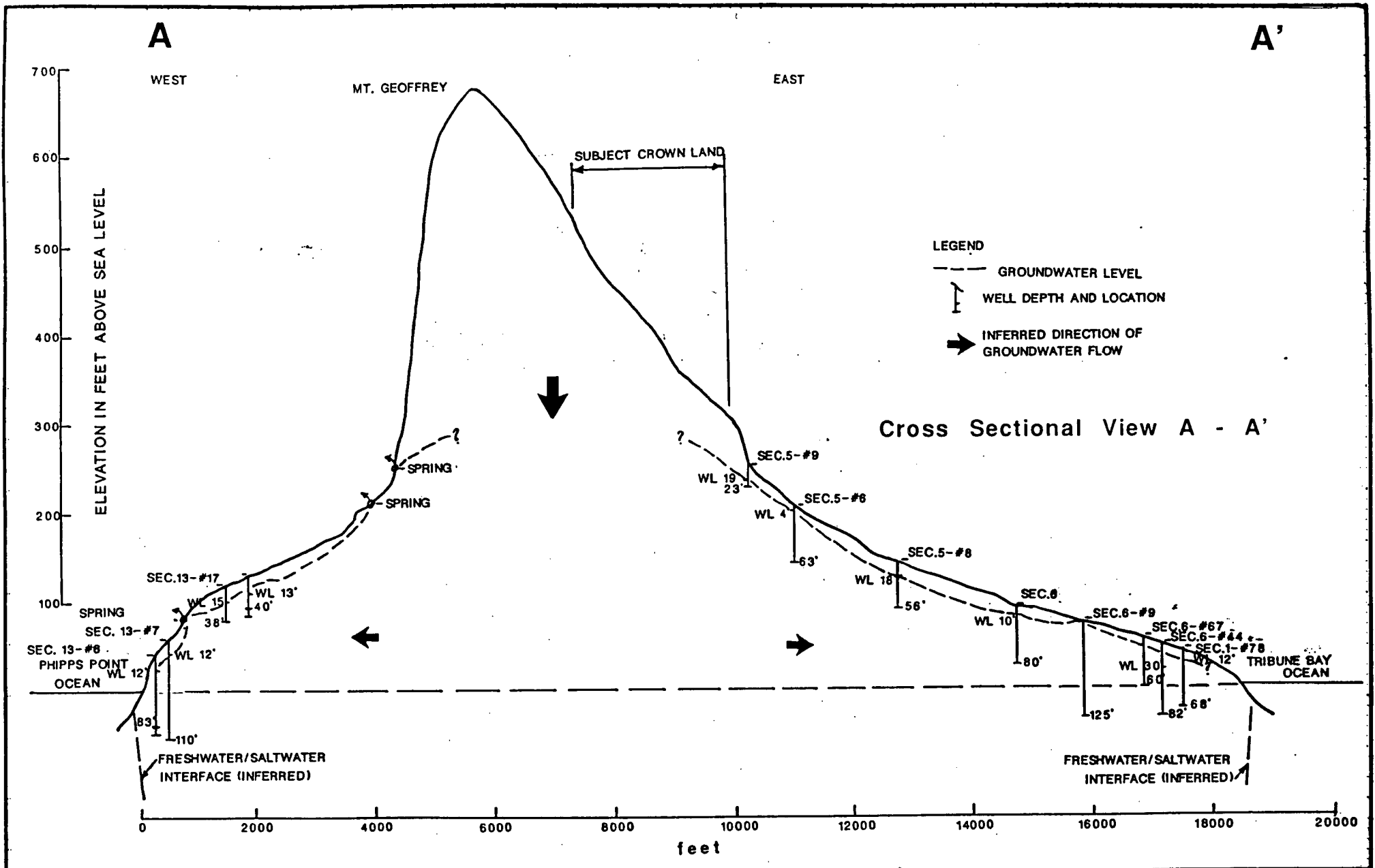


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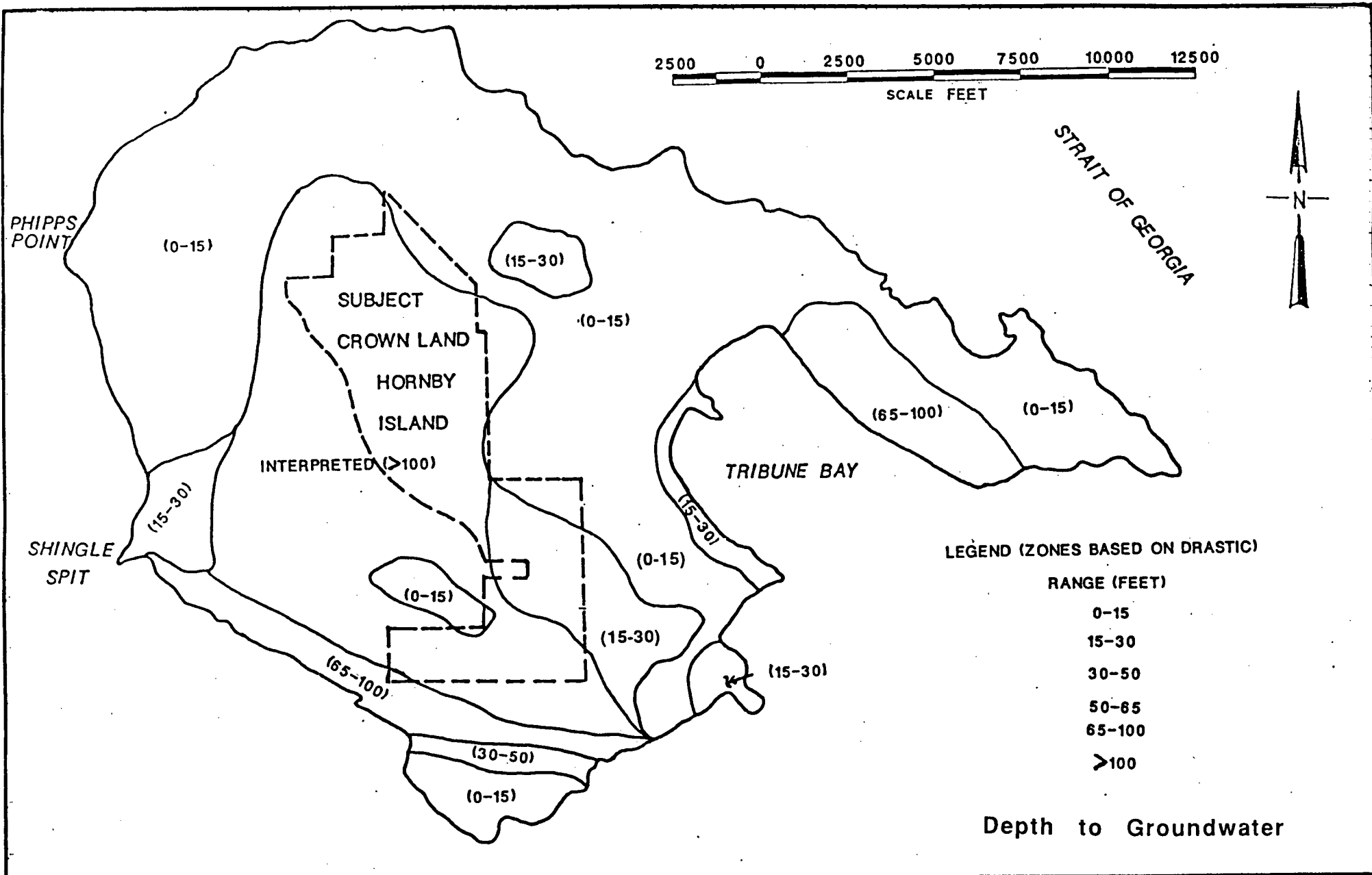




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**LEGEND (ZONES BASED ON DRASTIC)**

**RANGE (FEET)**

- 0-15
- 15-30
- 30-50
- 50-65
- 65-100
- >100

**Depth to Groundwater**



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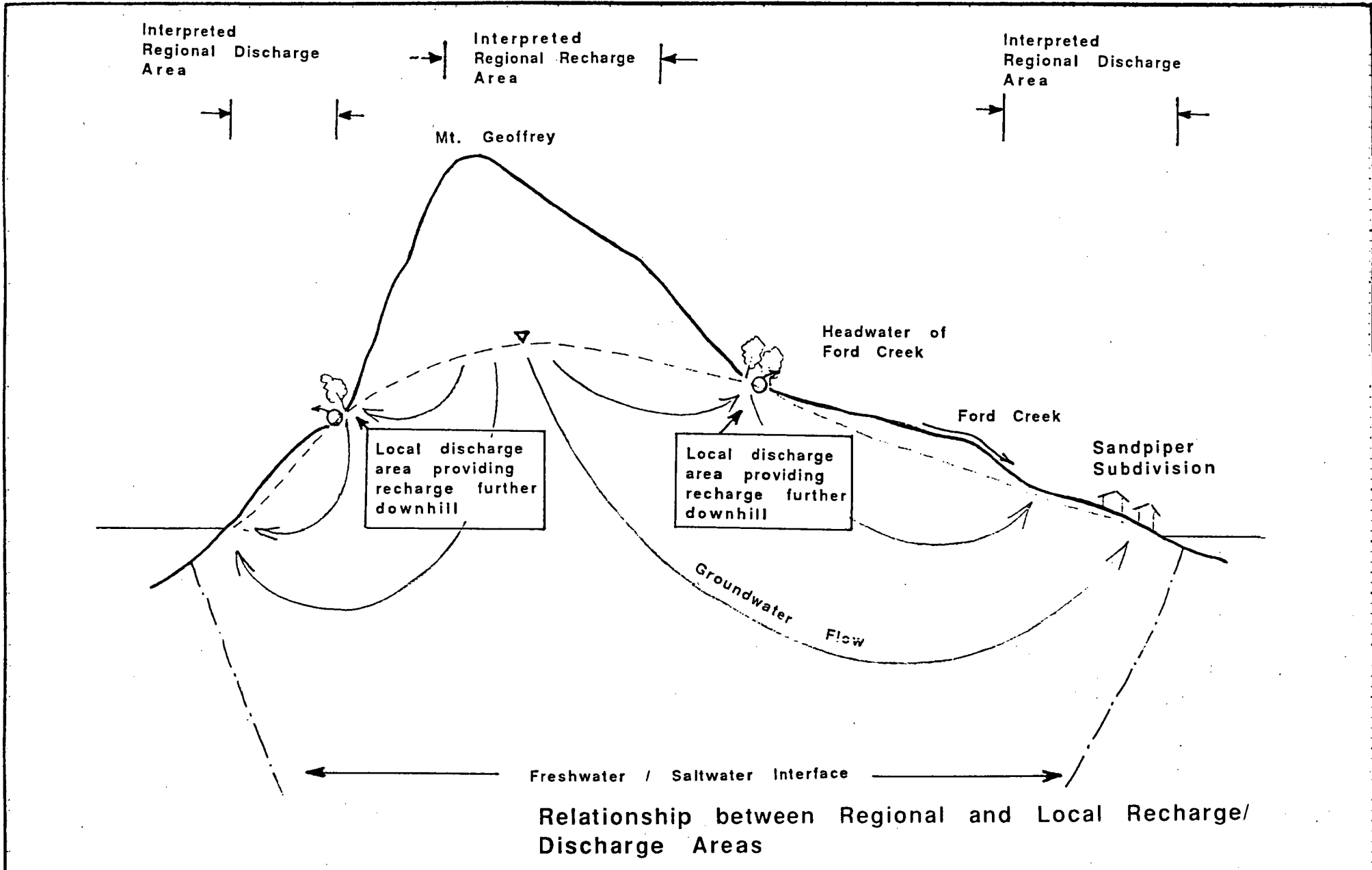
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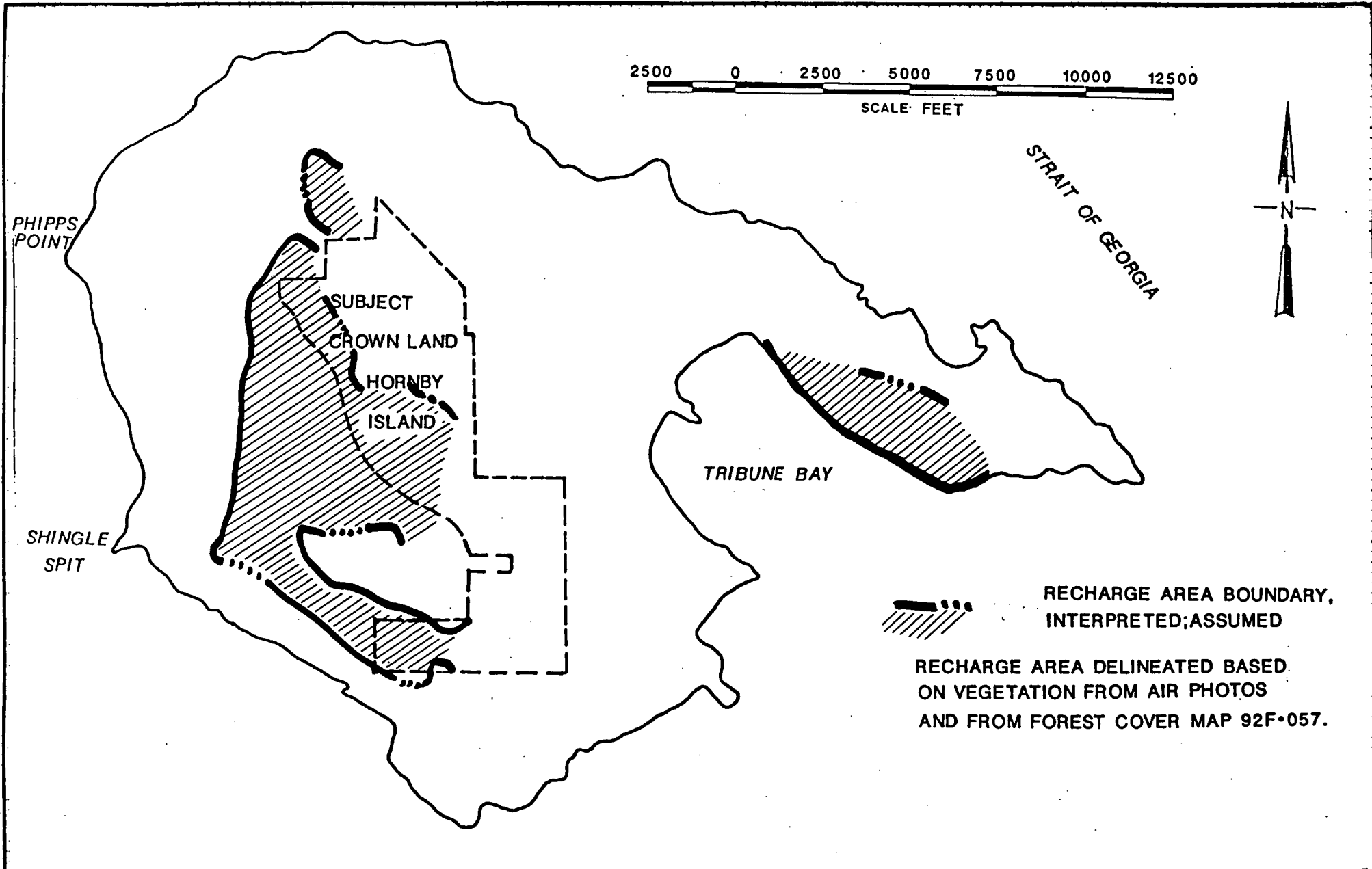


Relationship between Regional and Local Recharge/ Discharge Areas


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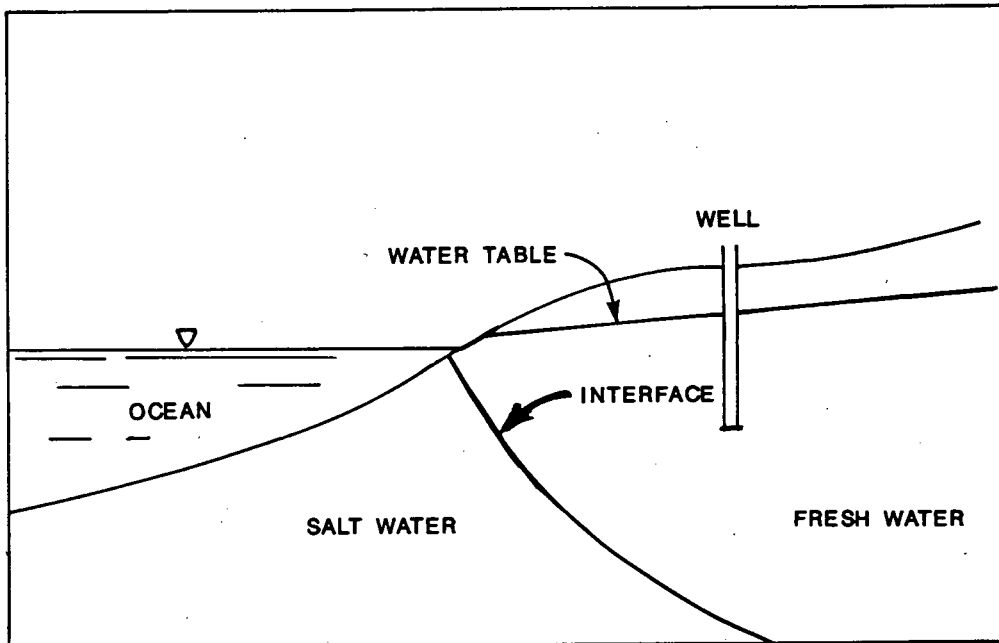


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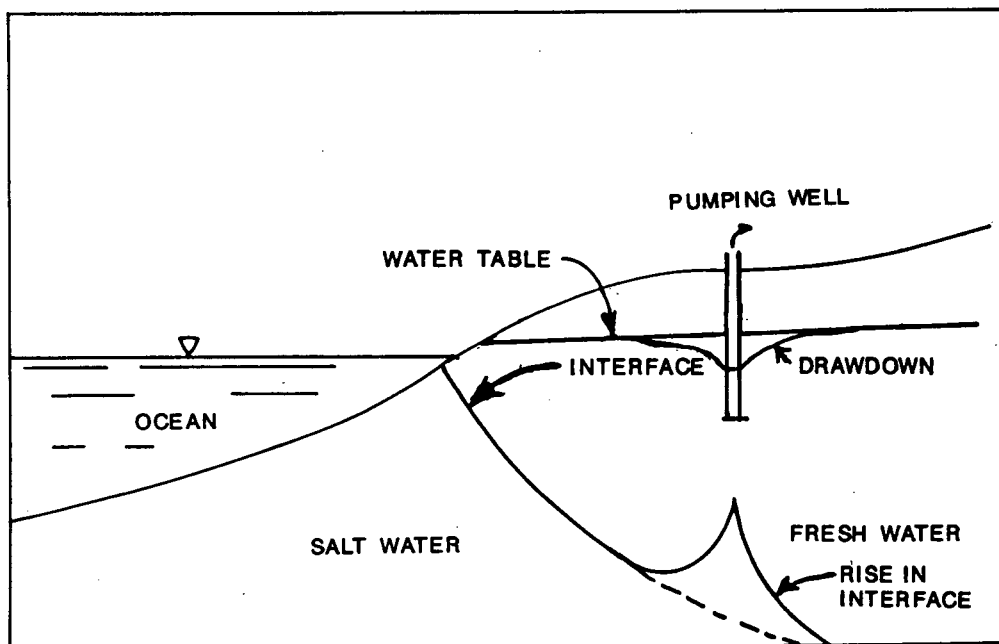
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# Fresh water / Salt water Interface Relationship - Hornby Island

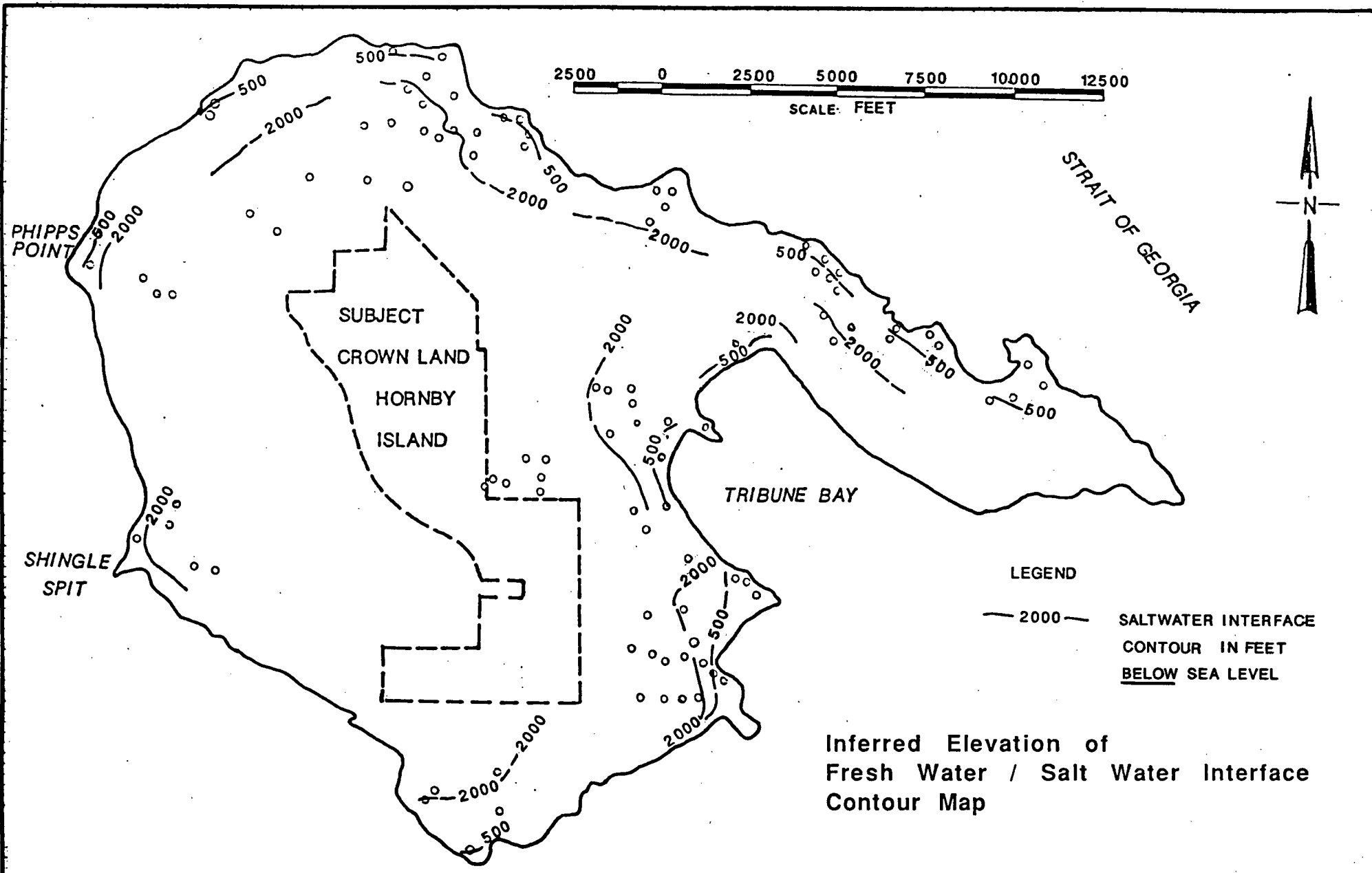


During non-pumping conditions, for every foot (metre) the water table is above sea level, the freshwater/saltwater interface is 40-45 feet (40-45 metres) below sea level.



During pumping conditions, for every foot (metre) of drawdown of the water table, the freshwater/saltwater interface rises 40-45 feet (40-45 metres).

Figure 15



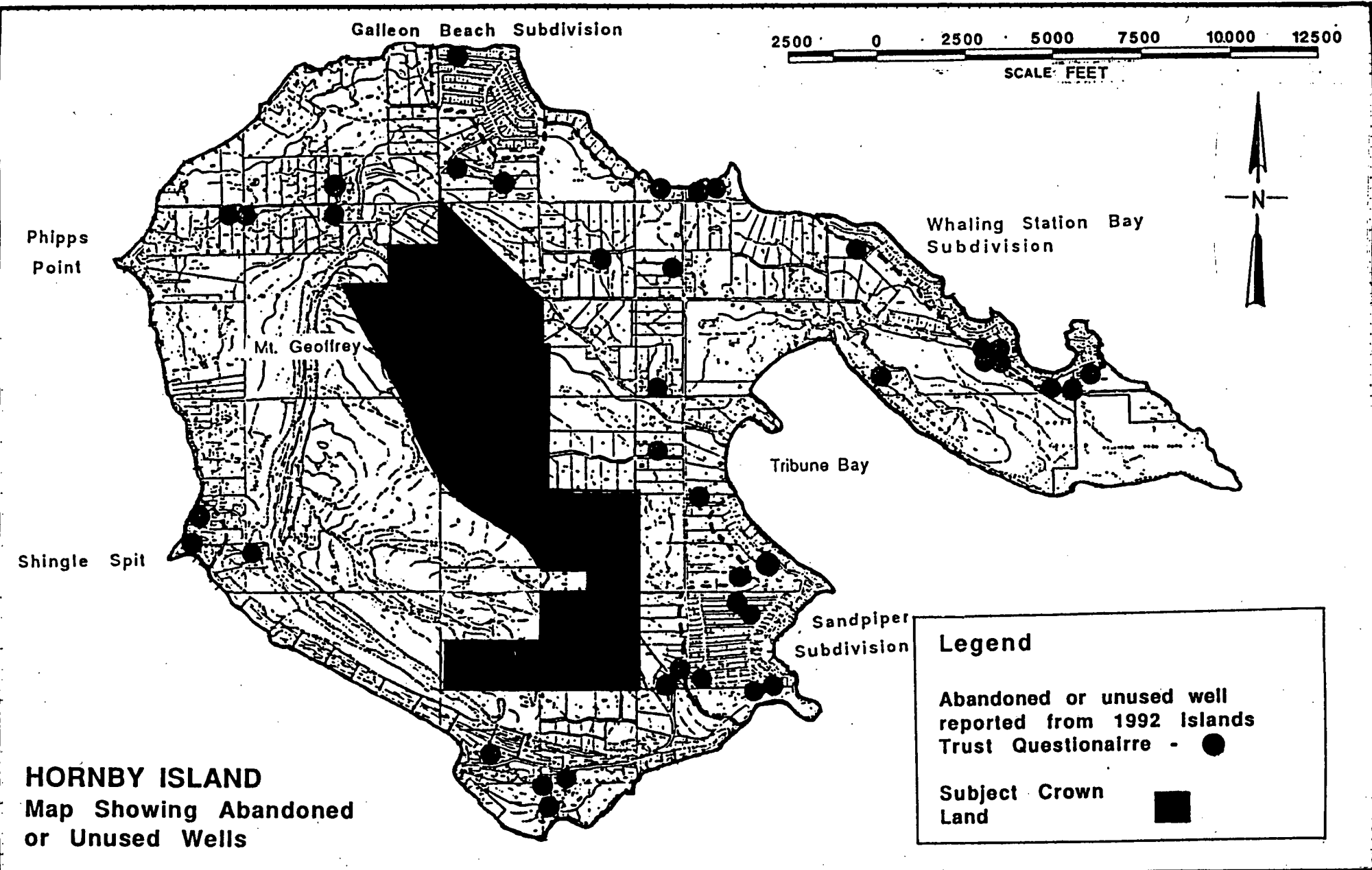
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Table 1 - Hornby Island Bedrock Formation Summary (based on Muller and Jeletzky, 1970)

BEDROCK FORMATION	PRINCIPAL LITHOLOGY	COMMENTS
GABRIOLA	medium-coarse grained massive sandstone with minor conglomerate lenses	The "Hornby" conglomerate of the Comox Basin contains sandstone, pebbly sandstone, and massive conglomerate. The beds of St. John Point on Hornby Island are estimated to be 600 to 800 feet thick. Underlies Whaling Station Bay.
SPRAY	shale and resistant sandstone	Outcrops observed north of Shingle Spit, Hornby Island. Section at Tribune Bay is 950 feet thick. The name "Spray" applied to shales partly outcropping on and underlying Tribune Bay. Spray Point is a resistant sandstone ledge projecting into the middle of Tribune Bay.
GEOFFREY	coarse conglomerate with minor sandstone	In the Comox Basin, the Northumberland Formation is overlain by the Geoffrey Formation.
NORTHCUMBERLAND	Shale	In the Comox Basin, the Northumberland Formation outcrops on the northeast coast of Denman Island and the southwest coast of Hornby Island. Less than 200 feet is exposed on Hornby Island.
DECOURCEY	Brown-grey massive sandstone with shale layers	In the Comox Basin, the DeCourcy Formation occurs at Norman Point and at Norris rocks, Hornby Island.

Table 2		Small Lot Subdivision Well Record Summary - Hornby Island				
Area	No. of Wells	Depth Range (feet)	Average Depth (feet)	Deepest Well (feet)	Range of Yield (gpm)*	Median Yield (gpm) *
Sandpiper	132	10 - 500	129	500	0.2 - 30	5 gpm
Galleon Beach	56	3 - 300	131	300	0.03 - 20	3 gpm
Whaling Station Bay	85	7 - 392	162	392	0 .07 - 20	2 gpm
Shingle Spit-Phipps Pt.	30	12 - 340	93	340	0.33 - 36	5 gpm
* Most reported yields are based on short term bail tests						

<b>Table 3</b>	<b>Examples of Land Use Activities Subject to Restriction to Sustain</b>				
	<b>Groundwater Quantity and Quality</b>				
	Construction Excavation, quarrying, soil removal				
	Burning				
	Commercial, Industrial and Residential Development				
	Extensive Logging				
	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations				
	Intensive Farming and Fertilizer and Pesticide Application				
	Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste Storage Tanks				
	Materials Stockpiling and Storage				
	Waste Disposal including landfills				
	Open Dumps				
	Cemetaries				
	Golf Courses				
	Extensive Road Development				
	Ditching and Drainage Works				
	Modification of Natural Drainage Features				



Appendix A

Hornby Island Well Record Data

HORNB Y ISLAND - WELL RECORD DATA																
BCGS MAP	NO.	OLD NO.	LOT	PLAN	SEC.	WELL DEPTH (feet)	WAT. DEPTH (ft. bel. t.c)	LAND ELEV (ft.ab. s.l.)	W.T. ELEV. (ft.ab. s.l.)	BED DEPTH (ft. bel. g.l.)	YIELD	UNIT	CONST DATE	LAB CHEM	SITE ID	FIELD CHEM
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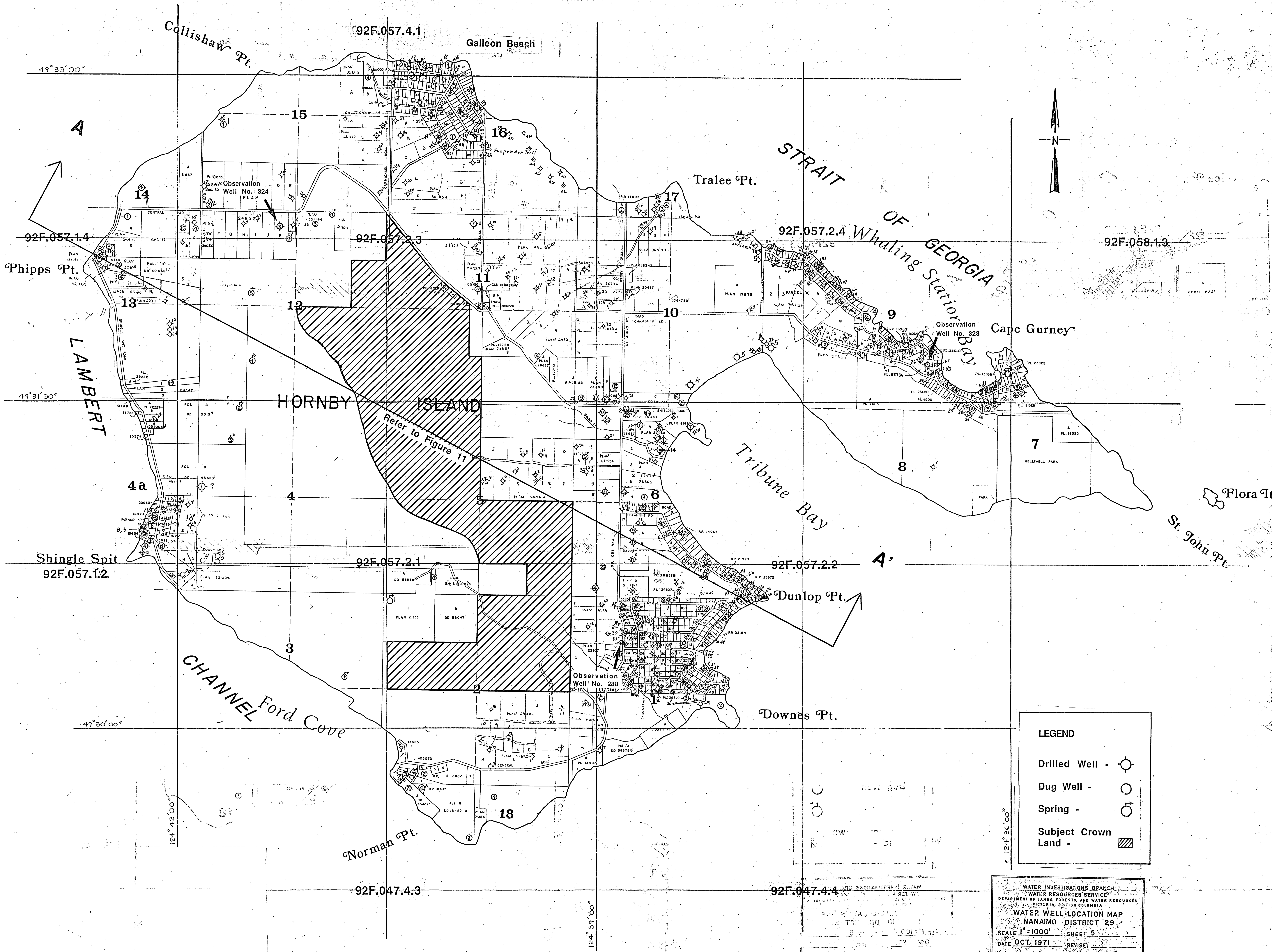
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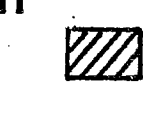
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**LEGEND**

- Drilled Well - 
- Dug Well - 
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- Subject Crown Land - 

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Figure 5