

# Geologic Map of the Washington Portion of the Cape Flattery 1:100,000 Quadrangle

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## INTRODUCTION

This map of the Cape Flattery 1:100,000-scale quadrangle was compiled to support construction of the northeast quadrant of the 1:250,000-scale geologic map of Washington (Drogosz and others, 2002). The quadrangle is situated in the extreme northwest corner of the Washington State. This map is available electronically as a series of digital geographic information system (GIS) coverages, which can be obtained by contacting the Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources, P.O. Box 47007, Olympia, WA 98542-7007; phone (360) 962-1450; fax (360) 962-1785; e-mail geology@wadnr.gov.

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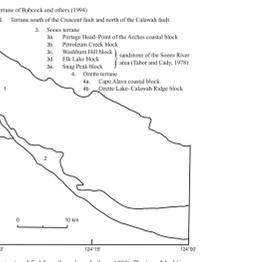


Figure 1. Tectonic block boundaries (modified from Sawley and others, 1993). The term 'block' is used to denote discrete tectonically bounded sequences within a specific tectonic terrane. Some tectonic units within individual blocks correlate with units in adjacent blocks or other terranes.

## DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

- Quaternary Sedimentary Deposits**
- NONGLACIAL DEPOSITS**
- Qa Beach deposits (Holocene)**—Sand and (or) gravel with minor shell fragments and minor calcareous debris; clasts are typically well-sorted.
- Qb Alluvium (Holocene and Pleistocene?)**—Sorted combination of silt, sand, and gravel deposited in stream and river beds; surface relatively undisturbed by stream incision; clasts are of low-lying river terraces, alluvial fans, and lacustrine and landslide deposits. Most alluvium is Holocene age, but some, particularly along the Sol Duc River, may be Pleistocene.
- Qc Landslide debris (Holocene and Pleistocene)**—Poorly sorted and clastically mixed silt, silt, sand, and gravel in debris flows, which locally include large coherent blocks along Strait of Juan de Fuca; mapped only where readily discernible.
- CONTINENTAL GLACIAL DEPOSITS OF THE FRASER GLACIATION**
- Qgl Ladiniferated alluvium (Pleistocene)**—Laminated, well-sorted, well-sorted silt, sand, and gravel in debris flows, which locally include large coherent blocks along Strait of Juan de Fuca; mapped only where readily discernible.
- Qg2 Glacial drift (Pleistocene)**—Till and outwash deposits from continental and alpine glaciers; locally includes lacustrine deposits and glacial deposits modified by stream terracing; in most places, contains between glacial drift and bedrock is locally.
- Qg1 Chalcocite deposits (Pleistocene)**—Laminated sand, silt, and clay with disseminated diagenetic deposits deposited on proglacial lake, about 2 mi east of the south end of Osette Lake.

- Qgr Gravelly till (Pleistocene)**—Unsorted, unstratified, compact mixture of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and boulders deposited by the Juan de Fuca lobe of the Cordilleran ice sheet; may contain interbedded stratified sand, silt, and gravel. The Juan de Fuca lobe of the Cordilleran ice sheet occupied the Strait of Juan de Fuca and covered the western Olympic Peninsula from about 15,000 to 10,000 years (Hessner, 1973; and Gower and Langley, 2000). A radiocarbon date of wood collected from till in the Delkey River drainage during this study yielded an age of 13,200 ± 170 yr BP. In the same region, Hessner (1973) also reported dates from wood till that range from about 11,010 to 13,300 yr BP. Hessner (1973) interpreted the younger ages to suggest that the dated wood originated from trees growing on land that subsequently collapsed, burying the trees in an alluvial channel, implying a glacial stagnation of the ice in the region over nearly two millennia.
- Qgt Tuffaceous sandstone (Pleistocene)**—Thin to thick-bedded, graded, lenticular, calcareous sandstone and fine-grained sandstone, well-indurated near the Crescent fault. Siltstone beds are intensely sheared and locally contain abundant volcanic ash and tuffaceous sandstone. Sparse foraminifera from siltstone beds are assigned to the upper Nazarian or upper Upliftian stages by W. W. Rau (in Sawley and others, 1993). Locally divided into:
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- Qic Siltstone and sandstone of Watch Quary (middle Eocene)**—Thin-bedded siltstone with irregular interbeds of fine-grained gray sandstone; mudstone and siltstone; includes pebbles and pebbles of mafic sandstone and siltstone; conglomerate clasts derived from underlying Hoback Lake unit (Eva); channel deposits of coarse to medium-grained lithic and quartzose feldspathic sandstone (unit Eba); and a few siltstone and fine-grained sandstone units up to 3 m thick over non-bed of the sequence. Foraminifera are assigned to the upper Nazarian or upper Upliftian stages by W. W. Rau (in Sawley and others, 1993). Used to represent a facies of the Alder-Fox Formation (unit Epa).
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