

- This map has been compiled from the following sources:
1) John Decker and Susan Karl - field mapping, July, Aug., and Sept., 1977.
2) John Decker, Neil Lundberg, and Susan Karl - field mapping, May, June, July, Aug., and Sept., 1978.
3) Bruce R. Johnson, Susan Karl and others - unpublished field mapping, 1978 and 1979.
4) Robert A. Loney, Henry C. Berg, David A. Brew, and John S. Pomeroy - unpublished field mapping, 1961.
5) Loney and others, 1975.
6) Reed and Coats, 1941.
7) Rossman, 1959.
8) Photogeologic compilations by John Decker, 1977 and 1978; and by J.N. Platt, K-Ar age determinations are by Fredric H. Wilson and Donald L. Turner (Decker and others, 1980).
9) Radiolarian age determinations are by Susan Karl and David L. Jones.
10) Biotite age determinations are by David L. Jones.

NOTE:

The textural grades used in this report are based on field observations mainly of argillite and schist with minor sandstone, conglomerate, and volcanic flow rocks and breccia, that have been subjected to low grade regional metamorphism of zeolite, prehnite-pumpellyite, greenschist, and blueschist facies. The 5 textural grades are in order of increasing metamorphic intensity (+grade(?)) and are defined as follows:

TEXTURAL GRADE 1-Weakly to unrecrystallized-generally massive with no metamorphic foliation or observable minerals developed, and no metamorphic segregations or layering. Original textures, structures and minerals are locally preserved. Metamorphic effects include cataclastic fracture foliation, slaty cleavage, and a light greenish color in the metavolcanic rocks, probably caused by incipient sericite, chlorite, and epidote minerals. Approximately equal to CHLORITE SUBZONE 1 of Hutton and Turner (1936), and to the lower GRAYWACKE TEXTURAL ZONE 2 of Blake and others (1967).

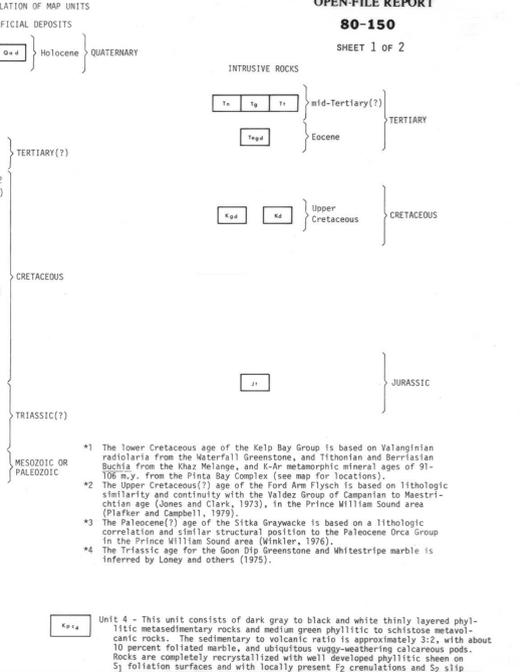
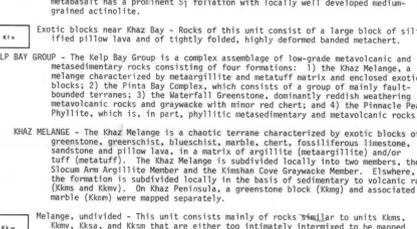
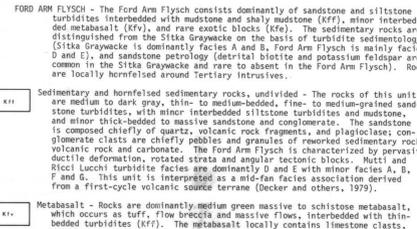
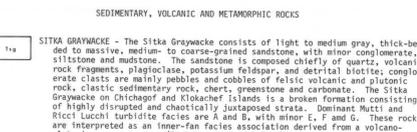
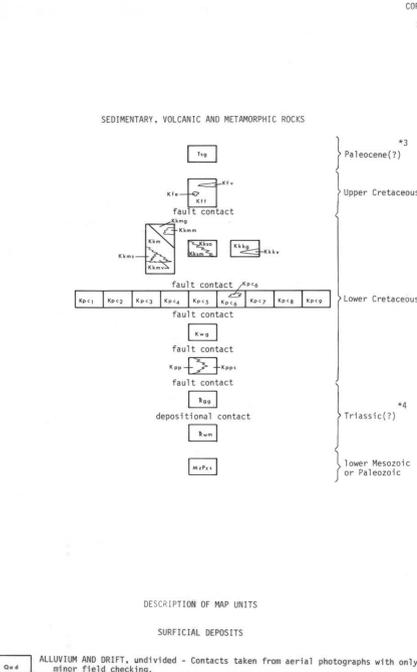
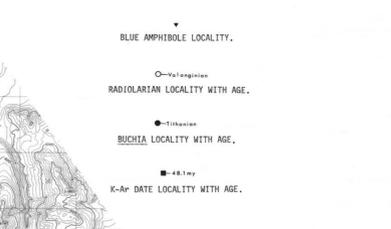
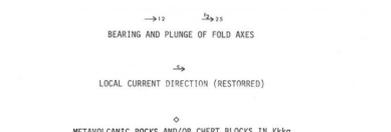
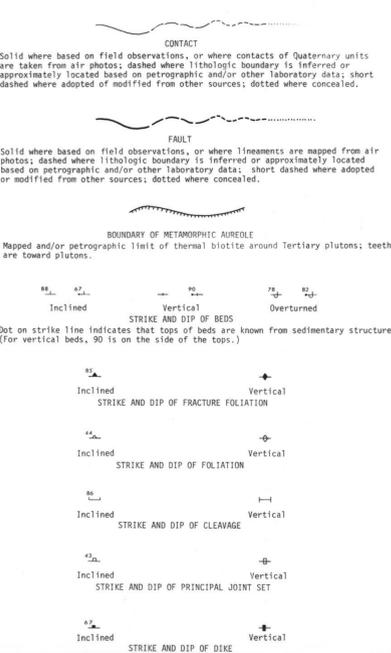
TEXTURAL GRADE 2-Very weakly foliated to massive-with incipient metamorphic foliation developed only in originally layered rocks and only well displayed on weathered surfaces. The foliation is generally difficult to measure and the rock usually breaks across the foliation. Originally massive rocks (flow, breccia, dikes, sandstone) are generally still massive but are very dense and hard. Metavolcanic rocks are generally light green, blue green, or medium green, due to very fine-grained chlorite, epidote minerals, sericite, actinolite, and/or crossite. Metavolcanic rocks are moderately recrystallized to thin alternating layers of light gray relatively pure quartz surrounded by a matrix of dark gray argillite. Probably equal to the lower CHLORITE SUBZONE 2 of Hutton and Turner (1936), and to the lower GRAYWACKE TEXTURAL ZONE 2 of Blake and others (1967).

TEXTURAL GRADE 3-Subphyllitic-has distinct metamorphic foliation, easily observed and measured on weathered surfaces. On highly weathered surfaces, the rock breaks along the foliation planes while fresh rock breaks across the foliation generally with a star-top ragged edge where the rock breaks first along one foliation surface than another for short distances. Subphyllites have no well developed phylitic sheen to foliation surfaces and no observable metamorphic minerals. Metavolcanic rocks are generally light green, blue green, or medium green, due to very fine-grained chlorite, epidote minerals, sericite, actinolite, and/or crossite. Metavolcanic rocks are moderately recrystallized to thin alternating layers of light gray relatively pure quartz and sericite, and dark gray layers composed of quartz, sericite, graphite and carbonate. Probably equal to the upper CHLORITE SUBZONE 2 of Hutton and Turner (1936), and to the upper GRAYWACKE TEXTURAL ZONE 3 of Blake and others (1967).

TEXTURAL GRADE 4-Phyllitic-has a well developed metamorphic foliation, and is generally fissile, especially on weathered surfaces. Metavolcanic rocks are generally medium green; metamorphic minerals are still too fine-grained to be readily distinguished with a hand lens but include sericite, actinolite, blue-green hornblende, chlorite, epidote minerals, crossite, and calcite. Metavolcanic rocks are completely recrystallized, generally thinly laminated with well developed phylitic sheen on foliation surfaces, and with locally well developed F<sub>2</sub> crenulations and S<sub>2</sub> slip cleavage. Approximately equal to the lower CHLORITE SUBZONE 3 of Hutton and Turner (1936), and to the lower GRAYWACKE TEXTURAL ZONE 3 of Blake and others (1967).

TEXTURAL GRADE 5-Fine-grained schist and phyllite-similar to TEXTURAL GRADE 4 but with identifiable metamorphic minerals, typically actinolite, muscovite blue-green hornblende, fuchsite, epidote minerals, crossite, and calcite. Metavolcanic rocks are completely recrystallized, generally thinly laminated with well developed phylitic sheen on foliation surfaces, and with locally well developed F<sub>2</sub> crenulations and S<sub>2</sub> slip cleavage. Approximately equal to the lower CHLORITE SUBZONE 4 of Hutton and Turner (1936), and to the lower GRAYWACKE TEXTURAL ZONE 3 of Blake and others (1967).

EXPLANATION



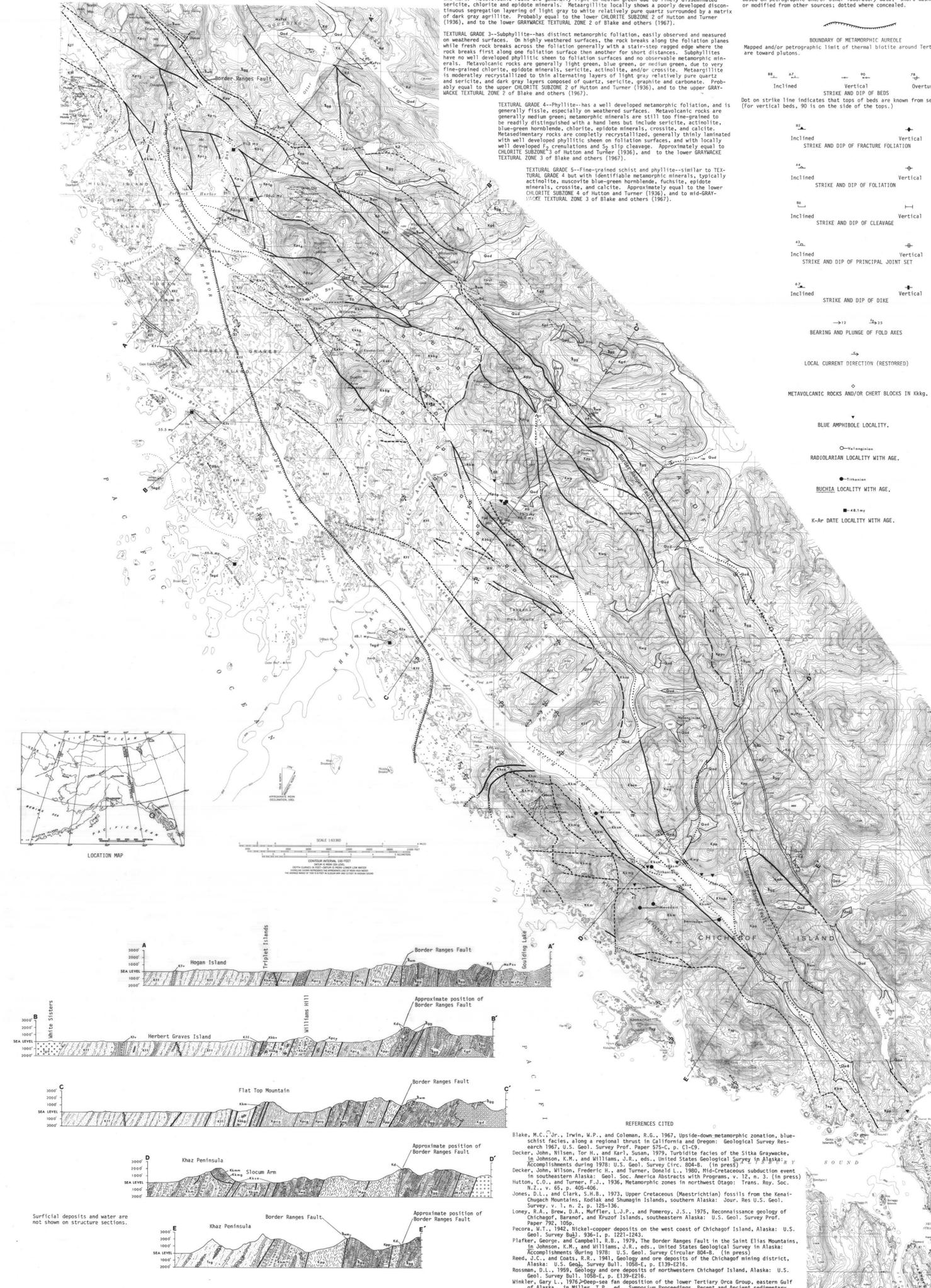
DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS
SURFICIAL DEPOSITS
ALLUVIUM AND DRIFT, undivided - Contacts taken from aerial photographs with only minor field checking.

SEDIMENTARY, VOLCANIC AND METAMORPHIC ROCKS
STIKS GRAYWACKE - The Stiks Graywacke consists of light to medium gray, thick-bedded to massive, medium- to coarse-grained sandstone, with minor conglomerate, siltstone and mudstone. The sandstone is composed chiefly of quartz, calcareous rock fragments, plagioclase, potassium feldspar, and detrital biotite, conglomerate clasts are mainly pebbles and cobbles of felsic volcanic and plutonic rock, clastic sedimentary rock, chert, greenstone and carbonate. The Stiks Graywacke on Chichagof and Kikobach Islands is a broken formation consisting of highly disrupted and chaotically juxtaposed strata. Dominant fault axes Ricci Lucchi turbidite facies are A and B, with minor facies F and G. These rocks are interpreted as an inner-fan facies association derived from a volcano-plutonic source terrane (Decker and others, 1979).

FORD ARM FLYSCH - The Ford Arm Flysch consists dominantly of sandstone and siltstone turbidites interbedded with mudstone and shaly mudstone (KFF), minor interbedded metabasalt (KFB), and rare exotic blocks (KFE). The sedimentary rocks are distinguished from the Stiks Graywacke on the basis of turbidite sedimentology (Stiks Graywacke is dominantly facies A and B, Ford Arm Flysch is mainly facies D and E), and sandstone petrology (detrital biotite and potassium feldspar are common in the Stiks Graywacke and rare to absent in the Ford Arm Flysch). Rocks are locally hornfelsed around Tertiary intrusives.

SEDIMENTARY, VOLCANIC AND METAMORPHIC ROCKS
KHAZ MELANGE - The Khaz Melange is a chaotic terrane characterized by exotic blocks of greenstone, greenschist, blueschist, marble, chert, fossiliferous limestone, sandstone and pillow lava, a matrix of argillite (metasiltstone) and/or tuff (metatuff). The Khaz Melange is subdivided locally into two members, the Slocum Arm Argillite Member and the Kishman Cove Graywacke Member. The lower member is subdivided locally in the basis of sedimentary to volcanic ratio (Kkm and Kkw). In the Khaz Peninsula, a greenstone block (Kkg) and associated marble (Kkm) were mapped separately.

Melange, undivided - This unit consists mainly of rocks similar to units Kkm, Kkw, Kkg, and Kkm that are either too intricately interbedded to be mapped separately, or are in areas that were not studied in sufficient detail to subdivide units, or are in unstudied areas mapped as Khaz Formation by Loney and others (1975).



GEOLOGIC MAP OF WESTERN CHICHAGOF ISLAND, SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA  
BY JOHN DECKER  
1980

Base maps by U.S. Geological Survey  
Stika (B-6, C-6, C-7, D-7), 1951.

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