

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
Juneau

The McKecknie Prospect. - *188112-15*
Howard Bay
Juneau Precinct.

Examined by J. G. Shepard.
May 1926.

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Showing upper cut
and position of
vein.



Showing strike of vein
from the beach

Minerals observed were Chalcopyrite, sphalerite, a small amount of pyrite, and possibly a small amount of tetrahedrite.

The accompanying sketch shows sample values and locations.

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Excerpt from
Annual Report of the Territorial Mine Inspector
to the Governor of Alaska - 1921 (p. 48)
(B. D. Stewart, Territorial Mine Inspector)

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HOWARD BAY PROSPECTS:

Howard Bay is a small inlet at the extreme southerly end of the peninsula bordering Lynn Canal on the west and terminating in Icy Strait at Point Couverdeen. Its entrance lies almost directly across Chatham Strait from the mouth of Funder Bay on Admiralty Island. Prospecting work was conducted in this vicinity during several months of the year for Juneau parties. On a small high-tide island at the head of the bay a ledge carrying silver, lead and zinc was developed for two or three hundred feet along its strike by means of open cuts and shallow shafts.

Prospecting was also carried on in the mountainous region bordering the head of the bay, but no finds of particular importance were reported.

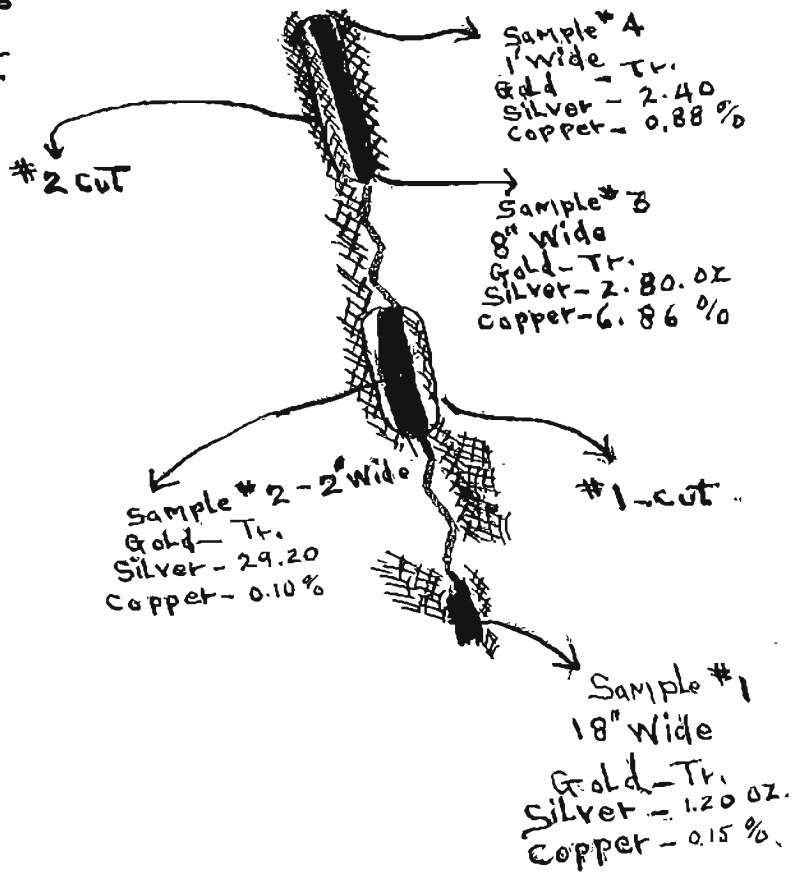
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Sketch Showing
Cuts and Vein Samples
AT
McKecknie Prospect
Howard Bay

May 1926 By
J. G. Shepard
U. S. G. S.

Scale
1" = 10'



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June 17, 1926.

Mr. J. G. Shepard,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Juneau, Alaska.

425⁰ W by dear Shepard;

Your samples received yesterday by express have been assayed for gold and silver, with results as follows:

Sample	oz. per ton Gold	Silver
Cox #1	3.04	0.40 - 13' NW of #4 sample - 10' wide
Cox #2	1.12	0.30 H.W. Exposure of vein
Cox #3	trace	trace - 67' S.E. of #2 sample
Cox #4	15.28	2.40 - S.E. end of vein Expos. 10' W. dy
McKecknie 1	trace	29.20
McKecknie 2	trace	1.20
McKecknie 3	trace	2.80
McKecknie 4	trace	3.40
McKecknie, Dump	trace	36.20
Smith #1	0.12	11.90 across 1' ledge on surface,

The other determinations asked for will be made as soon as possible, probably within a week.

Very truly yours,

Paul Hopkins,
Anal. Chemist and Mineralogist.

HOWARD BAY
SILVERTON NO. 1 LODE

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	Au	Ag	Pb	Zn	Cu	Mn
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It was reported to Mr. Roehm that a shaft had been sunk on the deposit to a depth of 20 feet, but this, as well as the open cuts that had been dug, were filled and overgrown with vegetation and could not be sampled. The vein, which is brecciated cuts across argillite-shale and limestone-shale conglomerate bedrock. It is reported to range from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in width.

So far as we know it has never been traced beyond the tide-line limits of the small islet on which the outcrop occurs. At the time of Mr. Roehm's visit the property was known as the Silverton No. 1 Lode and was held by Mr. Fox and associates of Douglas. Mr. Fox has since then left Alaska and so far as we know the ground is now open,

(above undated memorandum written by B. D. Stewart)

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