

RECREATIONAL SURVEY OF HATCHERY CREEK

Accessibility to the Area

A. Boat. A boat can be the most logical means to reach the mouth of Hatchery Creek, located on the southern shore of Klawock Lake. The Forest Service maintains (rather poorly) a boat launch area, 9 mile Hollis Road. At present there are no ~~sights~~ ^{sites} where a person could launch a boat from a trail r.

B. Vehicle. Any make truck or auto can reach the boat launch from either Hollis, Craig, or Klawock. No roads are available to Hatchery Creek.

C. Aircraft. Charter from Ketchikan by float plane to Klawock Lake or daily ~~runs~~ ^{flights} from Ketchikan to Klawock or Craig.

D. Foot. No foot trails lead to the creek.

Fishability of the Area

In the lower one-fourth mile of Hatchery Creek the stream passes through a meadow of tall grasses and some red alder; this section provides excellent fishing from the banks. The stream here is deep (6 feet) and its widest is approximately 20 feet. There is little, if any, deadfalls that would obstruct fishing. Above this area of marshy meadow devils club, salmon-berry, and windfalls make fishing from the banks more difficult. Pools are small and shallow and easily waded. Fishing potential is limited by overhanging alder and shrubs.

The lower one-fourth mile of this creek can be easily walked with no difficulty. It cannot be waded at this spot.

Aesthetics

On a clear day the mountains on the north shore of Klawock Lake can be seen. The mouth of Hatchery Creek provides one of the best spots to watch the sunset.

Proximity to Other Recreational Areas and Present Use

Hatchery Creek empties into Klawock Lake. Access to the creek cannot be readily gained without making use of the lake.

If the creek is being used by sport fishermen, pressure is very light. Through conversation with resident fishermen, I've come to find out that few make use of the creek.

Public cabin is maintained by the Forest Service on Klawock Lake.

Sport Fishery

Silver salmon, Dolly Varden, and cutthroat were I've trapped. Sport fishing potential lies in the first or -fourth mile from mouth of stream. Because of the openness of this section, it is best suited to early morning or evening fishing. Personal fishing experiences have proved successful for cutthroat ranging from 10"-14" long and 2-4 fish per hour. Fishing in the upper regions of creek has produced smaller fish.

Potential of Area

The lower one-fourth mile of creek is suitable for canoeing but would most likely only be used in conjunction with boating in the lake.