

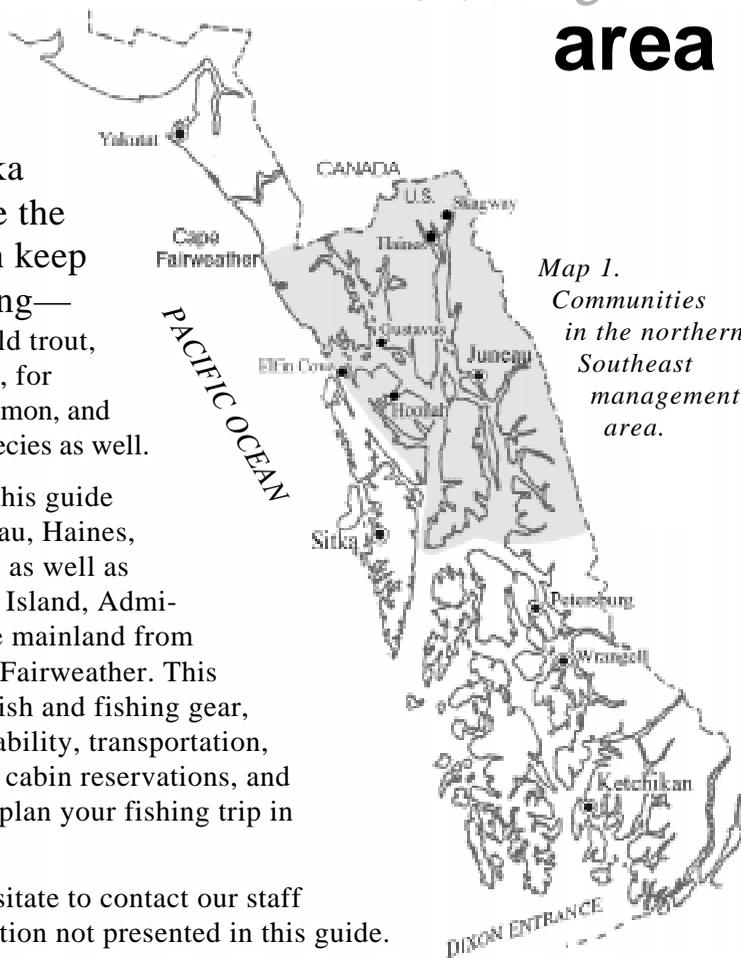
# Guide to sport fishing opportunities in the northern Southeast Alaska area



Northern Southeast Alaska is an area where the sport angler can keep busy all year long— You can fish for wild trout, salmon, and halibut, for stocked trout and salmon, and a variety of other species as well.

Information in this guide pertains to the Juneau, Haines, and Skagway areas, as well as northern Chichagof Island, Admiralty Island, and the mainland from Pt. League to Cape Fairweather. This information about fish and fishing gear, timing of fish availability, transportation, U.S. Forest Service cabin reservations, and more will help you plan your fishing trip in northern Southeast.

Please don't hesitate to contact our staff concerning information not presented in this guide.



Map 1.  
Communities  
in the northern  
Southeast  
management  
area.

# Access to *northern Southeast* *Alaska* communities



Haines and Skagway are the only two area communities accessible by road. Juneau, the hub of area travel, is reached only by boat or aircraft. Most other communities in northern Southeast have limited road systems and are served by the ferries of the Alaska Marine Highway System.

## *By Air. . .*

Alaska Airlines serves Juneau from Anchorage and Seattle year-round. Alaska Airlines also serves Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Yakutat, and Sitka year-round and Gustavus (Glacier Bay access) during the summer:

**Alaska Airlines**  
**Reservations and Information**  
**(800) 426-0333**  
**in Juneau (907) 789-0600**

Air taxi and chartered aircraft are the main modes of transportation between communities. Some of the air taxi companies listed here have regularly scheduled flights to various area communities, and some are strictly charter. All area communities are served by at least one Juneau-based air taxi company. Several models of fixed wing aircraft are

available for charter, ranging from Cessna 185's to deHavilland Otters.

As of 1997, you could expect to pay an hourly rate of around \$250 for a Cessna 185, \$350 for a Beaver, and \$480 for an Otter.

These air taxi companies in northern Southeast Alaska cater to sport anglers:

**Alaska Coastal Airlines**  
**1873 Shell Simmons Dr.**  
**Juneau, AK 99801**  
**(907) 789-7818**

**ERA Helicopters**  
**P.O. Box 1468**  
**Juneau, AK 99802**  
**(907) 586-2030**  
**1-800-843-1947**

**Glacier Bay Airways**  
**P.O. Box 1**  
**Gustavus, AK 99826**  
**(907) 697-2249**  
**(907) 789-9009 (in Juneau)**

**Haines Airways**  
**P.O. Box 470**  
**Haines, AK 99827**  
**(907) 766-2646**  
**(907) 789-2336 (in Juneau)**

**L.A.B. Flying Service**  
**1873 Shell Simmons Dr.**  
**Juneau, AK 99801**  
**(907) 789-9181 or 789-9160**

**Loken Aviation**  
1873 Shell Simmons Dr.  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-3331

**Skagway Air**  
1873 Shell Simmons Dr.  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-2006

**Ward Air**  
8991 Yandukin Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-9150  
1-800-478-9150

**Reid Air**  
P.O. Box 32259  
1873 Shell Simmons Dr.  
Juneau, AK 99803  
(907) 789-6968

**Temsco Helicopters**  
1650 Maplesden Way  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-9501

**Wings of Alaska**  
1873 Shell Simmons Dr.  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-0790  
1-800-478-9464

## *By Land . . .*

Major car rental companies have outlets in Juneau, Haines, and Skagway, all of which are ports on the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Campgrounds and RV parks are located in most communities served by the Alaska Marine Highway. Community visitor centers have more information on these facilities (see page 7).

## *By Water . . .*

The Alaska Marine Highway System is very busy during summer. Reservations should be made well in advance (6 months to a year) at the AMHS office:

**Alaska Marine Highway**  
P.O. Box 25535  
Juneau, AK 99802-5535

**1-800-642-0066 toll-free in U.S.**  
**1-800-665-6414 toll-free in Canada**  
**(907) 465-3941 in Juneau**  
**(907) 277-4829 (fax)**

(Alaska Marine Highway ferry terminals normally open one or two hours ahead of ferry arrivals.)

Transient moorage for private boats is available in most communities for a small fee and can be arranged through the local harbormaster's office.

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Phone numbers for local area ferry terminals and harbormaster offices are listed below:

<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>FERRY TERMINAL</b>	<b>HARBORMASTER</b>
<i>Angoon</i>	1-800-642-0066	(907) 788-3653
<i>Haines</i>	(907) 766-2111 or 766-2113	(907) 766-2948 or 766-2448
<i>Hoonah</i>	(907) 945-3292	(907) 945-3670
<i>Juneau</i>	(907) 789-7453 (Auke Bay)	(907) 586-5255 or 586-2780
<i>Pelican</i>	1-800-642-0066	(907) 735-2212
<i>Skagway</i>	(907) 983-2229 or 983-2943	(907) 983-2628
<i>Tenakee</i>	1-800-642-0066	none

**Summary of *northern Southeast Alaska* area  
transportation services**



	AV gas	High- way	Float plane service	State ferry service	Jet airline	Wheel plane service	Marine pump station	Boat fuel	RV park	RV pump station
<i>Skagway</i>	.	.	.	.		.		.	.	.
<i>Haines</i>	.	.	.	.		.		.	.	.
<i>Juneau</i>	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Gustavus</i>	.				.	.		.		
<i>Hoonah</i>	.		.	.		.		.		
<i>Tenakee Springs</i>			.	.				.		
<i>Angoon</i>			.	.				.		
<i>Elfin Cove</i>			.					.		
<i>Pelican</i>			.	.				.		

## Facilities in *northern Southeast Alaska*

Excellent medical facilities exist in Juneau. All communities have medically trained personnel; however, facilities and pharmacy supplies are sometimes limited in outlying communities.

### *U.S. Forest Service Public Use Cabins*



The U.S. Forest Service maintains many public use cabins throughout the Tongass National Forest. Many of these cabins are located in areas that provide excellent angling opportunities (see Remote Fly-in Lakes, p. 12). Boats are available at USFS cabins on lakes. For cabin information and reservations, contact the USFS at:

**U.S. Forest Service  
Public Information Center  
101 Egan Dr.  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 586-8751**

### *Boat Rentals*

A boat is a real advantage when salmon fishing along marine areas—

and a necessity for dependable bottom fishing. Boats of all sizes and types are generally adequate for fishing most areas.

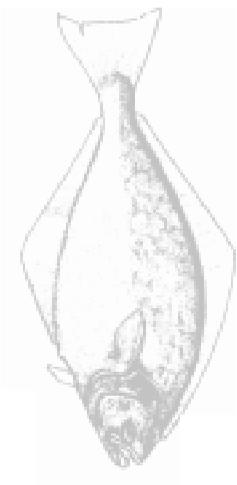
Rental boats for use in marine areas are available in some communities in northern Southeast. In most instances, the number of rental boats available is small, so arrangements should be made in advance.

During the summer season, weather can be expected to keep smaller boats in port occasionally. Because water conditions can change very quickly, boaters should exercise extreme caution.

### *Fishing Charters, Guides, and Lodges*

Saltwater charter services in Southeast Alaska are primarily fish guiding services from boats that serve a small group of anglers. Given the regulatory limit of six fishing lines per boat, no large “party” boats are used in Southeast, where 18 or 20 or more anglers are crowded onto one boat. Charter trips vary in type and

duration from half-day to whole-day to multi-day. Many charter boat operators also guide clients into freshwater areas, but an increasing number of guides take clients only to streams and lakes. There are also sport fishing lodges throughout northern Southeast that cater almost exclusively to sport anglers. These are mostly located away from the major communities. Fishing guides and charters, as well as fishing lodges, can be contacted through the Juneau Visitors Guide and other community visitor centers.



## *State and National Parks*

Whether you are sport fishing or enjoying other recreational pursuits in northern Southeast, you will be visiting one of the most scenic areas in the world. You will want, and need information to help make the most of your trip. Below are principal contacts for further information.

State parks and attractions:

**Alaska State Parks**  
**400 W. Willoughby**  
**Juneau, AK 99801**  
**(907) 465-4563**

Tongass National Forest/Admiralty Island National Monument:

**U.S. Forest Service**  
**Public Information Center**  
**101 Egan Dr.**  
**Juneau, AK 99801**  
**(907) 586-8751**

Glacier Bay National Park:

**National Park Service**  
**P.O. Box 140**  
**Gustavus, AK 99826**  
**(907) 697-2230**

Other tourist attractions and related information:

**Alaska State Division of Tourism**  
**P. O. Box 110801**  
**Juneau, AK 99811-0801**  
**(907) 465-2010**

## *Community Visitor Centers*

These offices can furnish information on commercial services in their communities:

### *Juneau*

**Davis Log Cabin Visitor Center**  
134 Third St.  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 586-2201

### *Angoon*

**Admiralty Island Natl. Monument**  
P.O. Box 181  
Angoon, AK 99820  
(907) 788-3166

### *Gustavus*

**Gustavus Visitor Center**  
c/o Bear Track Mercantile  
P.O. Box 167  
Gustavus, AK 99826  
(907) 697-2358

### *Elfin Cove*

**(Consult phone book for particular service needed.)**

### *Haines*

**Haines Visitor Center**  
P.O. Box 518  
Haines, AK 99827-0518  
(800) 458-3579  
(800) 478-2268 in Canada

### *Hoonah*

**Hoonah City Office**  
P.O. Box 360  
Hoonah, AK 99829  
(907) 945-3663

### *Skagway*

**Skagway Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 415  
Skagway, AK 99840-0415  
(907) 983-2854

### *Tenakee Springs*

**Tenakee Springs City Office**  
P.O. Box 52  
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841  
(907) 736-2221



Most property in northern Southeast Alaska is under federal or state ownership, and public access is encouraged. However, some waters are bounded by private property on which public use is permitted by the landowner. If you are in doubt as to land ownership and public access, call the local Division of Sport Fish office for information.

## Comfort and Safety

Weather throughout the area is very unpredictable, and if it's not raining, you can be sure that it will be before long. Good rain gear and boots are a must. Short boots are fine for some areas or for use with rain gear; however, hip boots and/or chest-waders are preferable for most shore-based fisheries. If you are camping, be sure to take along an abundance of rain-fly material.

Excellent populations of mosquitoes, white-sox, no-see-ums, and flies inhabit the area and can be depended upon to give you trouble if you do not have a good supply of insect repellent. Sometimes different brands of repellent are needed to deter the various types of insects. Insect-proof tents are practically a necessity, and head nets are needed in some areas.

Brown and black bears are common throughout Southeast Alaska. Seeing one of these magnificent animals can be a memorable part of one's trip; however, bears should be avoided whenever possible. The danger associated with bears is generally overrated, but bears are definitely very unpredictable—and encounters

should never be taken lightly. In some areas, brown bears frequent favorite sport fishing locations and, on occasion, steal fish from anglers. When in bear habitat: (1) make noise so as not to surprise one; (2) do not keep food stored in or near your tent; (3) keep a *very* clean camp; and (4) do *not* camp on a game trail or alongside a stream full of spawning fish.

Common sense is the best bear protection available, but many people carry a firearm for additional protection; large caliber rifles of at least .30-06 ballistics or shotguns with slugs or buckshot are recommended. Familiarity with firearm operation is absolutely essential, as a bear can travel 50 feet in a second.

