

... in Ketchikan area

remote lakes and streams

Remote lakes and streams are numerous and especially inviting to anglers seeking solitude in a pristine nature setting. Some of the larger and better fish-producing remote waters are shown on Map 7 (page 35), and the table on page 34 lists species and access.

Remote waters are reached by floatplane, boat, or hiking trails. Remote areas are not for all anglers, as no public facilities or services exist near most of them. Some of the more popular remote systems, however, do have Forest Service cabins close by (see Map 2, on page 15).

The same salmonids which inhabit roadside waters are also found in remote systems. Arctic grayling were stocked in nine remote lakes in the 1960s and again in 1972. Brook trout were stocked in six lakes in the '40s.

The same methods are used as in freshwater roadside fishing. The main difference between the two is the more thoughtful planning and choice of equipment. Small inflatable rafts or float tubes may be the only practical fishing vessel for some fly-in lakes. Choose compact equipment such as pack-rods and backpacks

(floatplane pilots prefer internal frame or soft packs).

And, finally, for a safe, successful sport fishing trip in a remote area:

- make sure someone responsible (and not accompanying you) knows your schedule and means of travel
- if you hire a charter flight or other transport, be sure the pilot knows when and where to pick you up
- take along 4 days' worth of extra food, and a gun or other means of obtaining food if necessary
- carry a good supply of waterproof matches and additional fire starter
- carry a complete First Aid kit, along with flares, mirror, or other visual signal devices
- be wary of *and avoid all contact with* black bears, which you may encounter as they travel and feed along area streams
- don't drink water until it has been boiled for a least ten minutes
- don't travel alone.

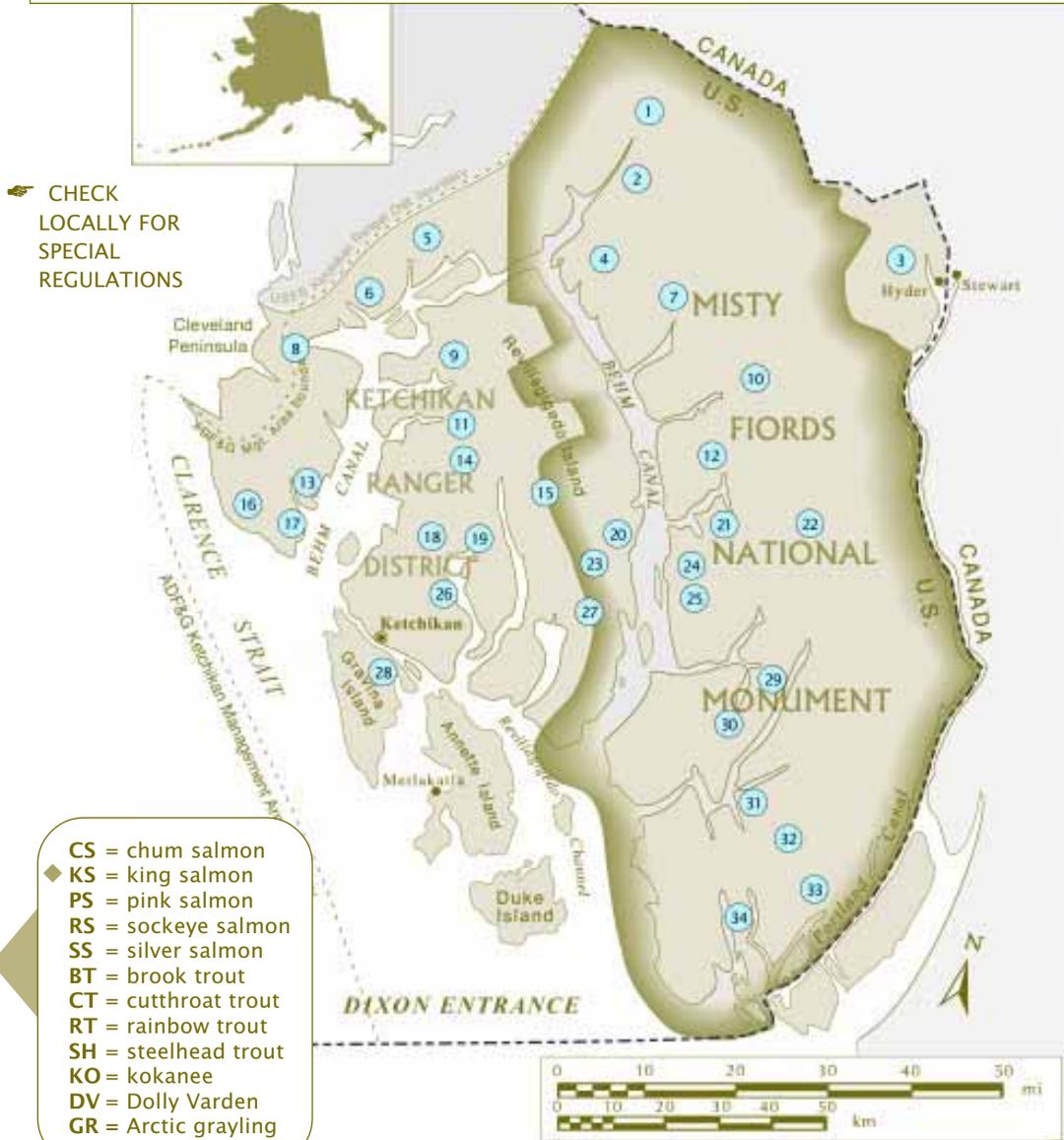
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Remote Lake and Stream

SPORT FISHING LOCATIONS in the *Ketchikan* area

Map key	Location	Species available	Access (all distances are from Ketchikan)
1	Gene's Lake	SS, RS, CS, DV, PS, (KS), CT, SH	62 mi N by plane or river boat up Unuk River. ☛ Closed to king salmon fishing.
2	Lake Creek	SS, PS, CS, RS, (KS), CT, DV, SH	63 mi N of Ketchikan on Unuk River by floatplane. ☛ Closed to king salmon fishing.
3	Texas Lake	DV, BT, SS	60 mi NE by floatplane. Near Hyder.
4	Sak's Lake	CT, DV	50 mi NE by floatplane or boat + 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mi hike.
5	Reflection Lake	CT, SH, KO, SS, PS, CS	50 mi N by floatplane or boat + 2-mi hike.
6	Lake McDonald	CT, SH, DV, RS, PS, SS, CS, RT	43 mi N by floatplane or boat + 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mi hike (area includes Wolverine and Hatchery creeks)
7	LeDuc River	RT	50 mi NE by floatplane.
8	Wasta Lake	CT, DV, SH, PS, CS, SS, RS, RT	45 mi N by floatplane only.
9	Orchard Lake	CT, KO	32 mi N by floatplane or boat + $\frac{3}{8}$ -mi hike.
10	Walker Lake	RT	50 mi NE by floatplane only.
11	Margaret Lake	CT, DV, PS, SH, SS, RS	24 mi N by floatplane or boat + 1-mi trail hike.
12	Manzoni Lake system	GR	40 mi NE by floatplane only.
13	Helm Lake	CT, SH, DV, RS, PS, SS, CS	23 mi NW by floatplane or boat + $\frac{1}{2}$ -mi hike.
14	Naha River	CT, DV, SH, RS, PS, CS, SS, GR	20 mi N by plane or boat. (This area includes Roosevelt Lagoon and Emma, Jordan, Heckman, Patching, Chamberlain, Snow and Orton lakes.)
15	Swan Lake	DV, BT, KO	21 mi SE by floatplane or boat + 1-mi hike.
16	Rainbow Lake	RT	28 mi NW by floatplane or boat + 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mi hike.
17	Smugglers Cove Lakes	DV, RT, CT, KO	29 mi NW by floatplane or boat + 1-mi hike.
18	Leask Lakes (1 & 2)	CT, DV, SS, RS, SH	20 mi NE by floatplane or boat + 3-mi hike.
19	Salt Chuck Lake	CT, SS, DV, PS, RS	15 mi SE by floatplane or boat + 2-mi hike.
20	Manzanita Lake	CT, BT, DV, KO	25 mi SE by floatplane or boat + 3-mi hike.
21	Punchbowl Lake	RT, DV	35 mi ENE by floatplane or boat + $\frac{5}{8}$ -mi trail hike.
22	Wilson Lake	CT, DV, KO	42 mi SE by floatplane only.
23	Ella Lake	CT, DV, KC	25 mi SE by plane or boat and trail.
24	Checats Lake	CT, SH, DV	32 mi E by plane or boat and trail.
25	Winstanley Lakes	CT, DV	32 mi SE by floatplane or boat + 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mi hike.
26	Mahoney Lake	SH, CT, RS, DV, CS, SS, RT	15 mi SE of Ketchikan by floatplane.
27	Fish Creek (Thorne Arm)	CT, DV, SH, PS, RS, KO, RT	20 mi SE by floatplane or boat + $\frac{1}{2}$ - to 3-mi hike (area includes Basin and Big lakes).
28	Bostwick Creek and lakes	CT, DV, SS, PS, SH, RS, RT	10 mi SW of Ketchikan by floatplane or boat.
29	Bakewell Lake	CT, KO, DV, SH, SS, RS, RT	28 mi SE by plane or boat + $\frac{1}{2}$ -mi hike.
30	Badger Lake	CT, KO	27 mi SE of Ketchikan by plane.
31	Hugh Smith Lake	CT, DV, SH, RS, SS, PS, CS, RT	40 mi SE by floatplane or boat with a short walk.
32	Humpback Lake	CT, DV, KO	42 mi SE by floatplane or boat + 3-mi hike.
33	Hidden Inlet	CT, DV	50 mi SE by floatplane or boat + $\frac{1}{2}$ -mi hike.
34	Nakat Lake	SS, PS, CT, SH, RS, CS, DV, RT	46 mi SW by floatplane or boat + 1-mi hike.

MAP 7. Remote lake and stream fishing locations in the *Ketchikan* area



♦ KING SALMON FISHING IN FRESH WATER IS CLOSED UNLESS OPENED BY EMERGENCY ORDER!

Catch-and-release Fishing . . .

If you've planned your trip well and have put in some time fishing, you are probably catching fish. If you don't intend to keep a fish you catch, or can't keep it because of our regulations, let it go in the manner described below. There are minimum size requirements for king salmon and cutthroat, rainbow, and steelhead trout harvested in essentially all Southeast waters, so catch-and-release fishing is a critical element in our fisheries. Proper techniques must be used, in order to keep mortality rates of released fish to a minimum:

- ❖ Do not net fish that you plan to release.
- ❖ If the fish is deeply hooked, cut the leader off as close as possible to the fish and leave the hook in.

TIP ❖ Visiting anglers often practice catch-and-release for the first few days of their fishing trip and will selectively keep fish at the end of the trip to take home. This is also a good way to insure the fish you do take with you are in the best condition when you reach home.



- ❖ If the fish is hooked in the outer parts of its mouth, use needle-nose pliers to dislodge hook. (If you know ahead of time you will be releasing the fish you catch, bend down the barbs on your hooks to facilitate removal.)
- ❖ If you plan to release a fish, keep your fish in the water. If you're fishing at a shoreline, release your fish in deeper water to prevent it from thrashing around in shallow water where it may be bruised or injured.