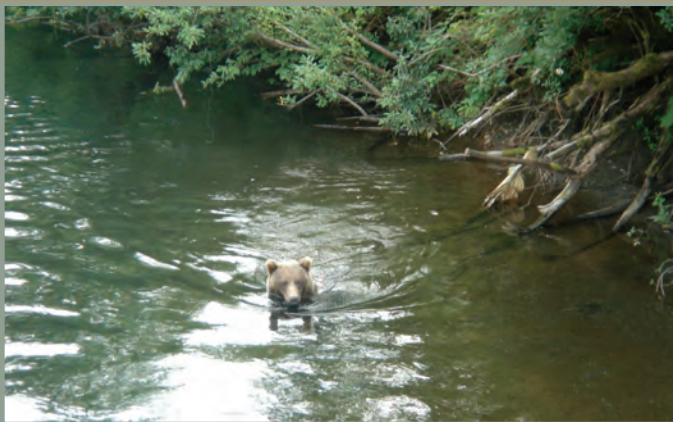


## When in Bear Country

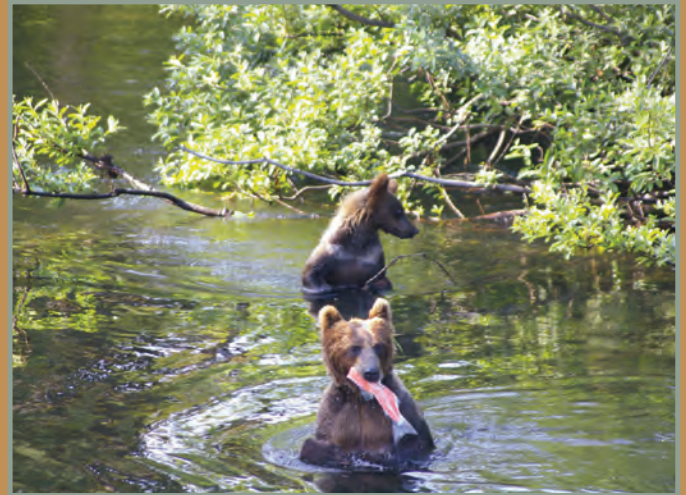
- ...Avoid surprises-make noise
- ...Use clean-camp practices
- ...Give bears plenty of room

- Yakutat area brown bears are important in local native culture, bears and people have coexisted in the Yakutat area for centuries.
- Bears are important to the local ecosystem.
- Bears are economically important to hunters, lodges, guides, and wildlife viewers.
- Between 2000 & 2009, 38 brown bears were killed under defense of life and property regulations in the Yakutat area.
- 7 bears were killed on or near the Situk River.
- Radio-collar data indicates Yakutat area bears are active into late fall (coho fishing) and again in early spring (steelhead fishing).
- Most non-hunting bear mortalities are due to food attractants or inappropriate human behavior.



For more information please contact:  
ADF&G Douglas Office at 907-465-4265  
or USFS in Yakutat at 784-3359

## Situk River World's best fishing for anglers and bears



## Fishing in Bear Country

- Splashing fish attract bears. Stop fishing if a bear is near you. Cut the line if a bear approaches.
- If you have to use a stringer, keep it in the water and near you at all times.
- Chop up your filleted fish carcasses, and throw small pieces into deep, fast-moving water below the tide-line (not on the bank).
- Avoid throwing fish waste into dumpsters or garbage cans.
- Never let a bear get your fish, they may become food conditioned and cause problems for other anglers.
- Don't teach bears that anglers provide an easy meal!

Learn more about bears at:  
[www.alaskabears.alaska.gov/](http://www.alaskabears.alaska.gov/)

# Welcome to the Situk River

You are in bear country.

The Yakutat area is known for its brown bears.

Avoid surprises and fish with bears in mind!

Most bear-angler conflict on the Situk occurs near the 9-Mile bridge, the Middle Situk cabins and the lower landing boat ramps. Bear symbols indicate these areas on the map.

