

Chugach National Forest - Fishing Program Accessibility Transition Plan

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The Forest has only one developed land-based fishing site outside of developed camping, picnicking, or cabin sites. The remainder of the Forest's land-based fishing program occurs at undeveloped locations. Land-based fishing associated with cabins, developed camping, or developed picnicking are not assessed within this program, but assessed under the cabin rental, camping, and picnicking/ day use programs. Water-based fishing occurs throughout the Forest but is controlled by the provision (or lack) of developed boating facilities and assessed with the boating program.

A developed land-based fishing opportunity is considered accessible when parking, a fishing platform (either constructed or natural) and access route between them meets the standards in FSORAG and ADAAG Guidelines for Accessible Fishing Piers and Platforms. Where toilets are provided and as they need to be renovated or replaced each of them will be reconstructed to comply with ADAAG standards for buildings.

Alder Pond Recreation Site is programmed for renovation to improve accessibility to land-based lake fishing opportunities by 2009. In addition, six sites for land-based lake and stream fishing opportunities have been identified within the Kenai Peninsula geographic area for possible future development of accessible fishing facilities. There are no plans for development of new fishing facilities in the Prince William Sound or Copper River geographic areas, outside of existing developed camping, picnicking, or cabin sites. There will be several accessible land-based fishing opportunities associated with campgrounds, picnic grounds, and cabins as outlined in those individual program areas.

I concur with the strategy outlined in this accessibility transition plan.

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Glacier District Ranger

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Geographic Area - Kenai Peninsula

| Location/ recreation experience/ attraction | Type of fishing experience | Fishing experience accessible? | Obstacles to accessibility | Planned actions | Year planned | Responsible Official |
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| Alder Pond Recreation Site | lake | No | Lack of accessible parking and access route to fishing opportunities. | Provide accessible parking and access route between parking and fishing platform. | 2009 | Glacier District Ranger |
| Cooper Lake/ plane access | lake | No | Lack of information regarding accessibility of fishing opportunity. | Conduct accessibility survey to determine feasibility of providing accessible fishing. | 2015 | Seward District Ranger |
| Jerome Lake/ roadside access | lake | No | Lack of information regarding accessibility of fishing opportunity. | Conduct accessibility survey to determine feasibility of providing accessible fishing. | 2015 | Seward District Ranger |
| Tangle Pond | lake | No | Lack of information regarding accessibility of fishing opportunity. | Conduct accessibility survey to determine feasibility of providing accessible fishing. | 2015 | Glacier District Ranger |
| Ingram Creek | stream | No | Lack of information regarding accessibility of fishing opportunity. | Conduct accessibility survey to determine feasibility of providing accessible fishing. | 2015 | Glacier District Ranger |
| Kenai River | stream | No | Lack of information regarding accessibility of fishing opportunity. | Conduct accessibility survey to determine feasibility of providing accessible fishing. | 2015 | Seward District Ranger |

Geographic Area – Prince William Sound

| Location/ recreation experience/ attraction | Type of fishing experience | Fishing experience accessible? | Obstacles to accessibility | Planned actions | Year planned | Responsible Official |
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| None | | | | | | |
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Geographic Area – Copper River

| Location/ recreation experience/ attraction | Type of fishing experience | Fishing experience accessible? | Obstacles to accessibility | Planned actions | Year planned | Responsible Official |
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| None | | | | | | |
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