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FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE FISHERY FOR STEELHEAD RESTRICTED IN FEDERAL WATERS OF THE KLAWOCK RIVER DRAINAGE

CRAIG, Alaska—The US Forest Service Craig District Ranger is acting to restrict the Federal spring subsistence steelhead fishery in the Klawock River drainage on Prince of Wales Island. Effective 12:01 a.m., Friday, April 6 and extending through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, May 31, in the waters of the Klawock River drainage, the household harvest limit is being limited to two steelhead, and the use of bait is prohibited downstream of the POWHA weir.

Winter weather conditions reduced access to other Prince of Wales Island streams, which increased fishing effort on the Klawock River. As a result of the increased effort, the reported subsistence steelhead harvest during the winter fishery from the Klawock River was higher than anticipated. Action is being taken to provide continued subsistence harvest opportunity during the spring season while conserving Klawock River steelhead.

For federally qualified users, the household limit for steelhead on Prince of Wales and Kosciusko Islands is five per household during the spring season; however, no more than two steelhead may be harvested from the Klawock River drainage. Bait is allowed within the Klawock Lake drainage upstream of POWHA's weir.

The US Forest Service manages federal subsistence fisheries in non-marine waters of the Tongass National Forest. For additional information, please contact Francisco Sanchez or Jeff Reeves at (907) 826-3271. Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>.

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