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Fish Possession on the Situk River

Forest Service hopes to reduce negative bear-angler encounters

YAKUTAT, Alaska—Please help us to reduce the number of negative bear-human interactions and defense of life and property situations along the Situk River.

A forest order has been implemented to try to reduce bear conditioning to humans, specifically to reduce bears associating people with an easy fish meal. Anglers are required by law to keep their creel within 12 feet or keep retained fish in the river.

Public participation is needed to minimize negative human-bear encounters in the area and determine which, of various options employed to reduce negative human-bear encounters, is most effective. The Forest Service is committed to the development of an effective management strategy that will maintain a safe and accessible fishery.

The Responsible Official for this action is:

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