

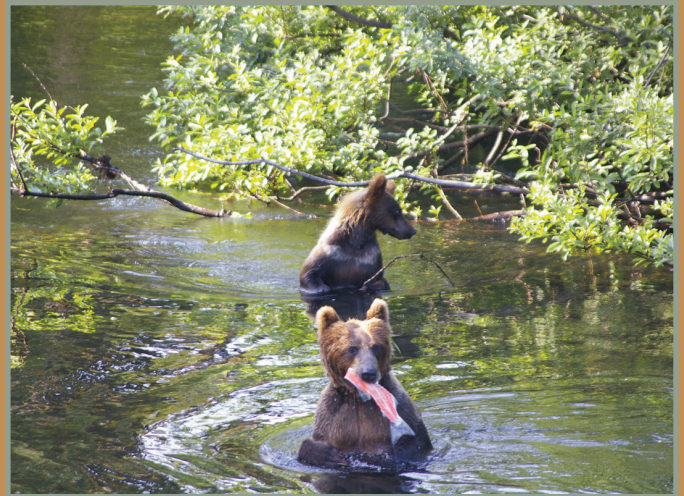
When in Bear Country

- ...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 2002 & 2014, 50 brown bears were killed under defense of life and property regulations in the Yakutat area.
- 12 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.



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. Prevent splashing by giving the line slack or cutting it 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!
- Store food, bait, and other attractants in a bear resistant container or in your vehicle.



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Learn more about bears at:
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 by making noise while walking along the trails 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.

