



# Prince of Wales Island Outfitter/Guide Management Plan EA

## Scoping

Dear Planning Participant:

February 14, 2011

We are seeking your input on the allocation of commercial recreational use of the Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts for the Prince of Wales (POW) Island Outfitter/Guide Management Plan. **This project will set use levels for outfitter and guide permits. It will not set use levels for unguided visitors.** The decision on this project will allocate commercial recreational use on the Districts to outfitters and guides through special use permits that serve the public need for guide services.

You have an opportunity to get more information, ask questions, and provide your input about our proposal at **open houses in Craig** on Tuesday, March 8 or **Thorne Bay** on Thursday, March 10, at the Ranger District offices at 6 pm.

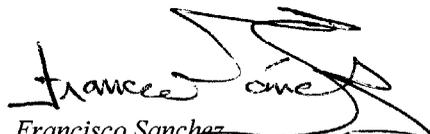
The area being considered includes all 2 million acres of National Forest System lands on POW and surrounding islands that make up the Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts. The Proposed Action sets the amount of commercial use available to outfitter-guides at 50% of visitor capacity per recreation location. A recreation location may be a location with existing commercial use (listed in the attached table) or a new location with proposed commercial use. This proposal includes a process to analyze and add new commercial recreational use locations. The visitor capacity of each recreation location is expressed as a "service day", which is equal to one person on one day, so that a group of four visitors at a single location for four days is equal to 16 service days.

We will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Outfitter/Guide Management Plan that will display the alternatives considered, and disclose the environmental impacts of each alternative. We want to make sure we identify and consider all issues of concern to you and your communities as well as all areas used for recreation. Please examine the enclosed information and map. Your input should be specific. Please provide specific concerns related to the recreation areas identified in the attached table and map or recreation in other parts of POW Island. **Bring your thoughts to the open houses or send us your input to help us develop alternatives to the Proposed Action and a complete, comprehensive environmental analysis.**

If you are unable to attend the open house, you may mail or fax your input, using the enclosed form, to: Maeve Taylor, Craig Ranger District, P.O. Box 500, Craig, AK 99921, Fax: (907) 826-2972 or e-mail your comments to: [comments-alaska-tongass-craig@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-alaska-tongass-craig@fs.fed.us) (with "O/G" in the subject line). In order to be most useful to the IDT in developing alternatives, your ideas should be received by **March 18, 2011**.

If you have no comments at this time but want to stay on the mailing list, please be sure to respond to this letter by mail, fax, email, or phone call (907-747-4278). We look forward to receiving your information on recreation use on POW Island. Your views are important to us as we develop this analysis. Thank you for taking the time to help us manage your National Forest!

  
Jason Anderson  
Thorne Bay District Ranger

  
Francisco Sanchez  
Craig District Ranger

### We Are Here

#### Public Scoping

**February 2011**  
*Review Proposed Action and identify potential issues for consideration in an EA.*

#### Open Houses

**Craig R.D. Office**  
**Tues., March 8, 6 pm**

**Thorne Bay R.D. Office**  
**Thurs., March 10, 6 pm**

*Public informational meetings*

#### Subsistence Hearing

**June 2011**

#### EA Published and 30-day Public Comment Period

**June 2011**

*The public comment period lasts for 30 days following publication of 30-day Comment Period Legal Notice in the Ketchikan Daily News.*

#### Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact

**Estimated by  
August 2011**

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## Prince of Wales Outfitter/Guide Management Plan Proposed Action and Comments

Visitor capacity is the estimated number of users on a yearly basis that can be accommodated in a given area without a loss in the quality of the recreation experience or natural environment.

The table below and attached map shows the proposed action for the allocation of Outfitter/Guide permits on the POW Ranger Districts and provides a space for your comments for each specific area. Please use this or another written format to give us your comments on this proposal. **You may mail or fax your input, using the enclosed form, to: Maeve Taylor, Craig Ranger District, preferably by March 18, 2011.**

NOTE: Our public mailing lists may be made available to those who request them under the Freedom of Information Act. We cannot assure that your name and address will remain confidential if you are on the mailing list.

Please be sure to respond to this letter by mail, fax, email, or phone call if you want to stay on the mailing list. **IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU AT THIS TIME, YOUR NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROJECT MAILING LIST.**

In what format would you prefer to receive information or documents?

- Send me the documents or a web link to documents by email
- Send me a hard copy letter with a web link to documents
- Provide documents to me on a CD
- Send me a hard copy

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if you are the official representative)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Prince of Wales Outfitter/Guide Management Plan Proposed Action

Recreation Locations shown on this table are displayed on the attached map.

In the table, numbers marked with a \* are areas where Recreation Visitor Capacity and Outfitter/Guide allocation would be limited related to fisheries resource concerns.

Areas with a zero proposed allocation fall within Wilderness areas where outfitter and guide activity is not authorized because no need for outfitters and guides was identified.

Recreation Location	Estimated Visitor Capacity (Service Days per year)	Proposed Annual O/G Allocation (%)	Proposed Annual O/G Allocation (Service Days)	If you do not agree with the proposed allocation to guided use, how do you suggest it be changed? Why?
1 108 Creek	692*	50%	346*	
2 Aats Bay	309	50%	155	
3 Aiken Cove	847	50%	423	

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4 Angel Lake	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
5 Arena Cove	282	50%	141	
6 Aston Island	847	50%	423	
7 Barnes Lake	461*	50%	231*	
8 Beaver Falls Trail	2,318	50%	1,159	
9 Beaver Mountain	4,234	50%	2,117	
10 Big Lake	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
11 Biscuit Lagoon	360	50%	180	
12 Bobs Place	847	50%	423	
13 Boyd Lake	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
14 Brownson Bay	282	50%	141	
15 Buster Bay	2,822	50%	1,411	
16 Cable Creek	692*	50%	346*	
17 Calder Bay	2,117	50%	1,058	
18 California Bay	2,117	50%	1,058	
19 Cape Chacon	847	50%	423	
20 Cavern Lake	692*	50%	346*	
21 Cavern Lake Trail	696	50%	348	
22 China Cove	309	50%	155	
23 Cholmondeley Sound, NE	1,079	50%	539	
24 Cholmondeley, South Arm	1,079	50%	539	
25 Cholmondeley, West Arm	1,079	50%	539	
26 Clover Lake	1,270	50%	635	
27 Cora Point	309	50%	155	
28 Datzkoo Harbor	847	50%	423	
29 Devilfish Bay	282	50%	141	
30 Dickman Bay	847	50%	423	
31 Diver Bay	2,822	50%	1,411	
32 Dog Salmon Creek	2,696*	50%	1,348*	
33 Dog Salmon Fishpass	2,580	50%	1,290	
34 Dog Salmon Lake	635	50%	318	
35 Dry Pass	2,822	50%	1,411	
36 Dunbar Inlet	847	50%	423	
37 Eagle Creek	692*	50%	346*	
38 Eagle Island	927	50%	464	
39 Egg Harbor	309	0%	0	
40 El Capitan Cave	1,260	50%	630	

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41 El Capitan Passage	927	50%	464	
42 Essowah Lakes	423	50%	212	
43 Exchange Cove, East	2,822	50%	1,411	
44 Exchange Cove, West	2,318	50%	1,159	
45 FDR 2700	2,318	50%	1,159	
46 Fisherman Cove	847	50%	423	
47 Flicker Creek	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
48 Frederick Cove	3,595	50%	1,798	
49 Fubar Creek	2,117*	50%	1,058*	
50 Goat Island	847	50%	423	
51 Gold Harbor	282	50%	141	
52 Goose Bay	847	50%	423	
53 Gosti Island	847	50%	423	
54 Granite Mountain	423	50%	212	
55 Gulch Creek	2,117	50%	1,058	
56 Halibut Harbor	847	50%	423	
57 Harris Ridge	635	50%	318	
58 Harris River	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
59 Hassiah Inlet	2,822	50%	1,411	
60 Hatchery Creek	692*	50%	346*	
61 Hessa Inlet	282	50%	141	
62 Holbrook Arm	2,822	50%	1,411	
63 Hole in the Wall	282	0%	0	
64 Hook Arm	847	50%	423	
65 Horseshoe Island	847	50%	423	
66 Hunter Bay	360*	50%	180*	
67 Indian Creek	635	50%	318	
68 Ingraham Bay	847	50%	423	
69 Island Bay	927	50%	464	
70 Jinhi Bay	847	50%	423	
71 Johnson Cove	2,822	50%	1,411	
72 Karheen Cove	2,822	50%	1,411	
73 Karta River	307	0%	0	
74 Karta River Trail	309	0%	0	
75 Kasaan Bay	847	50%	423	
76 Kasook Inlet	282	50%	141	
77 Kassa Inlet	2,822	50%	1,411	
78 Keete Inlet	2,822	50%	1,411	
79 Kendrick Bay	2,822	50%	1,411	

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80 Klakas Inlet	360*	50%	180*	
81 Kosciusko Island	2,117	50%	1,058	
82 Kugel Lake	1,618	50%	809	
83 Kugun Creek	2,822	50%	1,411	
84 Labouchere Bay	635	50%	318	
85 Lancaster Cove	2,822	50%	1,411	
86 Lava Creek	635	50%	318	
87 Logjam Creek	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
88 Luck Lake	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
89 Luelia Lake	539	50%	270	
90 Mabel Island	847	50%	423	
91 Marble Island	2,822	50%	1,411	
92 Max Cove	360	50%	180	
93 Maybeso River	635*	50%	318*	
94 McKenzie Inlet, South	2,117	50%	1,058	
95 McKenzie Inlet, West	922	50%	461	
96 McLean Arm	847	50%	423	
97 McLeod Bay	847	50%	423	
98 Memorial Beach	2,318	50%	1,159	
99 Menefee Anchorage	847	50%	423	
100 Miller Lake	1,618	50%	809	
101 Moira Sound	2,822	50%	1,411	
102 Moira Sound, North Arm	847	50%	423	
103 Moira Sound, South Arm	1,079	50%	539	
104 Naukati Bay	2,117	50%	1,058	
105 Neck Lake	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
106 Nichols Bay	847	50%	423	
107 North Bay	847	50%	423	
108 Nossuk Bay	2,822	50%	1,411	
109 Nowiskay Cove	1,079	50%	539	
110 Nutkwa Inlet	2,822	50%	1,411	
111 Nutkwa Lagoon	423	50%	212	
112 Old Franks Creek	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
113 Old Log Camp	2,117	50%	1,058	
114 Old Toms Creek	270	50%	135	
115 One Duck Lake	2,117	50%	1,058	
116 One Duck Road System	2,117	50%	1,058	

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117 Orr Island	2,822	50%	1,411	
118 Paul Bight	282	50%	141	
119 Paul Young Creek	847	50%	423	
120 Pine Point	2,822	50%	1,411	
121 Point Dolores	2,822	50%	1,411	
122 Pole Anchorage	2,822	50%	1,411	
123 Polk Inlet Overlook	2,117	50%	1,058	
124 Polk Inlet, East	2,822	50%	1,411	
125 Polk Inlet, North	2,117	50%	1,058	
126 Polk Pass	2,117	50%	1,058	
127 Pond Bay	847	50%	423	
128 Port Alice	847	50%	423	
129 Port Refugio	2,822	50%	1,411	
130 Port Santa Cruz	2,822	50%	1,411	
131 Ratz Creek	692*	50%	346*	
132 Red Bay	2,117	50%	1,058	
133 Red Bay Lake Trail	696	50%	348	
134 Red Lake	692*	50%	346*	
135 Rip Point	2,822	50%	1,411	
136 Ruins Point	282	50%	141	
137 Sakie Bay	847	50%	423	
138 Salmon Bay	282	50%	141	
139 Salmon Bay Creek	461*	50%	231*	
140 Salmon Bay Lake	461*	50%	231*	
141 Salmon Lake	461	0%	0	
142 Salt Chuck	3,595	50%	1,798	
143 Salt Lake Bay	847	50%	423	
144 Sarheen Cove	847	50%	423	
145 Sarkar Lake	692*	50%	346*	
146 Scott Lagoon	2,822	50%	1,411	
147 Security Cove	847	50%	423	
148 Shaheen Creek	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
149 Shakan Bay	282	50%	141	
150 Shipley Bay	282	50%	141	
151 Shipwreck Point	282	50%	141	
152 Skowl Arm	2,822	50%	1,411	
153 Snag Island	847	50%	423	
154 Soda Bay	847	50%	423	
155 Spanish Islands	309	50%	155	

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156 Spiral Cove	847	50%	423	
157 Staney Creek	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
158 Steamboat Bay	309	50%	155	
159 Stone Rock Bay	847	50%	423	
160 Sumez Island	3,091	50%	1,546	
161 Survey Cove	2,822	50%	1,411	
162 Sweetwater Lake	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
163 Tah Bay	282	50%	141	
164 Tenass Bay	847	50%	423	
165 Thorne River	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
166 Tlevak Narrows	2,822	50%	1,411	
167 Tokeen Bay	282	50%	141	
168 Trocadero Creek	635*	50%	318*	
169 Trout Creek	2,822	50%	1,411	
170 Trumpeter Lake	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
171 Turn Creek	2,306*	50%	1,153*	
172 Tuxekan Island	847	50%	423	
173 Twelvemile Arm Creek	2,117*	50%	1,058*	
174 Twelvemile Arm Road System	2,117	50%	1,058	
175 Upper Trocadero Mountain	2,117	50%	1,058	
176 Upper Trocadero Road Sys	2,117	50%	1,058	
177 Upper Twelve Mile Road	2,117	50%	1,058	
178 Van Sant Cove	282	50%	141	
179 Warren Cove	309	0%	0	
180 Waterfall Bay	847	50%	423	
181 West Sentinel Island	927	50%	464	
182 Whale Passage	2,318	50%	1,159	
183 Windy Bay	309	50%	155	
184 Winter Bay	282	50%	141	
185 Wolf Lake	4,234	50%	2,117	
186 Wolk Harbor	847	50%	423	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>268,529</b>		<b>133,258</b>	