

12. If you never arrived at or were displaced from your planned ultimate destination of choice, please check the reason(s) why.

_____ Distance was too great from start or from previous destination

_____ Weather was too severe

_____ Too many other visitors: Please underline which type of user displaced you

_____ Shore-User, Water-User, Air-User, Unknown.

_____ Too much noise

_____ Other _____

13. If you did not go to your planned ultimate destination, please state the area you did go to: _____

14. Please indicate what choice the alternate destination was:

_____ First choice _____ Second choice _____ Third choice (or less)

_____ Just happened to arrive at this place _____ Had no choice

_____ Other _____

15. Please rate the following elements for the type of experience(s) you sought in the area visited

Experience	How important was this objective?					How well were you able to attain it?				
	Not Important		Very Important			Not at All		Completely		
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Experience solitude	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Observe wildlife	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Fish	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Hunt	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Experience something new	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Experience challenge and adventure	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Be in a wild undeveloped place	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Enjoy natural beauty	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Spend time with family and friends	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
See cultural sites	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
← Please continue survey on inside flap										

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RECREATIONAL USER EXPERIENCE Prince William Sound

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this trip report! The Chugach National Forest and the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council is gathering information about recreation use in Prince William Sound (PWS). In 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil spill released over 11 million gallons of crude oil into parts of PWS. One of the effects due to the oil spill was a decrease in recreation and tourism to PWS. This study is part of a research project investigating if recreation was recovered in the area, how people travel through this unique, remote landscape, and any potential conflict with other users.

This form contains several questions that we would like you to answer during your trip, and a map of PWS. Please record your trip on the map on the inside fold of this survey. Try to fill out the map completely and answer all of the questions. The quality of the project depends on your completed trip report.

Please return this Trip Report in the self-addressed, stamped envelope when completed, or drop it off at the Glacier Ranger Station in Girdwood or Cordova Ranger Station in Cordova. Thank you for your participation! Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be held strictly confidential.

- Are you a resident of Alaska? ____ Yes ____ No
- What was the start date _____ and end date _____ of this trip in PWS? Number of people in party ____
- How frequently do you visit PWS?
____ Never before ____ Once a year
____ Once every few years ____ Two or more times a year
- On average, how many days during one trip do you spend in PWS?
____ 1 day ____ 2-3 days ____ 4-5 days ____ 6+ days
- What was your point of entry into PWS on this trip?
____ Whittier ____ Valdez
____ Cordova ____ Other (please specify) _____
- What is your primary mode of recreation travel in PWS on this trip?
____ Float plane/helicopter ____ Smaller motorized boat
____ Kayak ____ Inflatable
____ Cruise ship ____ Tour boat
____ Sailboat ____ Motor yacht

Again, thank you for your participation. Your efforts will help improve the management of Prince William Sound.

Additional Comments regarding your trip (may be continued on back):

- ☐ Other (list)
- ☐ Fishing/hunting nearby
- ☐ Good anchorage
- ☐ Flat ground for a tent
- ☐ Water source nearby
- ☐ Secluded area
- ☐ Scenic view
- ☐ Surrounded by trees
- ☐ Quiet and serene
- ☐ Easy access to the shoreline

26. If you typically opt to relocate to a site that has similar qualities as your favorite place, please identify what those qualities are. (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Other (list)
- ☐ Has similar qualities as your favorite place
- ☐ Can accommodate your group size
- ☐ Is within a reasonable distance to travel to
- ☐ Has less amenities than the site you relocated from
- ☐ Has more amenities than the site you relocated from
- ☐ Is the next available location

(Check all that apply)

25. If you typically choose to relocate, you would select a place that: (Amenities are defined as "site qualities" e.g. freshwater source, hiking opportunities, etc.)

- ☐ Other (list)
- ☐ Leave and return to your point of origin
- ☐ Relocate to another location
- ☐ Do nothing and stay in this location anyway

24. If you typically arrive at a preferred destination and you find it more crowded than you like, you would:

Please also check if _____ you did so on this trip

For the following questions, please answer based on your outdoor experiences in general

23. In 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil spill released over 11 million gallons of crude oil into parts of PWS. On areas that you went ashore, if you noticed any lingering oil on the shoreline surface, or in areas of shallow diggings, did it affect your decision to stay at the location? Yes _____ No _____

Instructions for Recording your Trip on the Map

Please record your trip on the map on the inside fold

Draw your route with a line on the adjacent map. Please place an * asterisk at your initial start location. See example map.

Number (1, 2, 3, ...) all places where you stopped longer than 15 minutes (i.e., anchored/moored, went ashore, camped, etc.). Please be sure to write in the table provided. For multiple activities during the same stop, please mark the activities in the next line with the same site number (see following example).

Finally, please record any encounters (An encounter is defined as being within sight or sound of another party) throughout your trip. For multiple encounters during the same stop, mark the encounters in the next lines (see following example).

We are also interested in some information about your visit to these places. Please answer the following questions for each place you visit during your trip to Prince William Sound. You are welcome to make any other notations you feel will assist us in understanding more about your recreational outing.

Encounter Information

Encounter #	Date & Time	Duration of Stop	Activity	Did you go ashore?	Encounter Description	Notes	Other
1	7/2/98	2 hours	Boiled from boat	N	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing
2	7/2/98	30 minutes	Boiled from boat	N	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing
3	7/2/98	16 hours	Camped in Blackstone Bay on Whittier Island	V	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing
4	7/3/98	2 hours	Boiled from boat	N	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing
5	7/3/98	1000	Arrived back in Whittier Harbor	N	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing	CT - commercial fishing

7. Did you use a transporter for your recreational activity? (Boat shuttle or airplane?)
Yes ____ Name of transport service _____
No ____
8. Did you use the services of an outfitter/guide?
Yes ____ Name of outfitter/guide service _____
No ____

9. What was your primary recreational activity in PWS? Please also identify activities that you participated in during your trip

- Primary Activity (√ one)
- Participated (√ all that apply)
- ☐ Sightseeing
- ☐ Wildlife viewing
- ☐ General boating
- ☐ Overnight mooring/anchorage
- ☐ Kayaking
- ☐ Primitive camping
- ☐ Hunting / Subsistence hunting (Please underline which)
- ☐ Fishing / Subsistence fishing (Please underline which)
- ☐ Hiking/backpacking
- ☐ Overnight stay in cabin
- ☐ Picnicking / family gathering / berry picking
- ☐ Visiting historic or prehistoric sites

10. To enjoy your primary recreational activity, where was your **planned ultimate destination**?

11. Please describe the characteristics of this *planned* ultimate destination that made it appealing to you (e.g. good fishing/hunting, solitude, good wildlife viewing, etc)

12. Are there any management actions you would suggest to improve your future visits to this area? (e.g. hardened campsites, number of visitors limited in certain areas, etc)

21. Were there any *other* factors that adversely impacted your experience in PWS? Please describe (e.g. conditions of campsites, trash, inadequate sites, etc)

22. Please explain or clarify any type of negative encounter you experienced due to **other users** (e.g. group too noisy, camped/anchored too close, etc)

19. If you were adversely impacted by encounters with **other users**, how did it affect you?

I was somewhat impacted, but it will not affect my future decisions.

Next time I will visit this area when less likely to encounter others.

I will no longer visit this area within PWS.

18. Would you go to the actual area you visited again? Yes ____ No ____ If not, why? _____

Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with this trip? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Much less than expected	As expected	Much better than expected		

Lack of amenities

No available campsites

Too many boats

Too many planes

Other

(Check as many as apply)

Not enough time

Weather

Noise

Too many people

Other

16. If you did not obtain the desired experiences, why? (Amenities are defined as "site qualities" e.g. freshwater source, hiking opportunities, wildlife viewing, etc.)