

NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE SEVENTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT

The Coast Guard makes navigability determinations regarding specific waterways or portions of waterways in order to determine its jurisdiction on those waterways. These navigability determinations are made for Coast Guard use at the request of Coast Guard officials and are subject to change or modification pursuant to Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.45.

SECTION I. NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES BY DEFINITION UNDER 33 CFR 2.36(A)(1) OR (2): These waters include the territorial seas of the United States and all internal waters of the United States that are subject to tidal influence. Internal waters that are subject to tidal influence are too numerous to list by name.

SECTION II. INTERNAL WATERS DETERMINED TO BE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES. This list represents waterways for which the Coast Guard has made a navigability determination. Omission of a waterway from this list does not mean the waterway is not navigable.

Waterway	Limit of Navigability	Decision Source	Decision Year	Decision Basis	Clarifying Remarks
Agulowak River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provisions COE	Dillingham area
Agulukpak River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Dillingham area
Alagnak River	Entire waterway	Judicial Decision	1985	9th Circuit Decision	
Alexander Creek	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Anchorage area
Big Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1975	33 CFR Part 2	Anchorage area
Bonanza Creek, North Fork	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provisions COE	Bettles area
Bonanza Creek, South Fork	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Bettles area
Chatanika River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Chena River (Fairbanks, Big Delta & Circle Quads)	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	Fairbanks area

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Chilkat River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2001	33 CFR Part 2	Haines area
Chistochina River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Mt. Hayes/Gulkana
Chulitna River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Near Talkeetna
Colville River	Mouth to junction with the Killik River	Administrative Determination	1975	33 CFR Part 2	Harrison Bay area
Copper River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1995	33 CFR Part 2	NE of Anchorage
Delta River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Big Delta/Mt. Hayes
Deshka River (Kroto Creek)	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1999	33 CFR Part 2	Anchorage area
Dietrich River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Chandalar area
East Fork Chulitna River (Healy Quad)	Chulitna River from its headwater to its confluence with the Susitna River including its West, Middle, and East Forks	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	
Fish Creek	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	
Gakona River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Gulkana & Mt. Hayes area
Gardiner Creek	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Tanacross/Nabesna

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Gerstle River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Mt. Hayes area
Gulkana River (Gulkana Quad)	Sourdough Campground (mile 33.5) to confluence with Copper River	Judicial Determination	1989	9th Circuit Decision	
Hammond River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Wiseman area
Honolulu Creek	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Healy area
Iliamna Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	
Jarvis Creek	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	
Johnson River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Mt. Hayes area
Julius Creek	From its confluence with Seventeen Mile Slough at 64° 29'N; 149° 08'W to the Alaska Railroad Bridge which is located at 64° 25'N; 149° 05'W	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Kahilitna River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2002	33 CFR Part 2	
Kashwitna River	2 miles below its confluence with North Fork to confluence with Susitna River	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Anchorage area

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Kenai Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Kenai Area
Kenai River	Mouth at Cook Inlet to Kenai Lake	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Kenai Area
Klehini River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1994	33 CFR Part 2	Northwest of Haines
Klutina River	Lower River from confluence with Copper River up to and including Klutina Lake	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Knik River	From the new Glenn Highway bridges to the Knik Glacier	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Kobuk River	Mouth to Village of Kobuk	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Hotham Inlet area
Kukaklek Lake	Entire waterway	Judicial Determination	1985	9th Circuit Decision	
Kuskokwim River	Mouth to town of McGrath	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Kuskokwim Bay area
Kvichak River	Mouth to and including Iliamna Lake	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Kvichak Bay area
Lake Aleknagik	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Dillingham area
Lake Beverly	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Dillingham area
Lake Chauekuktuli	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2001	33 CFR Part 2	Dillingham area
Lake Clark	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2000	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Dillingham area


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Lake Kulik	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Dillingham area
Lake Nerka	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Dillingham area
Little Susitna River (Anchorage)	Schrock Road Bridge to confluence with Cook Inlet	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Talkeetna Mtn. area
Little Tok River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Tanacross/Nabesna
Little Willow Creek (Tyonek, Anchorage Quads)	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	North of Anchorage
Lowe River	Mouth at Port Valdez to Wortmanns Creek	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Matanuska River	from Caribou Creek to its mouth at Knik Arm	Administrative Determination	1994	33 CFR Part 2	North of Anchorage
Mendenhall River	Mouth to Montana Creek	Administrative Determination	1983	33 CFR Part 2	Juneau area
Middle Fork Chulitna River (Healy Quad)	Chulitna River from its headwater to its confluence with the Susitna River including its West, Middle, and East Forks	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	
Naknek Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1999	33 CFR Part 2	Kvichak Bay
Naknek River	Mouth to Naknek Mile 25	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Kvichak Bay area

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Nancy Lake (Lake Creek)	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Next to Big Lake
Neil Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2000	33 CFR Part 2	
Nenana River (Fairbanks, Healy)	From Mile 121.2 near Cantwell, AK to its junction with the Tanana River	Administrative Determination	1995	33 CFR Part 2	North of Anchorage
Newhalen River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Dillingham area
Noatak River	Mouth to Village of Noatak	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Katzubu Sound area
Nonvianuk Lake	Entire waterway	Judicial Determination	1985	9th Circuit Decision	
Nonvianuk River	Entire waterway	Judicial Determination	1985	9th Circuit Decision	
Nushagak River	Mouth to the Village of Koliganek	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Dillingham area
Nuyakuk Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2003	33 CFR Part 2	Dillingham area
Nuyakuk River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2000	33 CFR Part 2	Dillingham area
Porcupine River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Yukon tributary
Portage Creek	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1995	33 CFR Part 2	
Portage Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1995	33 CFR Part 2	Turnagin Arm

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Red Shirt Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2001	33 CFR Part 2	
Sagavanirktok River	Mouth at the Beaufort Sea confluence with the Lupine River at mile 109	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Salcha River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Scottie Creek	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Shaw Creek	Mouth at confluence with Chisana River to Canadian border 	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Skilak Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Kenai area
Susitna River	Mouth of Cook Inlet to village of Gold Creek, AK	Administrative Determination	1970	33 CFR Part 2	
Talkeetna River	From Iron Creek to its confluence with the Susitna River	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	
Tanana River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	Yukon tributary
Tikchik Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2004	33 CFR Part 2	Dillingham area
Tikchik River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2002	33 CFR Part 2	Dillingham area
Tokositna River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Parallels Parks

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Tolovana River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2011	33 CFR Part 2	
Ugashik Lake	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	2000	33 CFR Part 2	Dillingham area
Ugashik River	In its entirety including Upper and Lower Ugashak Lake	Administrative Determination	2007	33 CFR Part 2	
Willow Creek (Tyonek, Anchorage Quads)	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Bald Mountain Ridge
Wind River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1968	P.L. 89-670 Savings Provision COE	Dillingham area
Wood River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1991	33 CFR Part 2	Dillingham area
Yentna River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Susitna River Basin
Yukon River	Entire waterway	Administrative Determination	1998	33 CFR Part 2	Bald Mountain Ridge