Kasilof Boat Retrieval Project Questionnaire Results

1) What type of recreation do you participate in while on the Kasilof River?
   a. Rafting  8
   b. Canoe/Kayak  14
   c. Drift boat fishing  61
   d. Wade fishing  33
   e. Other: Dipnetting, Waterfowl hunting, Hunting & Trapping, Bird Watching
2) Which segment of the river do you utilize more frequently?
   a. Tustumena Lake outlet to Sterling Hwy bridge  12
   b. Sterling Hwy bridge to lower river  77
3) How would you describe yourself? (Please check all that apply)

- a. Fishing Guide: 26
- b. Business/Lodge Owner: 18
- c. Private Angler: 58
- d. Pleasure boater: 30
- e. Wade fisherman: 32
- f. Local resident: 50
- g. Non-local resident: 14
- h. Non-resident: 6
- i. Other: Subsistence fisherman, Hunter/Trapper, Life long Alaskan: 4
4) If you currently access the Kasilof River to use the drift only portion, which location (see map 2) do you utilize to retrieve your boat?

   a. Coho Cove Campground  31
   b. Kasilof River Lodge and Cabins  38
   c. Trujillo’s property     13
   d. Other:                0

46% of respondents use Coho Cove Campground, 38% use Kasilof River Lodge and Cabins, and 16% use Trujillo’s property.
5) Potential locations for a retrieval site are being scrutinized between approximately river mile 1.5 and 5 (see map 2). Would you consider this area of the river to be the most desirable location for a retrieval site? 

Yes/No
6) The following are elements that will contribute to the development of the criteria that DPOR will establish to evaluate the potential retrieval sites.

- Minimum 5 acre parcel to accommodate infrastructure, access & parking
- Hydrologic aspects such as access to main channel, tidal influence, channel stability, water depth, flood hazard and ice effects
- Constructability, topography, soils & wetlands
- Potential for site contamination
- Cultural resources
- Capitol, operational & maintenance costs
- Permit constraints
- Conflict with residential areas

Are there elements you feel have been left out? If so, what additional things should DPOR consider when examining a potential site?

- hours of operation (favor open 24hrs)
- presentation to tourists (aesthetics)
- site access w/o use of outboard motor
- conflicts with commercial fishing
- drag system that is low impact to boat hull
- easy to locate (k-beach side of river)
- preservation of sanctity of neighborhoods
- distance from town, Keep small
- paved road to keep noise/dust low
- general impact to river
- competition with private vendors
- riverbank erosion
- disruption to swans & geese
- multi-use facility to consider needs of all user groups
- 10 acre minimum
- private takeouts available currently no need for public takeout
7) Once DPOR locates an acceptable retrieval site location, what type of facilities would you like to see developed?
   
   a. Traditional ramp 59
   b. Cable/winch, boat drag system 39
   Other technologies? 0
8) What additional facilities/improvements if any would you like to see incorporated within the site? (Check all that apply)
   a. Restrooms/outhouses  79
   b. Waste/trash receptacle  73
   c. Camping area  11
   d. RV slips  8
   e. Fishing access for wading  21
   f. Kids don’t float rack-life jackets  40
   g. Campground host pad  13
   h. None of the above  4
   i. Other: Fish cleaning tables, Similar to SRS at bridge, Wash down station, Bear resistant waste receptacles, Coffee/snack shack  15
9) How many parking spaces should the retrieval site accommodate?
   a. 25 or less  17
   b. 50  20
   c. 75  22
   d. 100  21
   e. Other: Priority for trailer spaces, Overflow parking could relax need for 100 spaces near site
10) Please provide below any additional ideas, comments, or input that you feel would be important for the project managers to know when evaluating potential retrieval sites on the Kasilof River. (Number in parenthesis identifies similar comments received)

- Support Trujillo property as retrieval site (21)
- Quick simple boat drag cable make functional not expensive (4)
- Keep non-motorized (4)
- Imperative to have public site with pending private closures (3)
- Make similar to SRS at Hwy bridge (3)
- Impact to river should be kept to a minimum - overuse should be considered (3)
- Avoid residential areas entirely (2)
- Make sure to keep retrieval only (2)
- Need motor boat launch (2)
- Find site large enough to fulfill multiple needs (2)
- Priority for bank protection & waste management
- Make river drift only-unguided fishery
- Consider impact to fishery (make launch public only, no commercial use)
- Consider June fishery as foremost priority
- Kasilof Cabins too far & Coho Cove too short need something in-between
- Paved access road to site will reduce noise/dust to residential area
- Commercial use permits given for one park only to reduce guided crowding
- Essential to have public takeout to keep local economy stable
- Not necessary or mandatory to have site, Same proximity as Coho Cove
- Residential areas will be impacted regardless of where site is located
- Camp site would reduce congestion at mouth during dip-net season
- Wrong to have retrieval site located where use of a motor is needed for safe takeout
- No further development is needed – keep river at present status.