

State, Yakutat cooperate on studies of glacier

As the Hubbard Glacier near Yakutat continues to convert Russell Fjord into a freshwater lake, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has been cooperating with the city of Yakutat and other agencies to determine the effects it will have on fish and wildlife resources, according to department spokesmen.

The recent designation of both the Hubbard Glacier and Russell Lake as a federal "Geologic Special Interest Area" may make federal funds available for assessment of impacts, they said.

The department has submitted a list of studies to the U.S. Forest Service, which the department believes would aid in monitoring effects on wildlife and fish, as well as the associated human use of these resources.

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