

## Annette Island Facilities (4)

We have found four facilities on Annette Island that are worthy of their own location status in RTMM.

### Annette Island Fish Hatchery - Main Facility (Whitman Lake Hatchery)



This large hatchery is the Whitman Lake Hatchery. There are few things as iconically Alaskan as participating in a salmon return, and if you're in Ketchikan during the spring runs (June/July), you can see one close-up.

Every spring the hatchery sends 700,000 king salmon smolt on the adventure of a lifetime. These small fish attempt to stay away from seals, sea lions, larger salmon, and sharks, with an average of just 10 percent returning 4-5 years later, streaming into Herring Cove to the hatchery.

Standing on the bridge at Herring Cove and seeing thousands of 20- and 30-lb king salmon returning to Whitman Lake Hatchery is a surreal wildlife experience that can't be orchestrated by any zoo. The massive amount of fish attracts not just onlookers, but all sorts of animals who gather for the culinary event of the year. The smell of decaying salmon assaults your nose, while the screeching of thousands of seagulls, and the unique cawing of eagles rise over the sound of

the water. Herds of seals flap around hunting, while bear walk around as if they own the place. You need transportation to get to the Whitman Lake Hatchery, but it's worth hiring a cab or going with a tour operator if you want to truly understand Alaskan salmon and the role hatcheries like Whitman play in the success of this salmon fishery.

### **Annette Island Small Fish Hatchery -**



This is a small hatchery we found right across the water from the Tamgas Harbor Sea Plane Base.

### **"Unknown" Annette Island Facility**



We do not know exactly what this facility is. It is clearly defined on Google Earth, so there are significant standing structures. If you know what it is, send us the documentation and let us know!

## **Alaska Marine Highway Ferry Terminal**



This is RTMM's depiction of the Metlakatla Terminal of the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) serves 33 Alaska ports by transporting passengers and vehicles between coastal communities. This service helps meet the social, educational, health, and economic needs of Alaskans.

AMHS provides year-round scheduled ferry service throughout Southeast and Southwest Alaska, extending south to Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and Bellingham, Washington. The system connects communities with each other, regional centers, and the continental road system. It is an integral part of Alaska's highway system, reaching many communities that would otherwise be cut off from the rest of the state and nation. AMHS also provides a coastal transportation alternative between Anchorage and the "Lower 48" states versus driving the Alaska Highway.

AMHS is designed to provide basic transportation services to these communities: transportation that allows community access to health

services, commodities, legal services, government services, and social services; transportation that meets the social needs of isolated communities; and transportation that provides a base for economic development.

## **SUMMARY**

We hope you enjoy the new facilities we have added at Annette Island.

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