

# Upper Copper River Wild Salmon Stock Distribution and Timing

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# Upper Copper River King Salmon

- Gakona
  - Spring Creek
  - Headwater Spring
- Drop Creek
- Tributary near Boulder Creek
- Sinona Creek
- Bear Creek (E side of Copper)
- Chistochina
  - East Fork
  - Eagle Creek
- Indian River
- Ahtell Creek
- Slana River
  - Bone Creek
  - Natat Creek

# Gulkana River Drainage King Salmon

- Lower Mainstem – downstream of West Fork
- Middle Mainstem – West Fork to Middle Fork
- Twelvemile Creek
- West Fork
  - Victor Creek
  - Keg Creek mouth
  - Keg Creek to Moose Creek
  - Moose Creek
  - Moose Creek to Monsoon Lake
- Middle Fork
  - East Fork to Swede Creek
  - Hungry Hollow Creek
  - Swede Creek to Dickey Lake
- East Fork to Paxson Lake

# Tazlina River Drainage King Salmon

- Mendeltna Creek
- Kaina Creek

# Klutina River Drainage King Salmon

- Mainstem Klutina
- Manker Creek
- Mahlo Creek
- St. Anne Creek

# Tonsina River Drainage King Salmon

- Mainstem Tonsina
- Unnamed Creek
- Dust Creek
- Bernard Creek
- Little Tonsina River
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Creek
- Quartz Creek
- Greyling Creek

# Chitina River Drainage King Salmon

- Tebay River
- Chokosna River
  - Gilahina River
- Tana River clear channel
- Chakina River
  - Monahan Creek
  - Klu River





# Upper Copper River Sockeye Salmon

- Gakona
  - Unnamed Creek (3)
  - Alder Creek (2)
- Chistochina River
  - Eagle Creek
  - Unnamed fork of Eagle Creek
- Slana River
  - Mentasta Lake
  - Fish Creek (Mentasta Lake)
  - Bad Crossing #1
  - Bad Crossing #2
  - Granite Creek
- Slana River
  - Bone Creek
  - Slana River sloughs (5)
  - Suslositna Lake
  - Suslota Lake
  - Smith Creek
  - Smith Lake
- Tanada Creek
  - Tanada Lake
  - Tanada Lake outlet
- Copper Creek
  - Copper Lake

# Gulkana River Drainage Sockeye Salmon

- West Fork
  - Victor Creek
  - Keg Creek
  - Keg Creek mouth
  - Unnamed Creek
  - Moose Creek to Monsoon Lake
- Middle Mainstem – West Fork to Middle Fork
- Middle Fork
  - Hungry Hollow Creek
  - East Fork to Swede Creek
  - Swede Lake
  - Dickey Lake
- East Fork
  - Paxson Lake outlet stream
  - Paxson Lake inlet
  - Inlet to Mud Creek
  - Mud Creek
  - Mud Lake
  - Mud Creek to Summit Lake (2)
  - Fish Creek
  - Fish Lakes (2)
  - Summit Lake
  - Gunn Creek
  - Gunn Lake Creek

# Tazlina River Drainage Sockeye Salmon

- Tolsona Creek
- Tazlina Lake
- Mendeltna Creek
- Upper Mendeltna Creek (above Old Man Lake)
- Kaina Creek
- Upper Kaina Lake

# Klutina River Drainage Sockeye Salmon

- Mainstem Klutina
- Mahlo Creek
- Island Lake (2)
- 1884 Lake
- Curtis Creek
- St. Anne Creek
- Hallet Beach

# Tonsina River Drainage Sockeye Salmon

- Lower Tonsina Creek
- Little Tonsina River
- Tonsina Lake

# Chitina River Drainage Sockeye Salmon

- Tebay River
- Chokosna River
- Long Lake
- Spruce Point Creek
- Trumpeter Lake
- Lake Creek
- Clear Creek
- Tana River clear channel (4)
- Tana Lake Inlet
- West Fork Tana channels (5)

# Lower Copper River Sockeye Salmon

- Tasnuna River (3)
- Whiting Falls Creek
- Unnamed Tributary
- Tiekel Lake
- Swan Lake #1
- Swan Lake #2
- Swan Lake #3
- Swan Lake #4
- Uranatina River



# Bremner River

- Peninsula Lake
- Little Bremner River
- Little Bremner Seep
- Steamboat Lake
- Eagle Creek
- Salmon Creek
- Price Creek
- Unnamed Creek #1
- Unnamed Creek #2



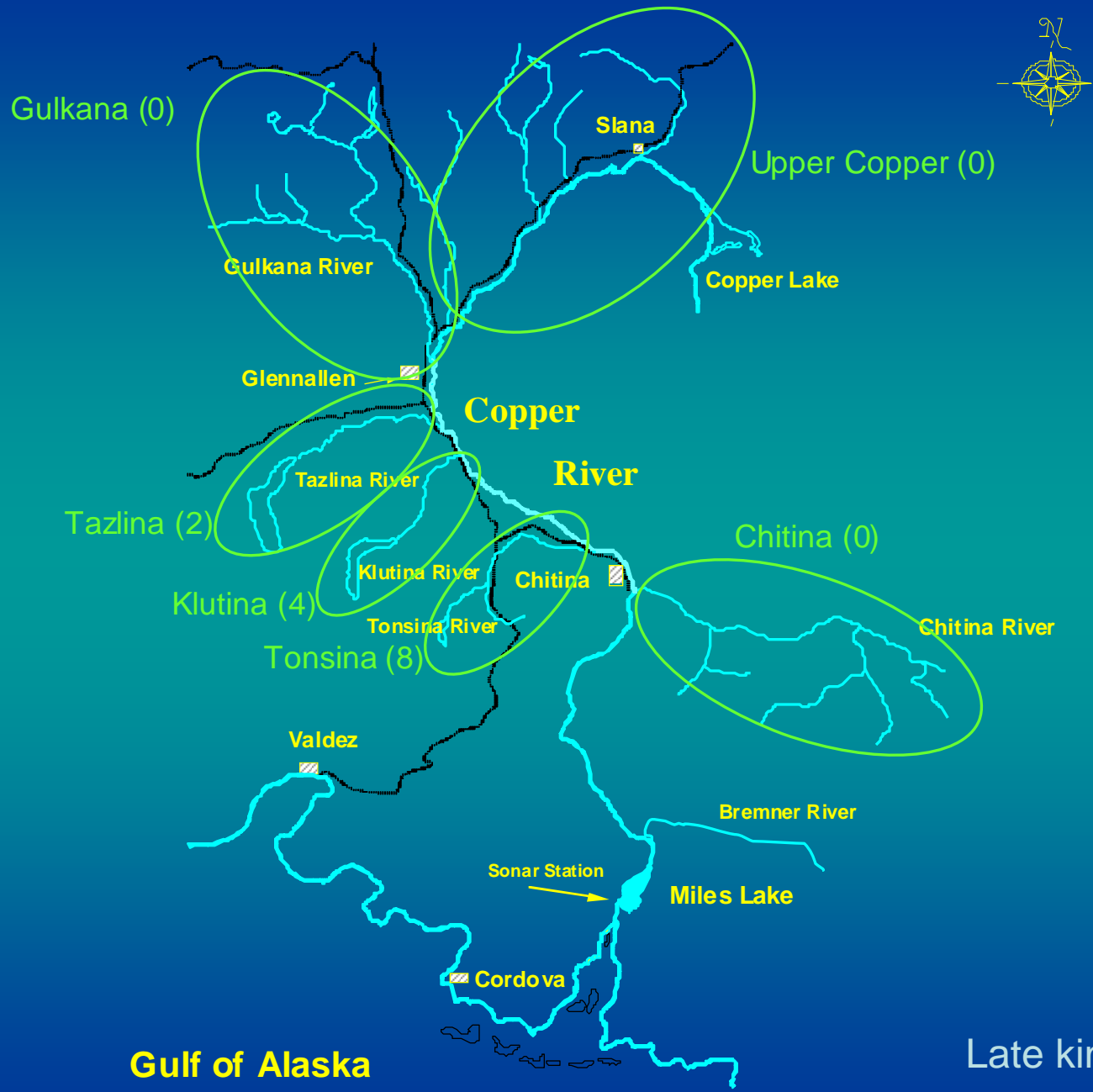
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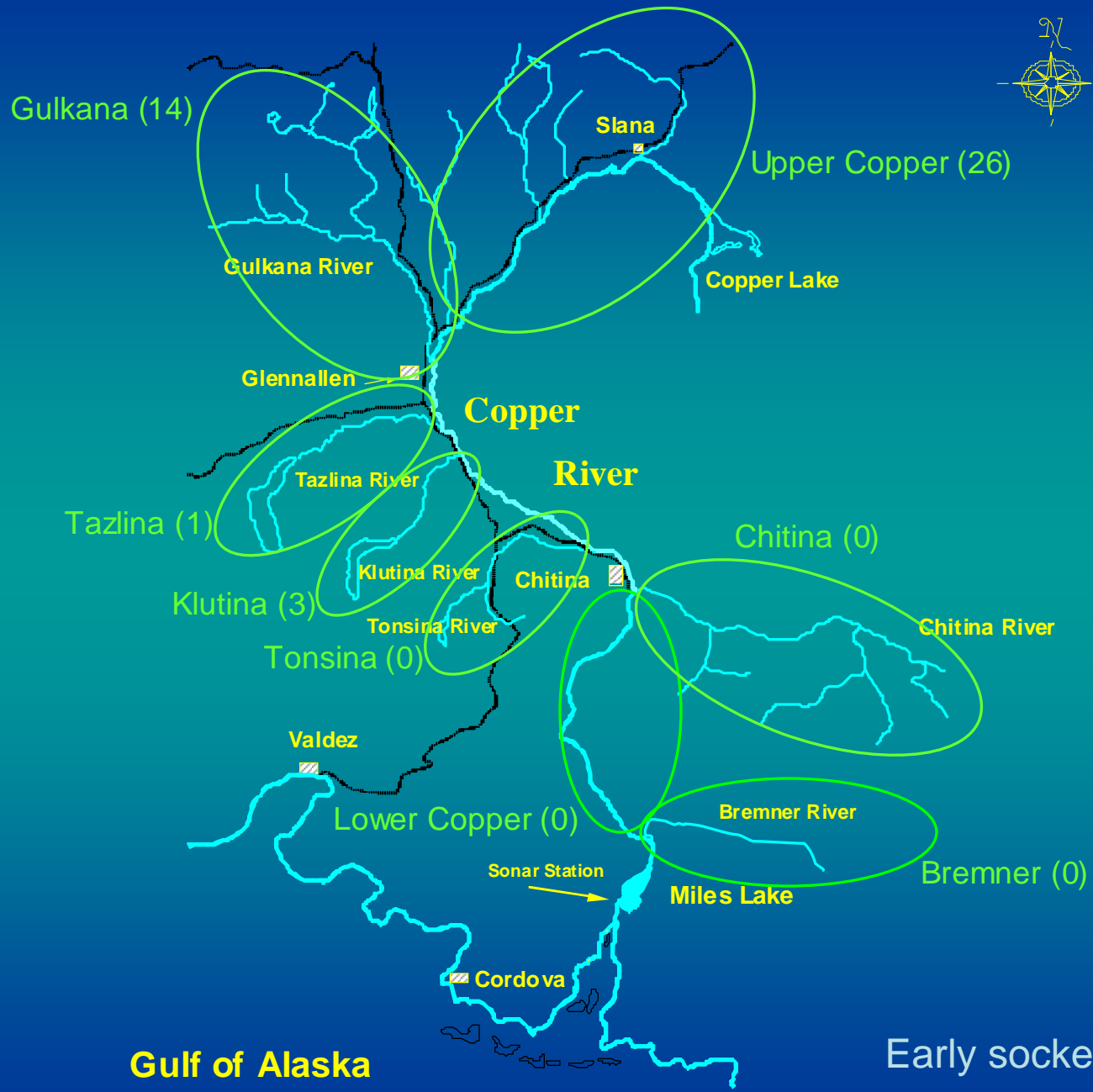
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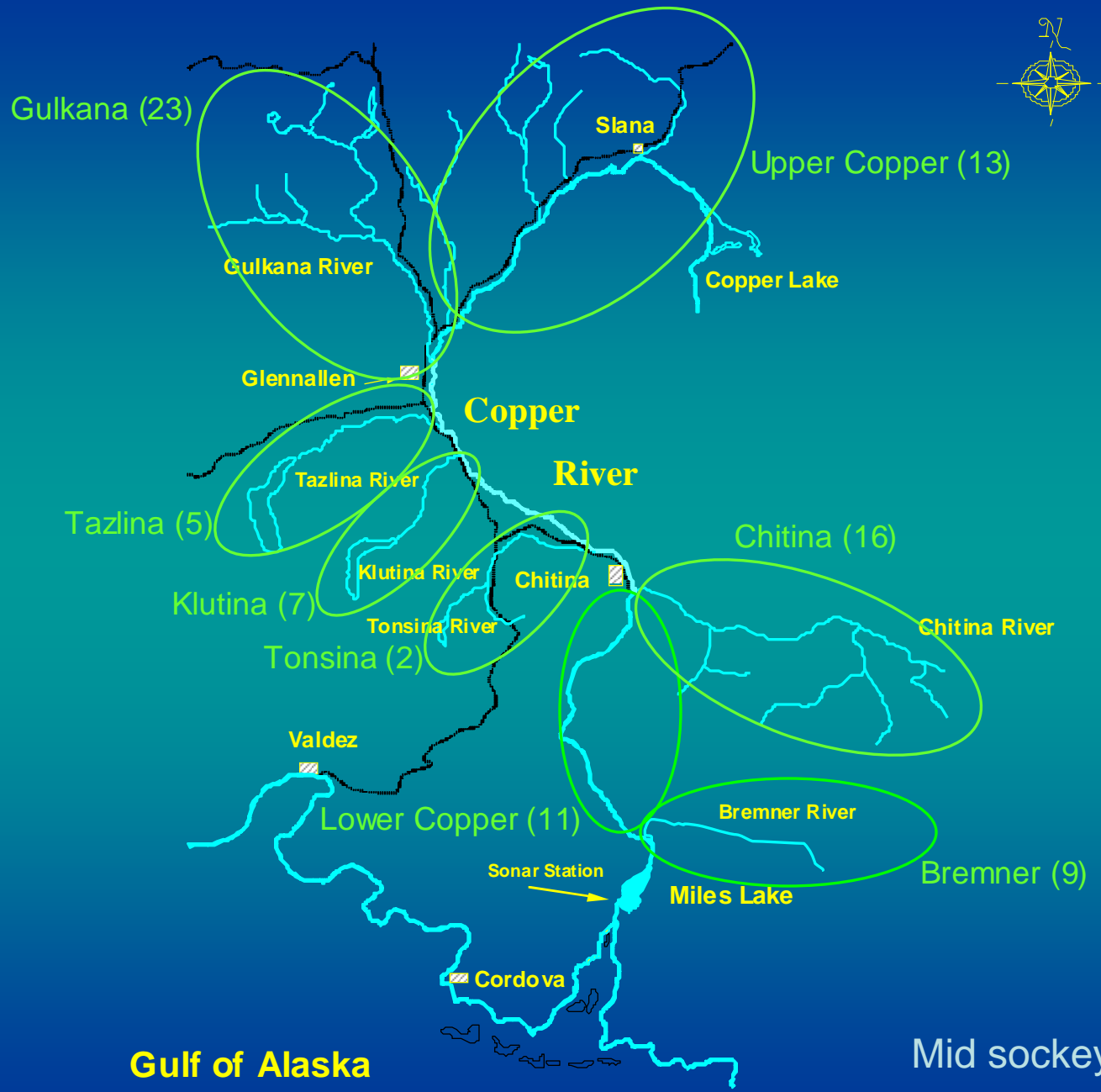
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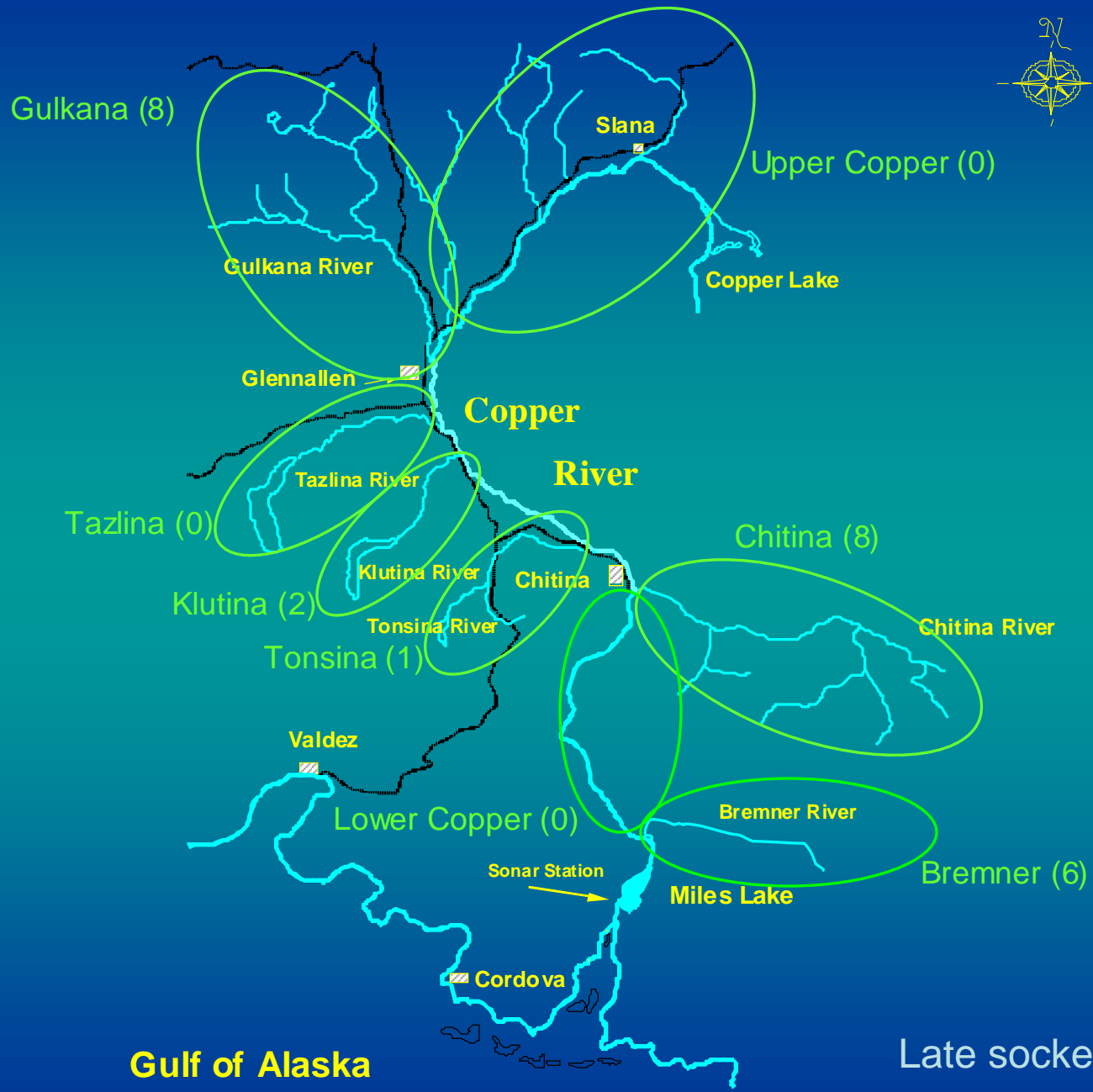
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Early sockeye salmon



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Mid sockeye salmon



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Late sockeye salmon







# Upper Copper King Salmon Timing

- Early – Gulkana River
  - Lower Mainstem – Mouth to W. Fork
  - West Fork: Victor Creek
  - West Fork: Moose Creek to Monsoon Lake
  - West Fork: Moose Creek
  - West Fork: Keg Creek to Moose Creek
  - West Fork: Keg Creek Mouth
  - Middle Mainstem Gulkana: West Fork to Middle Fork
  - Gulkana: Twelvemile Creek
  - Middle Fork Gulkana: East Fork to Swede Creek
  - Middle Fork Gulkana: Hungry Hollow Creek
- Early – Upper Copper
  - Gakona River: Spring Creek
  - Gakona River: Headwater Spring
  - Drop Creek
  - Tributary near Boulder Creek
  - Sinona Creek
  - Bear Creek (E side of Copper)
  - Chistochina River: East Fork
  - Chistochina River: Eagle Creek
  - Indian River
  - Ahtell Creek
  - Slana River: Bone Creek
  - Slana River: Natat Creek

# Upper Copper King Salmon Timing

- Middle – Chitina
  - Tebay River
  - Chokosna River
  - Gilahina River
  - Tana River Clear Channel
  - Monahan Creek
  - Klu River
- Middle – Tonsina River
  - Unnamed Creek
  - Dust Creek
  - Bernard Creek
  - Little Tonsina River
    - Fourth of July Creek
  - Quartz Creek
  - Greyling Creek
- Middle – Klutina River
  - Manker Creek
  - Mahlo Creek
  - St. Anne Creek
- Middle – Tazlina River
  - Mendeltna Creek
  - Kaina Creek
- Middle – Gulkana River
  - Gulkana Mainstem
  - Lower West Fork
  - West Fork: Moose Creek to Monsoon Lake
  - West Fork: Moose Creek
  - West Fork: Keg Creek to Moose Creek
  - West Fork: Keg Creek Mouth
  - Middle Mainstem: West Fork to Middle Fork
  - Twelvemile Creek
  - Middle Fork: East Fork to Swede Creek
  - Middle Fork: Swede Creek to Dickey Lake
  - Middle Fork: Hungry Hollow Creek
  - East Fork
- Middle – Upper Copper
  - Gakona River: Spring Creek
  - Gakona River: Headwater Spring
  - Drop Creek
  - Tributary near Boulder Creek
  - Sinona Creek
  - Bear Creek (E side of Copper)
  - Chistochina River: East Fork
  - Chistochina River: Eagle Creek
  - Slana River: Bone Creek

# Upper Copper King Salmon Timing

- Late – Tonsina River
  - Tonsina River mainstem
  - Unnamed Creek
  - Dust Creek
  - Bernard Creek
  - Little Tonsina River
    - Fourth of July Creek
  - Quartz Creek
  - Greyling Creek
- Late – Klutina River
  - Klutina River mainstem
  - Manker Creek
  - Mahlo Creek
  - St. Anne Creek
- Late – Tazlina River
  - Mendeltna Creek
  - Kaina Creek

# Upper Copper Sockeye Salmon Timing

- Early – Klutina River
  - Klutina River mainstem
  - Mahlo Creek
  - St. Anne Creek
- Early – Tazlina River
  - Upper Mendeltna Creek
- Early – Gulkana River
  - West Fork: Moose Creek to Monsoon Lake
  - West Fork: Unnamed
  - West Fork: Keg Creek Mouth
  - West Fork: Keg Creek
  - West Fork: Victor Creek
  - Middle Mainstem Gulkana: West Fork to Middle Fork
  - Middle Fork Gulkana: East Fork to Swede Creek
  - Swede Lake
  - Dickey Lake
  - Middle Fork Gulkana: Hungry Hollow Creek
  - East Fork: Fish Creek
  - East Fork: Fish Lakes
- Early – Upper Copper
  - Gakona River: Unnamed Creek
  - Gakona River: Alder Creek
  - Chistochina River: Eagle Creek
  - Chistochina River: Unnamed Fork of Eagle Creek
  - Slana River: Mentasta Lake
  - Slana River: Fish Creek
  - Slana River: Bad Crossing #1
  - Slana River: Bad Crossing #2
  - Slana River: Granite Creek
  - Slana River: Bone Creek
  - Slana River: Slana sloughs
  - Slana River: Suslositna Lake
  - Slana River: Suslota Lake
  - Slana River: Smith Creek
  - Slana River: Smith Lake
  - Tanada Lake
  - Tanada Lake outlet
  - Copper Creek
  - Copper Lake

# Upper Copper Sockeye Salmon Timing

- Middle – Bremner River
  - Peninsula Lake
  - Little Bremner River
  - Little Bremner Seep
  - Steamboat Lake
  - Eagle Creek
  - Salmon Creek
  - Price Creek
  - Unnamed Creek #1
  - Unnamed Creek #2
- Middle – Lower Copper
  - Tasnuna River
  - Whiting Falls Creek
  - Unnamed Tributary
  - Tiekel Lake
  - Swan Lake #1
  - Swan Lake #2
  - Swan Lake #3
  - Swan Lake #4
  - Uranatina River
- Middle – Chitina River
  - Tebay River
  - Chokosna River
  - Nizina River: Spruce Point Creek
  - Nizina River: Trumpeter Lake
  - Nizina River: Lake Creek
  - Clear Creek
  - Tana River Clear Channel
  - Tana Lake inlet
  - Tana River: West Fork channels Middle
- Middle – Tonsina River
  - Lower Tonsina Creek
  - Little Tonsina River
- Middle – Klutina River
  - Klutina River mainstem
  - Island Lake
  - 1884 Lake
  - Curtis Creek
  - St. Anne Creek
  - Hallet Beach
- Middle – Tazlina River
  - Tolsona Creek
  - Mendeltna Creek
  - Kaina Creek
  - Upper Kaina Lake
  - Tazlina Lake
- Middle – Gulkana River
  - West Fork mainstem
  - West Fork: Moose Creek to Monsoon Lake
  - West Fork: Unnamed Creek
  - West Fork: Keg Creek Mouth
  - West Fork: Keg Creek
  - West Fork: Victor Creek
  - Middle Fork: East Fork to Swede Creek
  - Middle Fork: Hungry Hollow Creek
  - East Fork mainstem
  - Paxson Lake inlet
  - East Fork: Paxson Lake inlet to Mud Creek
  - East Fork: Mud Creek
  - East Fork: Mud Lake
  - East Fork: Mud Creek to Summit Lake
  - East Fork: Fish Creek
  - East Fork: Fish Lakes
  - East Fork: Summit Lake
  - East Fork: Gunn Creek
  - East Fork: Gunn Lake Creek
- Middle – Upper Copper
  - Gakona River: Unnamed Creek
  - Gakona River: Alder Creek
  - Chistochina River: Eagle Creek
  - Chistochina River: Unnamed fork of Eagle Creek
  - Slana River: Suslositna Lake
  - Slana River: Suslota Lake
  - Tanada Lake
  - Tanada Lake outlet
  - Copper Creek
  - Copper Lake

# Upper Copper Sockeye Salmon Timing

- Late – Bremner River
  - Peninsula Lake
  - Little Bremner River
  - Little Bremner Seep
  - Steamboat Lake
  - Eagle Creek
  - Salmon Creek
- Late – Chitina River
  - Lakina River: Long Lake
  - Nizina River: Spruce Point Creek
  - Nizina River: Trumpeter Lake
  - Nizina River: Lake Creek
  - Clear Creek
  - Tana River Clear Channel
  - Tana Lake inlet
  - Tana River: West Fork channels  
Middle
- Late – Tonsina River
  - Tonsina Lake
- Late – Klutina River
  - Island Lake
  - Hallet Beach
- Late – Gulkana River
  - Paxson Lake inlet
  - East Fork: Paxson Lake inlet to  
Mud Creek
  - East Fork: Mud Creek
  - East Fork: Mud Lake
  - East Fork: Mud Creek to Summit  
Lake
  - East Fork: Fish Lakes
  - East Fork: Summit Lake
  - East Fork: Gunn Creek
  - East Fork: Gunn Lake Creek