



ALASKA'S

Big Easy



FISHY FRONTIER: Alaska arguably offers more fishing opportunities than any other state, although anglers sometimes bypass Ketchikan in search of more remote waters. But like many coastal spots in the Last Frontier, Ketchikan provides superb action for many popular species, plus it's easy to get to.

When anglers with **Alaskan experience** talk about their adventures in **America's great northern wilderness**, **Ketchikan** usually plays in as a brief stopover on the way to some far-flung fishing lodge tucked away on a distant island, as a place bypassed by serious backcountry fishermen on their way to **the "real" Alaska**.

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