



**State of Alaska  
Department of Fish and Game  
Sportfish Division**

**Nomination Form  
Anadromous Waters Catalog**

Region Southeastern USGS Quad(s) BERING GLACIER A-3, ICY BAY D-2 & D-3

Anadromous Waters Catalog Number of Water Body 191-20-13400 (-2033)-3040

Name of Water Body Big Sandy Creek  USGS Name  Local Name

Addition  Deletion  Correction  Backup Information

**For Office Use**

Nomination # <u>25-593</u>	<u>[Signature]</u> Fisheries Scientist	<u>Sept 05/2025</u> Date
Revision Year: <u>2026</u>	<u>[Signature]</u> Habitat Operations Manager	<u>9/5/25</u> Date
Revision to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Atlas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catalog	<u>[Signature]</u> AWC Project Biologist	<u>4 Sept 2025</u> Date
Revision Code: <u>C-9, D-2</u>	<u>P. [Signature]</u> GIS Analyst	<u>10/6/2025</u> Date

**OBSERVATION INFORMATION**

Species	Date(s) Observed	Spawning	Rearing	Present	Anadromous

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**~DELETE entire existing AWC Stream #191-20-13400-2033 which was created in error, fish observations in this water body should of been attributed to existing AWC Stream #191-20-13400 "Big Sandy Creek".** ✓

Coordinates (Lat,Long): Upper(59.994012,-141.760363) Lower(59.991138,-141.766177)

Name of Observer (please print): Nicholas Jensen

Signature: 10.231.39.10 (Web Nomination) Date: 05/06/2025

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 802 3rd St First Floor  
Juneau, AK 99824

This certifies that in my best professional judgment and belief the above information is evidence that this waterbody should be included in or deleted from the Anadromous Waters Catalog.

Signature of Area Biologist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Revision 3/16

Name of Area Biologist (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

# Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Habitat Section  
Southeast Region



**191-20-13400**

**CORRECTION**

**Water body name:** Big Sandy Creek

**Survey date:** 8/24/2024

**Quad:** Icy Bay D2, D3

**Species & Lifestage:** Cos, DVp

**Upper Reach Latitude:** 59.994012 **Longitude:** -141.760363

**Survey crew:** NJ, CD, FC

**Lower Reach Latitude:** 59.991138 **Longitude:** -141.766177

**Findings:** We surveyed this cataloged stream using a backpack electrofisher and GPS and found that the stream path is incorrectly mapped. The main flow of this stream parallels the road running north west, then jumps the road and heads south. This is a highly mobile area so it likely changes depending on high water events. The exact route south of the road is unclear but drawn based on topography (Table 1; Figures 1, 2).

**Recommendations:** Correct Stream No. 191-20-13400 in the anadromous waters catalog to reflect the field verified stream path (Figure 3).

**Nomination:** Pending

Table 1.—191-20-13400 survey data.

Waypoint	Latitude	Longitude	Notes	Stream Width ft	Stream Substrate	Habitat Features	Gradient %	Sample Effort	Sample Results
1180	59.994533	-141.763950	Main flow parallels road where the distributary line is currently showing, needs to be route corrected. During high water as seen earlier, main flow will jump the berm and flow down the road.	10-12	Cobble Large Gravel		4-6		



Figure 1.—Stream paralleling the road, looking upstream at waypoint 1180.



Figure 2.—Stream crossing the road at waypoint 1180.

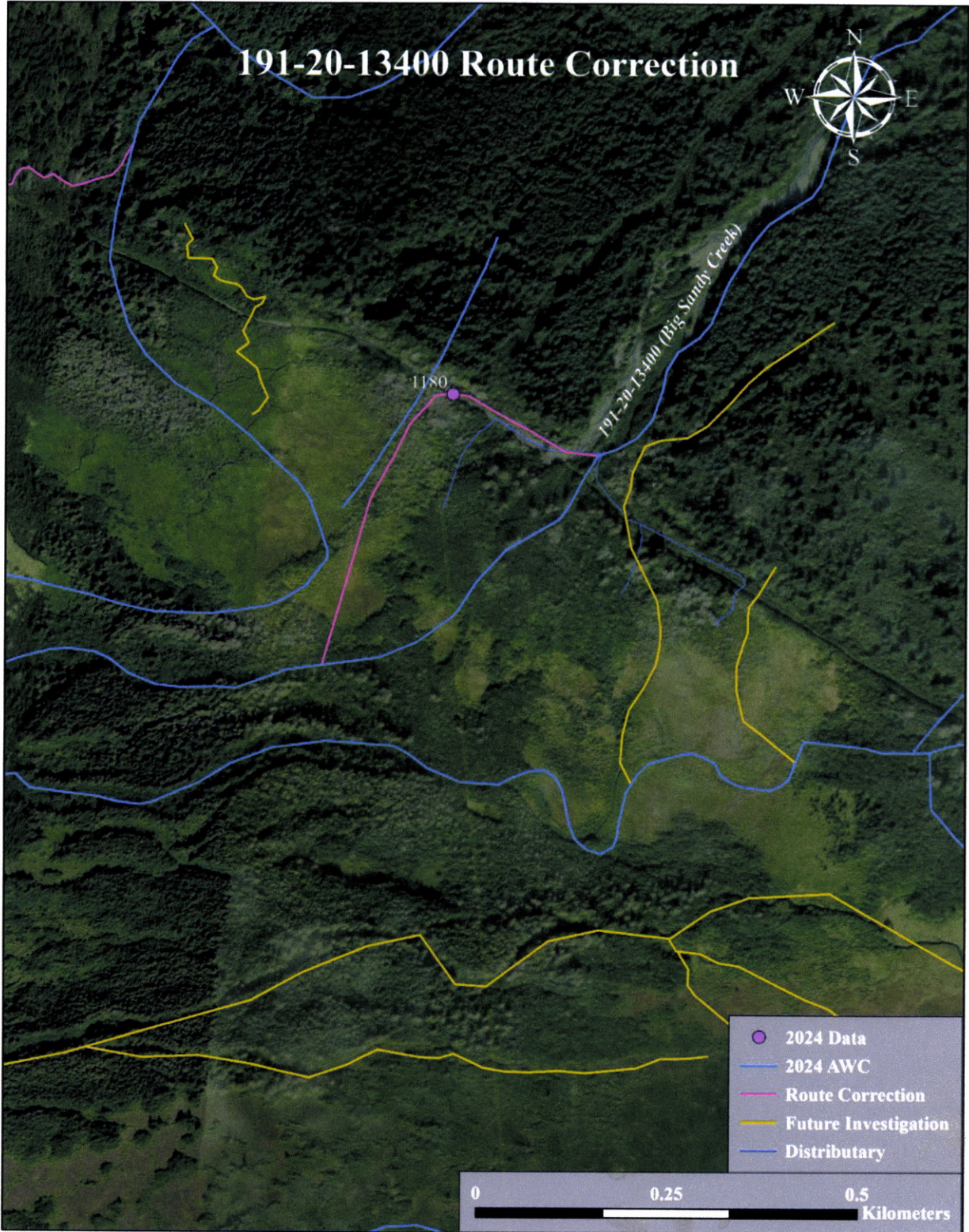


Figure 3.-191-20-13400 route correction map.

**From:** [Jensen, Nicholas L \(DFG\)](#)  
**To:** [Giefer, Joe \(DFG\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Nom #25-593 Hydro question - Stream #'s 191-20-13400 (Big Sandy Creek) & 191-20-13400-2033-3040  
**Date:** Monday, August 18, 2025 10:38:19 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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Hi Joe,

Sorry for the late replies, we've been out on field work and keeping up with emails has been tough.

In this scenario, I'd recommend getting rid of stream 191-20-13400-2033-3040 and tie its info with Big Sandy. We didn't see any evidence of it along the road, although I'm not surprised with how dynamic this watershed is. Maybe at the time they submitted it, it looked like a trib, but in actuality it was a braid...I'm not exactly sure.

I'll get to your other questions as well, thanks!

**Nick Jensen**  
Habitat Biologist  
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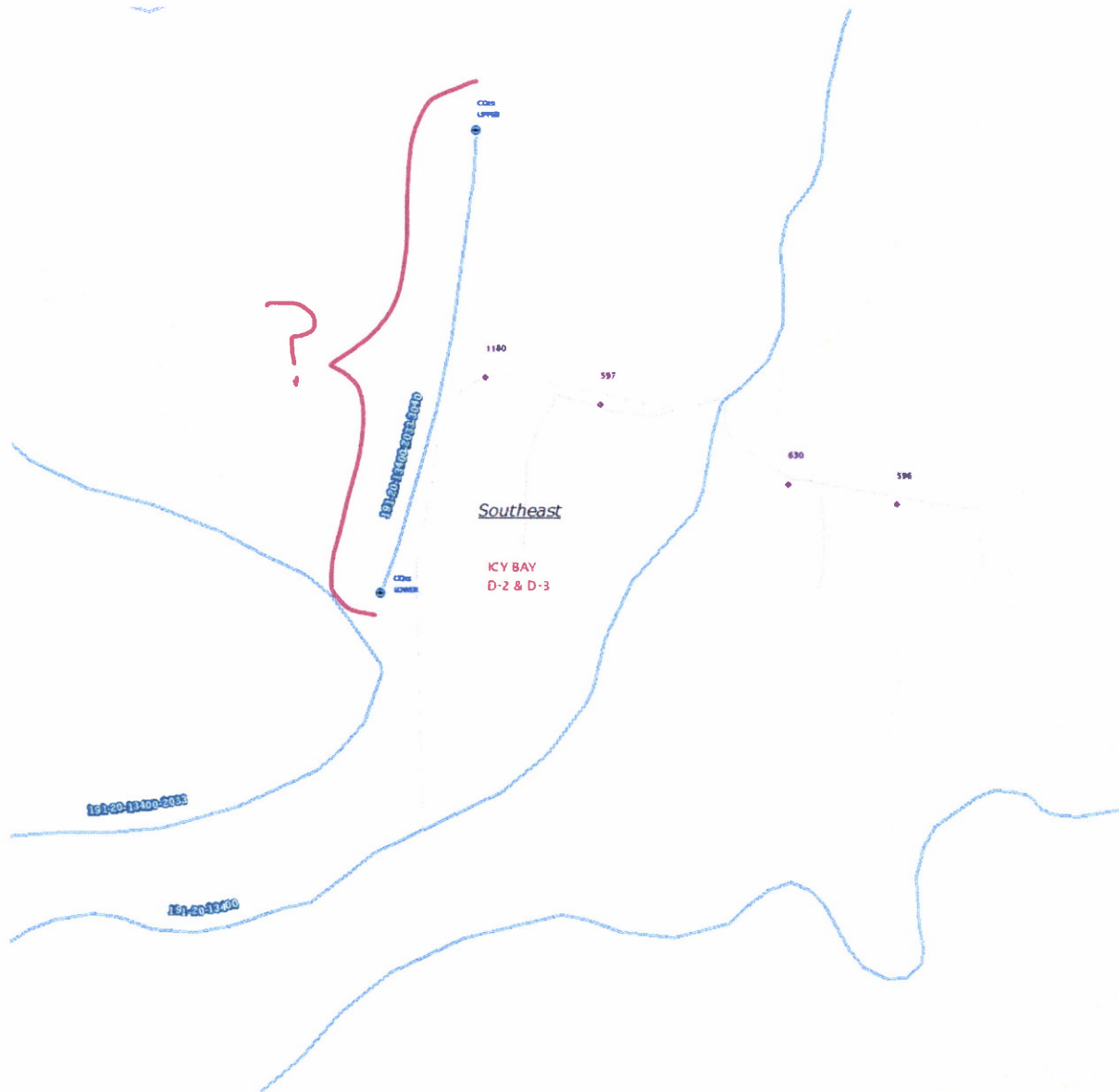
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**From:** Giefer, Joe (DFG) <joe.giefer@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2025 10:49 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Nicholas L (DFG) <nicholas.jensen@alaska.gov>; Delbecq, Claire E (DFG) <claire.delbecq@alaska.gov>  
**Cc:** Krull, Dylan P (DFG) <dylan.krull@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Nom #25-593 Hydro question - Stream #'s 191-20-13400 (Big Sandy Creek) & 191-20-13400-2033-3040

Greetings,

I was hoping one of you could take a closer look at this nomination for a stream alignment adjustment for #191-20-13400 (Big Sandy Creek).

It looks to me like the correction flows awfully close to where stream #191-20-13400-2033-3040 is depicted. However, looking at the nom record of that stream (Nom #92-752, attached) the original observation mentions this was meant to be a "tributary of Big Sandy Creek". To me this implies this was likely mapped incorrectly in the original submission and made a tributary of -2033.



Any suggestions? Remove stream #191-20-13400-2033-3040 and tie it's nom history to Big Sandy Creek? Create a short tributary and renumber 191-20-13400-2033-3040 so it's an actual tributary of Big Sandy flowing in at approximately waypoint #1180?

Feel free to give me a call if its easier to discuss on the phone.

Thanks,

**Joe Giefer**

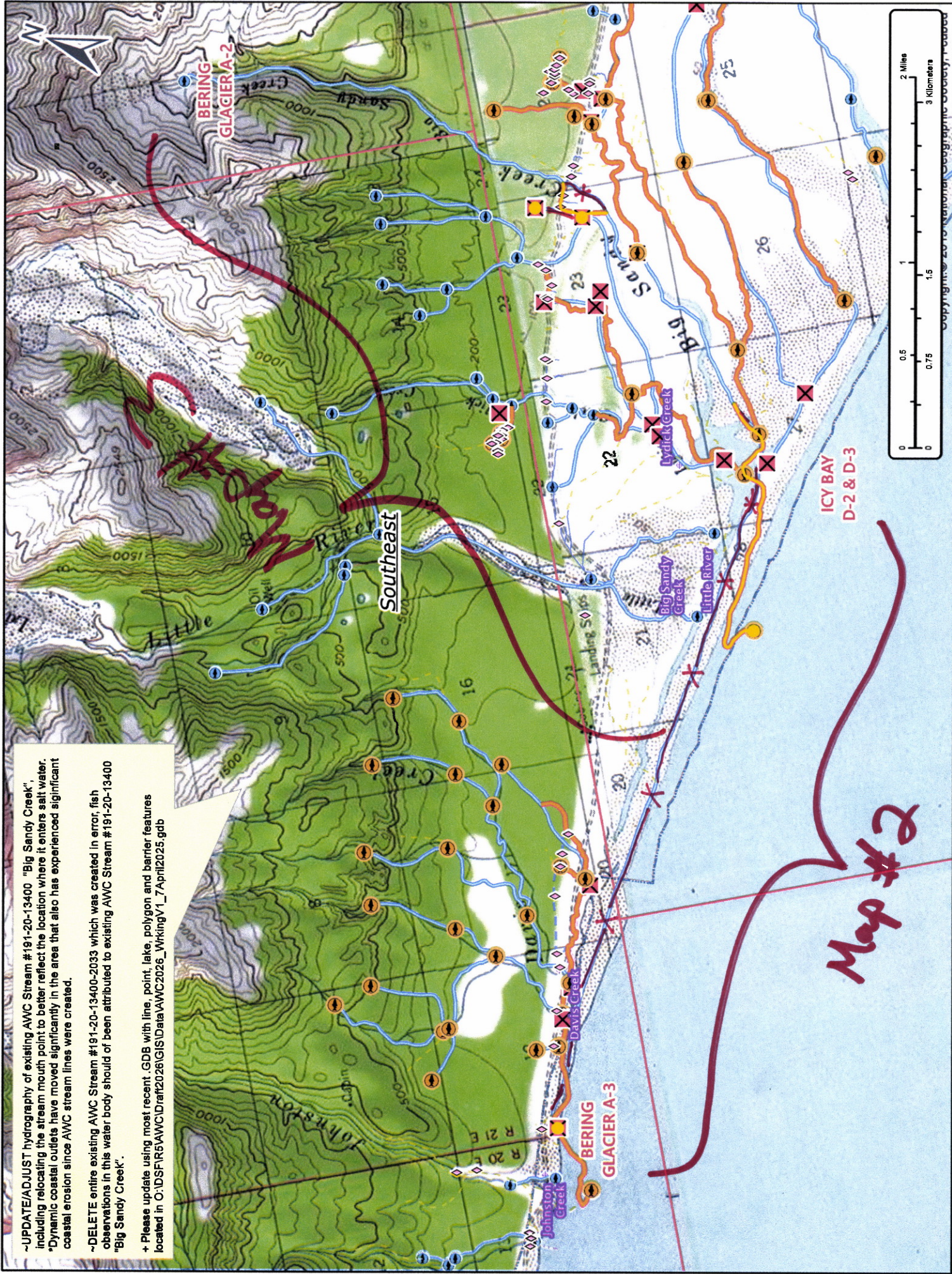
Habitat Biologist III

**Anadromous Waters Catalog (AWC)**

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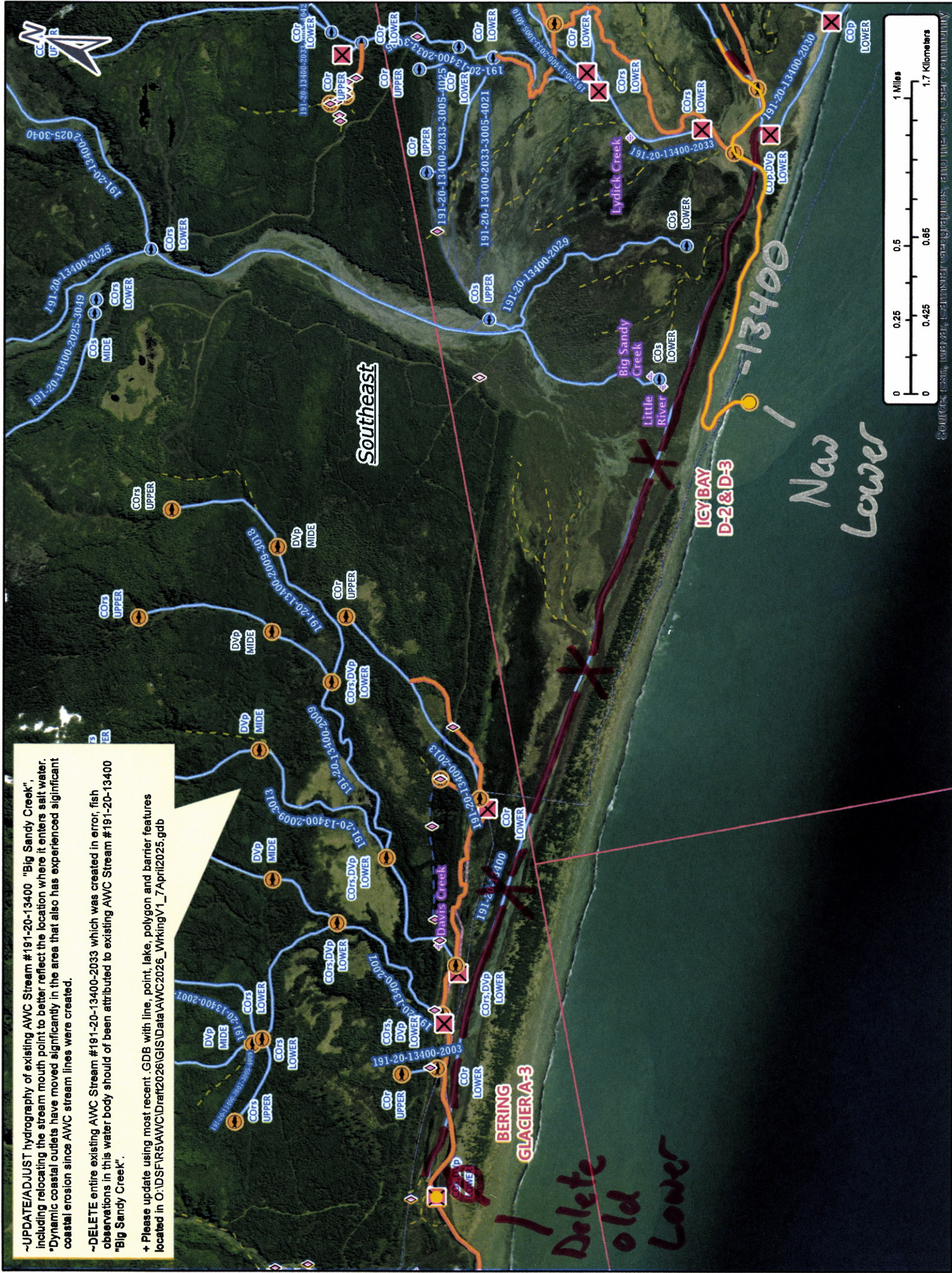
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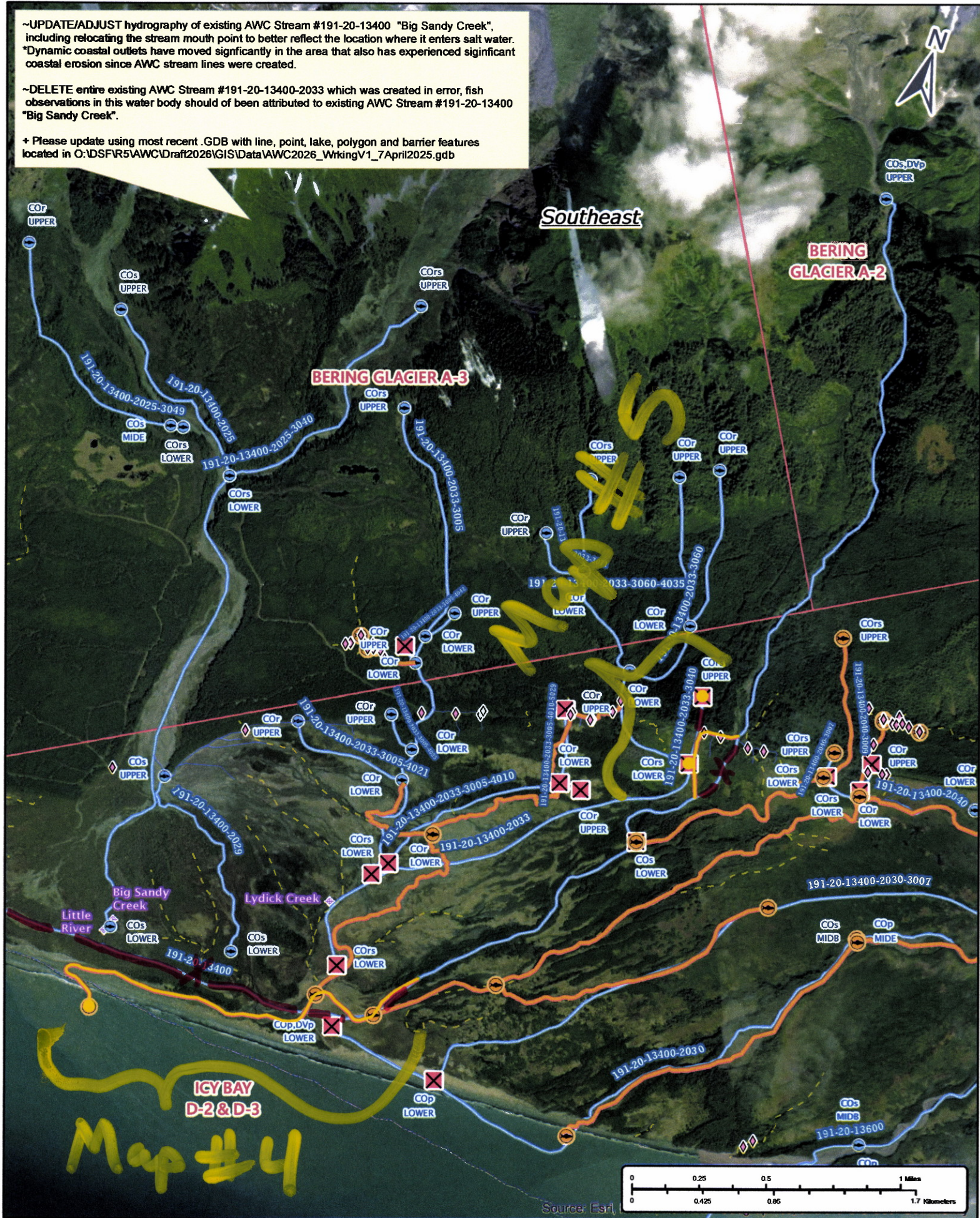
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Source: Esri, Imagery, Contributor, Geographic, and other data. User Community.

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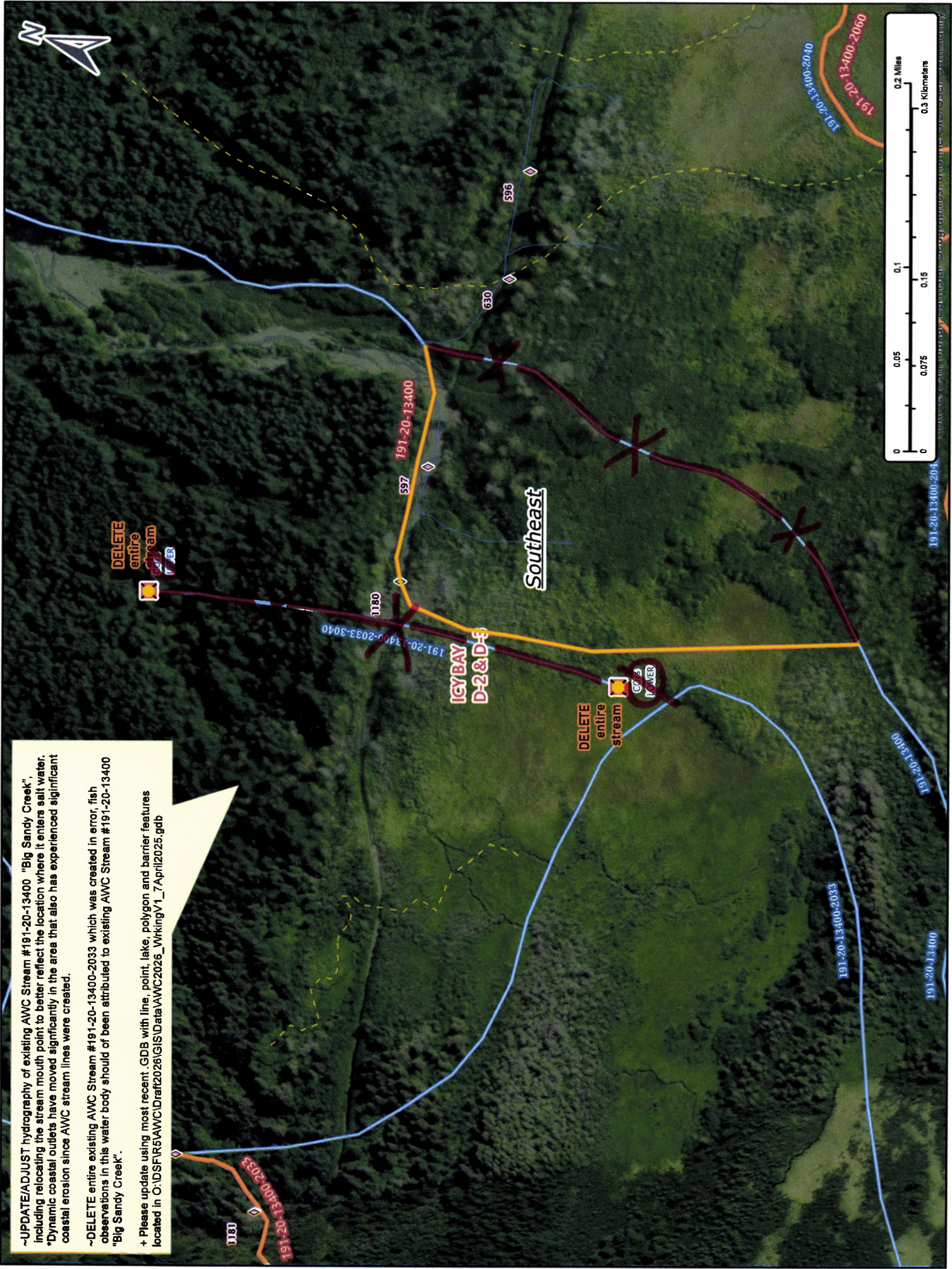
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