

# Grayling



Population: 168

Grayling is located in Interior Alaska on the west bank of the Yukon River, east of the Nulato Hills. It is 18 air miles north of Anvik. The climate of Grayling is continental with long, cold winters and relatively warm summers. Temperature extremes range between -60 to 87 degrees F. Annual snowfall averages 110" with 21" of total precipitation. The Yukon River is ice-free from May through October.

In 1900 the U.S. Revenue steamer Nunivak reported 75 inhabitants. The population of Grayling is comprised of Holikachuk and Ingalik Indians. Subsistence activities are important to villagers' livelihoods.

Grayling's economy is heavily dependent on subsistence activities, and employment is found primarily in seasonal work. Many residents hold commercial fishing permits. Subsistence activities include fishing, hunting, trapping, gathering and gardening. Salmon, moose, black bear, small game and waterfowl are utilized.

In summer access to Grayling is by air, riverboat or barge. The state operates a runway. No roads connect Grayling with other communities. Skiffs are used for transportation up and down the river during summery. Every other year Grayling is a checkpoint on the annual 1,049 mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.