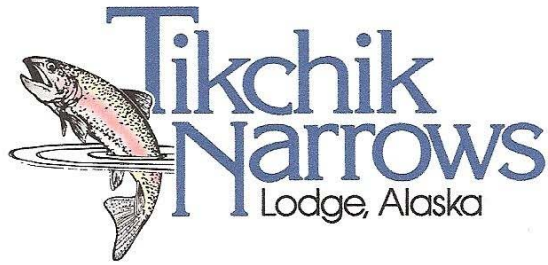


Meteorology Group Chairman Factual Report

Attachment 3 - Witness Statement

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August 14, 2010

Michael Richards
NTSB

I am based at Tikchik Narrows Lodge and I am the Owner and Chief Pilot for Tikchik Narrows Lodge. I have been flying in this area every summer for the past 33 years.


On Monday August 9, 2010, I departed on a VFR flight from Tikchik Narrows Lodge (AK56) with 2 passengers in N35851, a Cessna 206 on floats, at 12.45 PM to Shannon's Pond in Dillingham Alaska. I arrive at 1:30 PM. My route of flight was the East side of Agenuk Mountain, direct to Aleknagik then on to Shannon's pond. I went over the East end of Lake Nerka and over the ridge between Marsh Mountain and Table Mountain just North of Aleknagik. Pilots refer to this as the Aleknagik hump. You need a 500' MSL ceiling to get over the hump comfortable. I remember the ceiling was a non issue for going over the hump.

The weather at East Lower Nerka Lake and the hump was 600 ceiling and visibility greater than 5 miles, 10 to 15 mile an hour wind out of the Southwest. The Dillingham ATIS was reporting 600' Scattered to Broken and 3 miles visibility and winds out of the South Southwest.


About 2:15 I departed Shannon's pond VFR and flew back to Tikchik Narrows Lodge. The weather was the same or even a bit better on my return trip. I arrived at Tikchik about 2:50 PM. I had a head wind going down to Shannon's and a tail wind returning so my flight time was less on the return trip.

Please let me know if you any further questions.

Regards


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