Alaska
SNOTEL Snow Density

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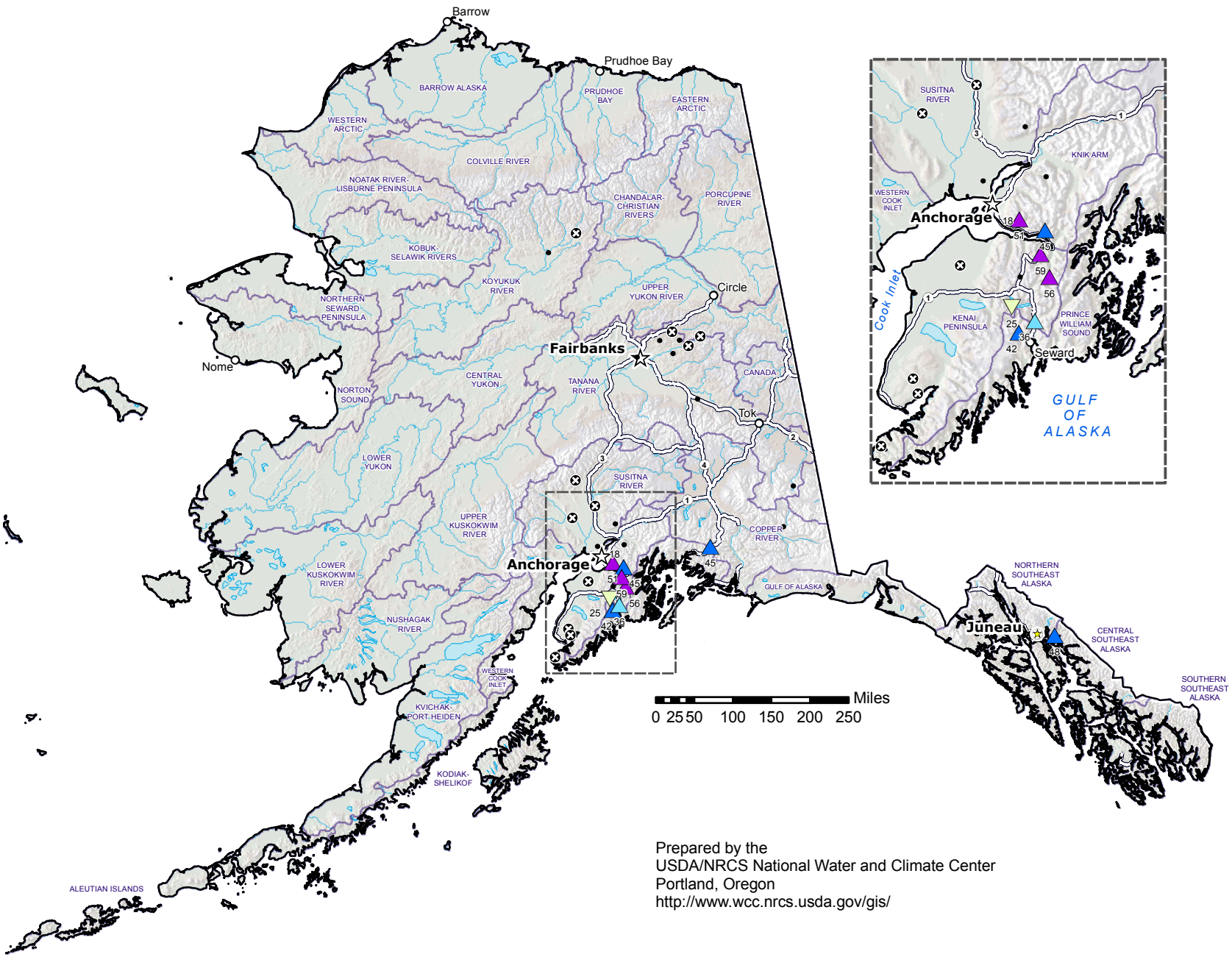

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Snow depth and snow pillow data are used to calculate density. Automated snow depth measurements are known to occasionally read spuriously large during precipitation events. Snow depth is also difficult to accurately measure at near-snow free conditions; data should be used with caution.