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Mecca Bar

11119 North Tongass Hwy, Ketchikan, AK (907) 983-2414

License Originally Issued: 1954 to Doris Dolphin.

CLOSED in 2013.

Amenities: Restaurant

Web Site: none

History and Notoriety: The Mecca was born the same year that the Ketchikan Pulp Mill opened. The location of the bar just north of Ward Cove was in close proximity to the pulp mill, which employed over 500 workers. The bar was popular with the pulp mill crowd for 50 years and gained a reputation for being rough and rowdy. The closing of the pulp mill in 1997 was a blow to the Ketchikan economy and changed the patronage of the Mecca.

The Mecca was strictly a bar when Jack and Carol Van Vleck took over in 1983. They added a restaurant in 1988, which continues to this day.

Visiting the Mecca: The Mecca is about 10 miles north of downtown Ketchikan, but it is a beautiful drive to a bar that has a great view of the ferries travelling through the Tongass Narrows.