

Mat-Su



# wildlife Wednesdays

NEW LOCATION!

2016 Fall Lecture Series

October 5

## Elk in Alaska & Beyond *With Tony Kavalok of ADF&G*

This iconic big game species with its unique and stirring mating call is typically associated with the front-country and mountainous portions of Montana, Idaho, Colorado, and Wyoming. In Alaska, we are fortunate to have a couple of small populations of this large deer species in Southeast Alaska and portions of the Kodiak Archipelago. This presentation will touch on the three elk species found in North America, their history and current status in our state, and a bit about hunting and viewing opportunities.



November 2

## Raising Reindeer *With Eric Waite of The Reindeer Farm*

Reindeer were brought to Alaska's Seward Peninsula from Siberia in the late 1800's as a source of food and to carry supplies. Today, there are a few dozen reindeer herders and approximately 30,000 reindeer in the state. Join Eric Waite as he highlights the history and educational opportunities of Palmer's Reindeer Farm. He will demonstrate how to distinguish reindeer from caribou, discuss their unique adaptations to surviving in cold climates, and cover the details of what is involved in raising reindeer.



December 7

## Dall Sheep in the Chugach *With Tom Lohuis of ADF&G*

Dall sheep inhabit some of the most extreme and rugged terrain in Alaska, including alpine ridges and steep slopes. The remoteness of sheep habitat protects them from threats, and yet Dall sheep populations in the Chugach have declined over the last 20+ years. Tom Lohuis, sheep research biologist, will share his research investigating the potential causes for this decline, discuss what Alaska Department of Fish and Game has planned for the future, and consider what this might mean for sheep populations in Southcentral Alaska.



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