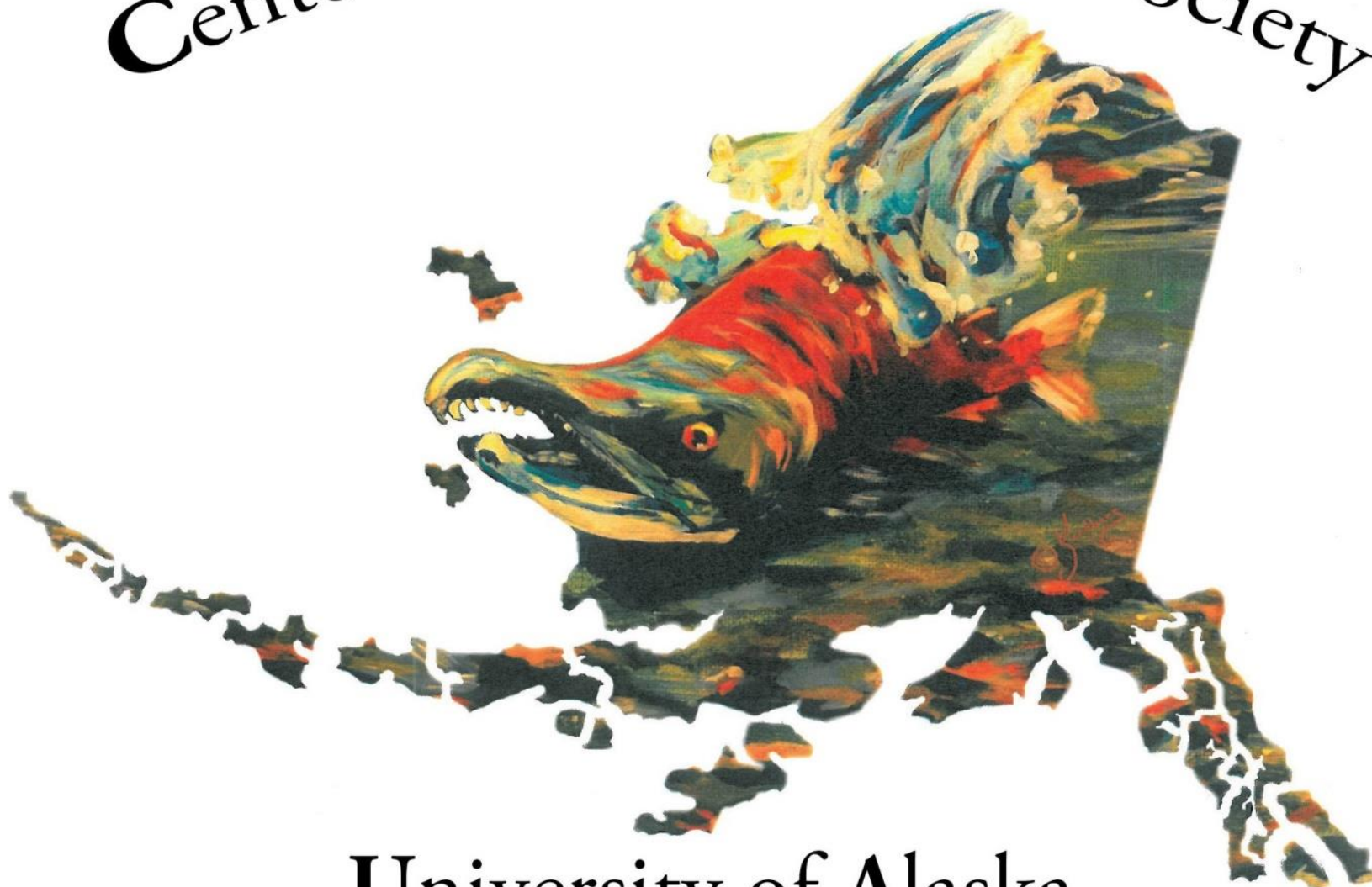


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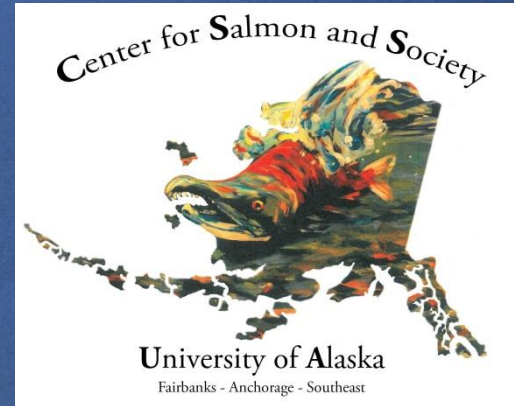
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University-based “coalition of the willing”

Twin focuses:

1. Maintaining healthy and viable salmon populations
2. Maintaining healthy and viable salmon-dependent communities



Salmon have been lost or nearly lost in Europe, the East Coast, and the Pacific NW

Salmon-dependent communities disappear when that happens

Even where salmon haven't been lost, communities can have difficulties: temporary downturns, no permits, no processor, low prices, no school



How could a Center for Salmon and Society help?

Be a trusted neutral source for information

Lead efforts to address knowledge gaps, crossing disciplines

Engage stakeholders and decision-makers in tackling difficult issues

Partner with groups like the Fish Habitat Partnerships to accomplish all this



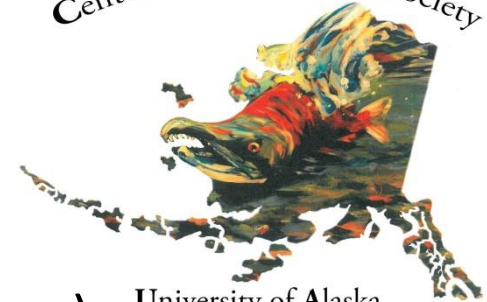
# Long-term Challenges to Alaska's Salmon and Salmon-Dependent Communities



Workshop in Anchorage Nov. 1-3

Tackled Alaska's salmon habitat protection  
and salmon-friendly development

Issues in Alaska's salmon-dependent  
communities



## Over 200 people attended

- fed and state agencies (4 AK Fish Board Members)
- NGOs (Salmon Project, Wild Salmon Center, TNC, Cook Inletkeeper, Pew, WWF, ...)
- Municipalities (Manakotak, Aleutians East Borough, Mat-Su Borough, Sand Point,...)
- Native Organizations (First Alaskans Institute, Nanwalek IRA, Orutsararmuit Native Council, Tanana Chiefs, ...)
- Fishing organizations (TU, United Fishermen, Yukon Delta, Kenai River Sportfishing, Kenai Area Fisherman's, DIPAC, AK Longline, ...)
- Universities (UAF, UAA, UAS, APU, McGill, UW, UCSB,...)
- Industry (Pebble, PSPA, Icicle, Fisheye Consulting, ...)

# Heavy involvement by Fish Habitat Partnerships

Jessica Speed,  
Tim Troll,  
Debbie Hart,  
Robert Ruffner





Issues faced by salmon-dependent communities:

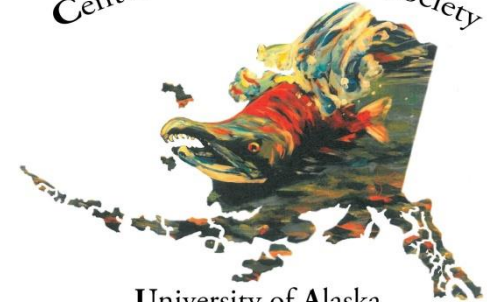
Racial equity

Economics of salmon – market forces, access to capital, etc.

Governance of salmon management

Community sustainability and well-being





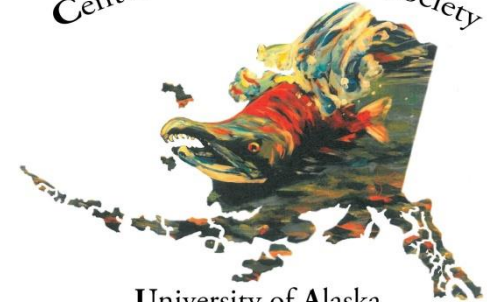
Habitat protection issues

What protections are there?

What gaps are there in protection?

How do you develop in the most salmon-friendly way?

How do you make rational tradeoffs between habitat protection and development?



Days 1 and 2 were large group presentations and moderated discussions

Day 3 was small group work sessions:

- what are problems that need to be addressed?
- what are the next steps to address these problems
- who needs to do it?

Thursday work sessions:

Habitat protection and salmon-friendly development

Salmon-dependent community health and well-being

Salmon governance

Building understanding of cultural and racial dynamics in salmon issues





## Habitat work session discussions

Alaska statutes could use some fine-tuning (e.g., Title 16)

- jurisdictional limits spatially and on certain activities (OHW, not upper watershed, not floodplains)
- practical difficulties limit enforcement
- burden of proof for AWC?

Patchwork land ownership complicates protections

Public education efforts

Workshop wrap-up

evaluations on-line – we read them!

work session chairs and student recorders  
writing up work session findings to post

some presentations will be posted

habitat group is looking for ways to move  
the ball forward (volunteers accepted)



# Future Center for Salmon and Society activities

Similar style workshop next year, maybe fewer presentations and more time for discussion & work sessions

Address topics not tackled (climate change, estuarine and ocean environment, hatchery-wild interactions, etc.)

How can we help you?

Suggestions to: [mdadkison@alaska.edu](mailto:mdadkison@alaska.edu)



Bristol Bay Heritage Land Trust

The Salmon Project

Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership

Southwest Alaska Salmon Habitat Partnership

National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis

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