



Alaska Constitution, Article 8

- Reserves fish, wildlife and water to the people of Alaska;
- Requires sustainable management of wild salmon and other renewable resources; and
- Directs the legislature to co-equally prioritize the conservation of natural resources with the state's interest in the utilization and development of them.



Healthy Habitat = Strong Fisheries



Alaska's fish habitat protection law is weak.



Title 16, directs the commissioner of ADF&G to approve a fish habitat permit for a “proposed construction, work, or use ... unless the commissioner finds the plans and specifications insufficient for the proper protection of fish and game.”

AS 16.05.871(d).



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WAYS
to change
the law



The Legislature
HB 199

The People
Ballot Initiative





Creates habitat protection standards
to guide permitting decisions





Expands ADF&G's jurisdiction to protect
fish habitat





Gives Alaskans a voice in the
permitting process





Promotes responsible development

Requires projects to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to fish habitat before a permit is issued.

Prevents development activities that will substantially damage fish habitat and threaten the sustainability of our fisheries.





**Adds additional tools to
enforce the law**



