

Matanuska-Susitna Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership

Site Tour, August 24, 2015

Purpose of Tour: Introduce and update community leaders on Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership, our partners, projects, & status of Mat-Su salmon habitat.

Part 1 of Tour – Big Lake watershed

9am **Tour starts at Big Lake North Recreation Site.** **Site tour bus available from Anchorage & Wasilla.* **Introduction to tour and Mat-Su Salmon Partnership** (Big Lake North Recreation Site) - *Jessica Speed/Mat-Su Salmon Partnership*

9:15 Board bus to Fish Creek and listed sites:

Fish Science (Fish Creek Park) – *Jon Gerken/U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

Lake Shore Restoration (Big Lake Sailing Club) - *Bruce Lee/Big Lake Sailing Club & Tracy Smith/Alaska Department of Fish & Game*

Fish Passage (Meadow Creek on Beaver Lake Road) – *Jim Jenson/Mat-Su Borough & Franklin Dekker/ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

Habitat Conservation (Big Lake North Recreation Site) - *Kim Sollien & Phil Shephard/Great Land Trust* **Lunch provided by Mat-Su Salmon Partnership*

12:15 **Wrap up** (Big Lake North Recreation Site) - *Jessica Speed/Mat-Su Salmon Partnership*

Part 2 of Tour – Remote area west of Susitna River

12:30 **Introduction to afternoon tour** (Big Lake North Recreation Site) - *Jessica Speed/Mat-Su Salmon Partnership & Samantha Oslund/Alaska Department of Fish & Game*

Airplane pick-up, fly-over Alexander Lake area enroute to Shell Lake

Aquatic Invasive Plants - *Elodea* (Alexander Lake area- fly over/Shell Lake) - *Heather Stewart/Alaska Department of Natural Resources*

Aquatic Invasive Fish - Pike (Alexander Lake area- fly over/Shell Lake) - *Samantha Oslund/ Alaska Department of Fish & Game*

Sockeye Salmon Rehabilitation Project – (Shell Lake) - *Gary Fandrei/Lisa Ka’aihue/Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association*

4pm **Back to Big Lake North Recreation Site & wrap up** (*Jessica Speed/Mat-Su Salmon Partnership*)