

Matanuska-Susitna Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership

Site Tour, August 23, 2016

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

Theme of Tour: Outdoor recreation and salmon habitat.

Matanuska and Knik River Watersheds

9:00 **Tour starts at Matanuska River Park Recreation Site in Palmer.**

Introduction to tour and Mat-Su Salmon Partnership

(Matanuska River Park Recreational Site) - *Jessica Speed/Mat-Su Salmon Partnership & Frankie Barker/Mat-Su Borough*

Traditional welcome – Lee Stephan/Chief, Native Village of Eklutna

9:20 Board vans to Jim Lake

10:00 **Fish Science: Increasing our knowledge of salmon habitat use** (Jim Lake) – *Jon Gerken & Elizabeth Benolkin/US Fish and Wildlife Service*

10:30 **Lake Shore Restoration** (Jim Lake) – *David Ianson/Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District*

11:00 **Break** **Snack and sack lunch provided by Mat-Su Salmon Partnership*

11:30 **Habitat Conservation** (Mud Lake) – *David Mitchell/Great Land Trust & Curtis McQueen/Eklutna Inc.*

12:00 Drive to next site

12:20 **Streambank Restoration** (McRoberts Creek) – *Ron Benkert/Alaska Department of Fish and Game*

12:50 Drive to Matanuska River Park Recreation Site

1:00 **Wrap up** (Matanuska River Park Recreation Site) - *Jessica Speed/Mat-Su Salmon Partnership*