

## Matanuska-Susitna Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership

Site Tour, August 22, 2017

**2017 Theme:** Strategic habitat restoration/conservation that is informed by fisheries science.

8 am bus departs Anchorage, 9 am bus departs Wasilla

### **MONTANA/BUDDY CREEKS**

*Montana Creek is a national "[Waters to Watch](#)", a popular fishing destination, and the focus of a fish passage restoration effort coupled with fisheries assessment.*

10:15/10:30 am Buddy Creek fish-friendly culvert site

- *Gillian O'Doherty/Alaska Department of Fish and Game* – overview of fish passage restoration and PIT tagging/tracking preliminary results
- *Jeff Davis/Aquatic Restoration and Research Institute* – juvenile salmon movement

11:15 am board bus

11:30 am lunch at Montana Creek mainstem

- View fishermen in action (should be peak coho fishing by this time in August)
- *Jessica Speed/The Nature Conservancy/Mat-Su Salmon Partnership Coordinator* –2017 tour focus and partnership overview

12:15 am board bus

### **LITTLE WILLOW CREEK**

*Site of in-stream flow quantification/protection*

12:45 pm *Joe Klein/Alaska Department of Fish and Game* – in-stream flow and water reservations

1:15 pm board bus

### **MEADOW CREEK WATERSHED**

*Meadow Creek is a major tributary in Big Lake drainage where a lot of work has been done to understand salmon movement in relation to barriers at roads and cold water inputs.*

1:45 pm Lucille Creek at Big Lake Road

- *Dan Rinella/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* - what we know about fish movement and rearing needs in Meadow Creek/Big Lake drainage
- *Sue Mauger/Cook Inletkeeper* – what we know about cold water inputs and why they're important to locate and conserve

2:45 pm Meadow Creek at Beaver Lake Road

- *Jim Jenson/Mat-Su Borough & Trent Liebich/ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* – Mat-Su Borough fish passage program and fish passage prioritization

3:15 pm wrap up and board bus

3:30 pm bus departs for Wasilla and Anchorage, arriving approximately 4pm Wasilla and 5pm Anchorage