

Increasing Salmon Returns to the Mat-Su

Improved Regulations Can Help



Mat-Su Borough FWC



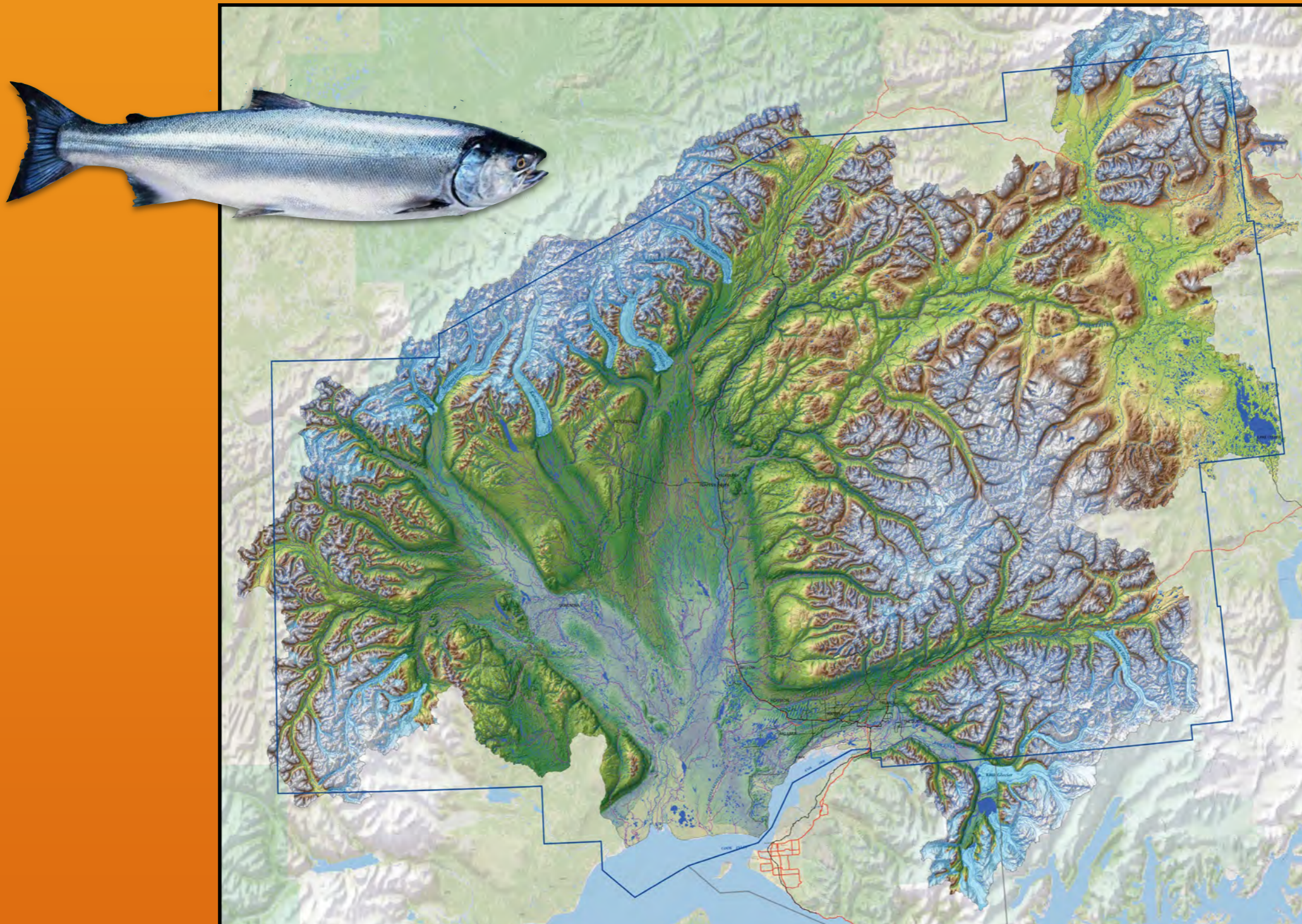
Watchdog of Mat-Su fisheries dedicated to preserving the resource for future generations

Secure funding for science based research

Advocate for research and management that supports sustainable salmon population in the Mat-Su



STOCKS OF CONCERN



8 of the state's 16 are here in Northern Cook Inlet

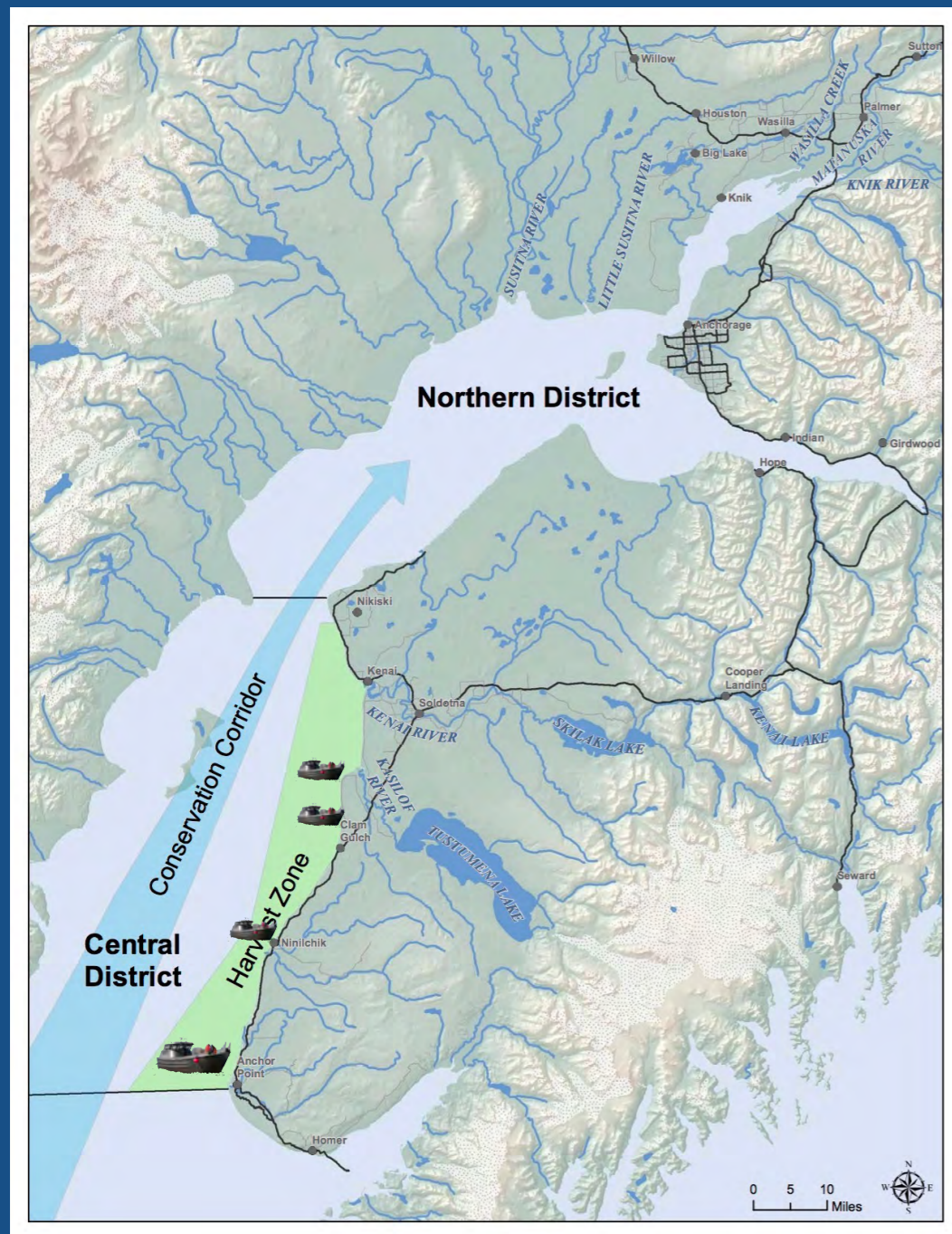
TIMING CRITICAL FOR SALMON MANAGEMENT

in mixed stock fishery

Run Timing of Salmon in UCI



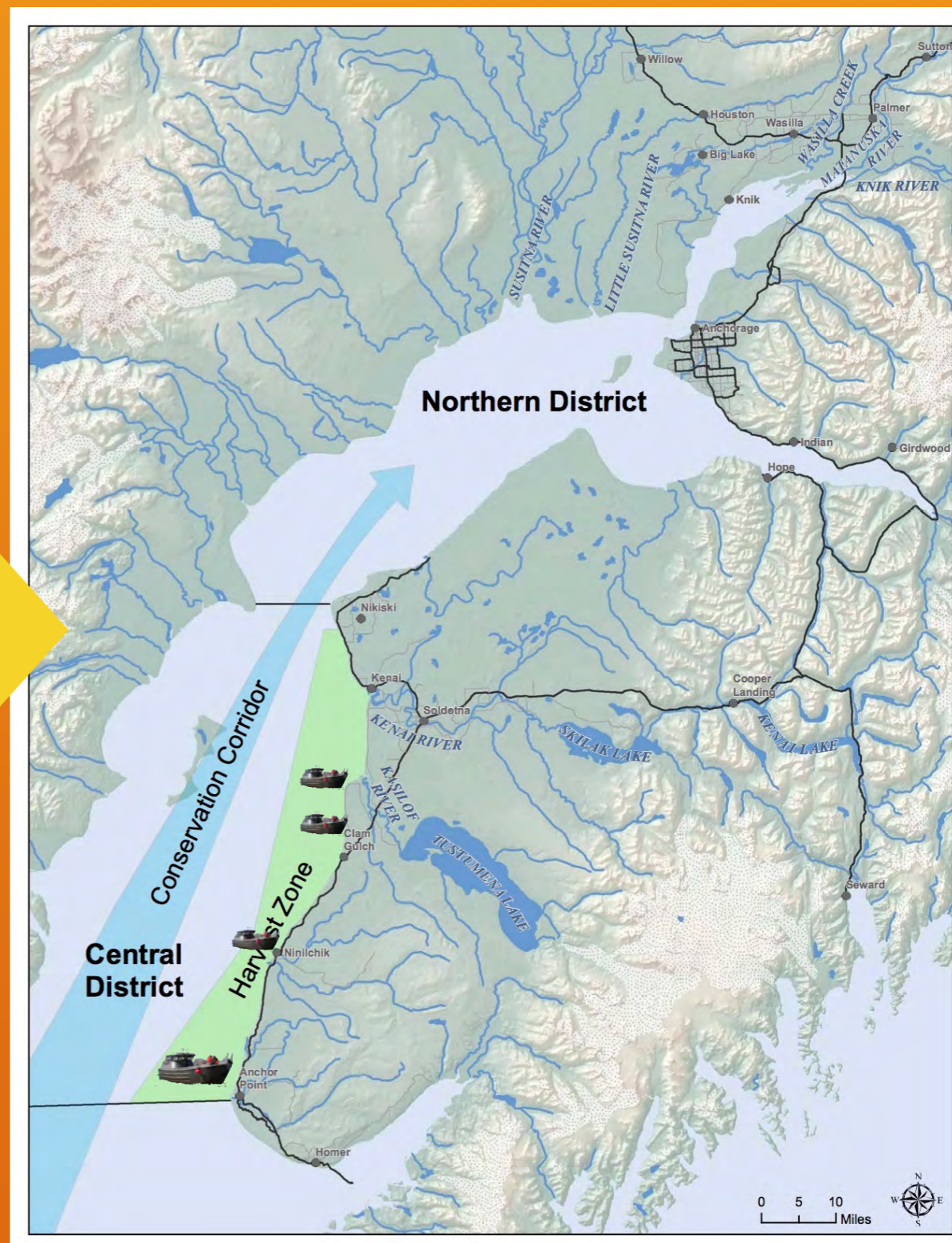
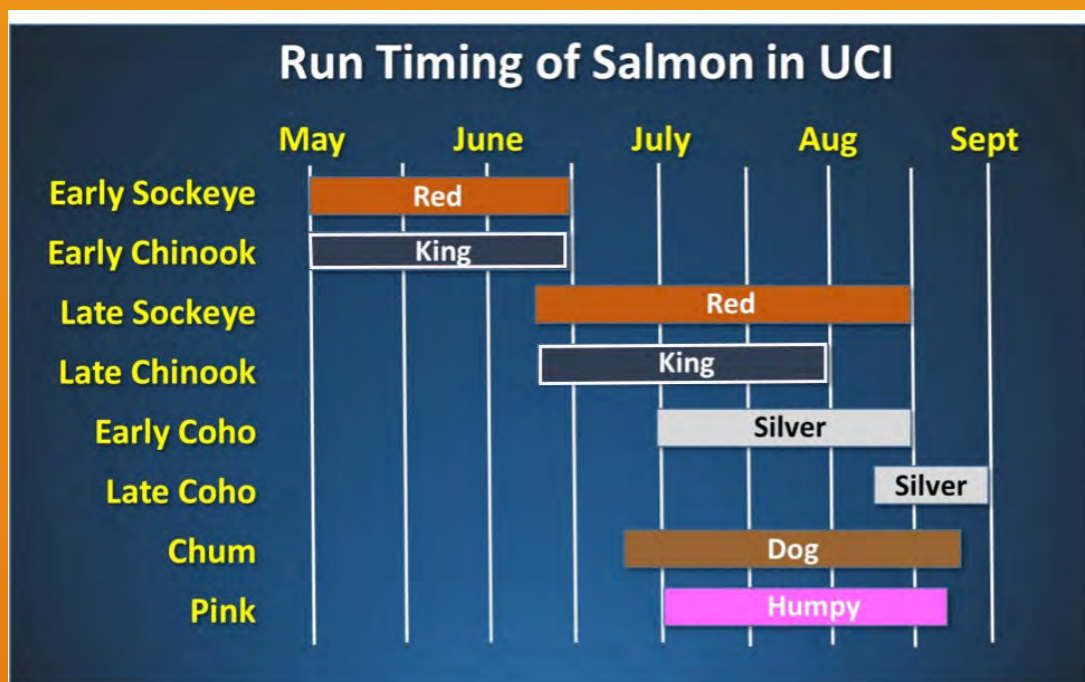
Conservation Corridor Established in 2011



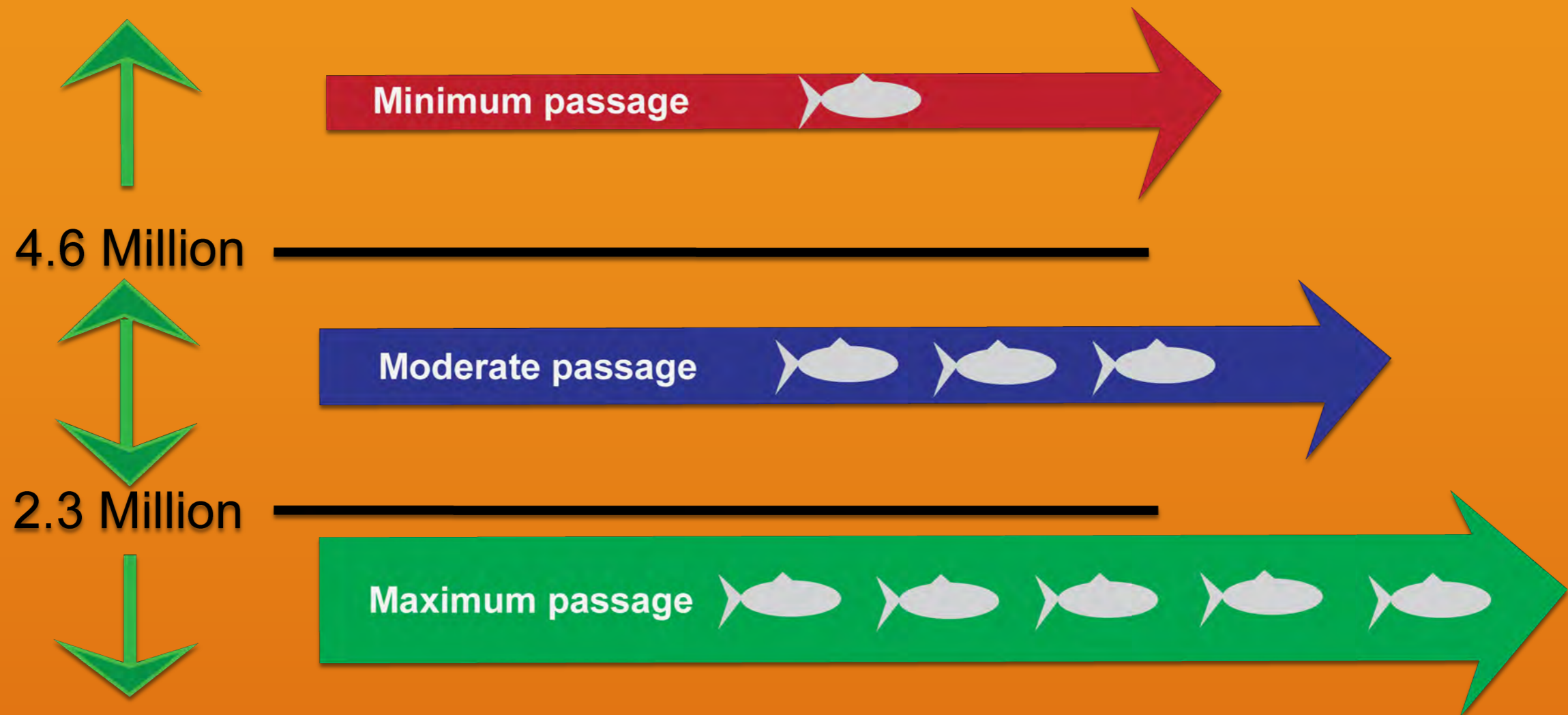
7-0 Vote 2014 by the Alaska Board of Fisheries gave regulatory teeth to conservation corridor

Science based research made this possible

WHERE AND WHEN Salmon Run is Critical in Mixed Stock Fishery



Kenai Drives Management



Larger Kenai sockeye projections = less protection for Northern Cook Inlet salmon



Northern District

GOALS MATTER

Conservation Corridor

Nikiski
Kenai
Soldotna
KASLOF RIVER
KENAI RIVER
Clam Gulch
TUSTU
SKILAK LAKE
KENAI LAKE
Cooper Landing
Hope
Indian
Anchorage

ESCAPEMENT GOALS



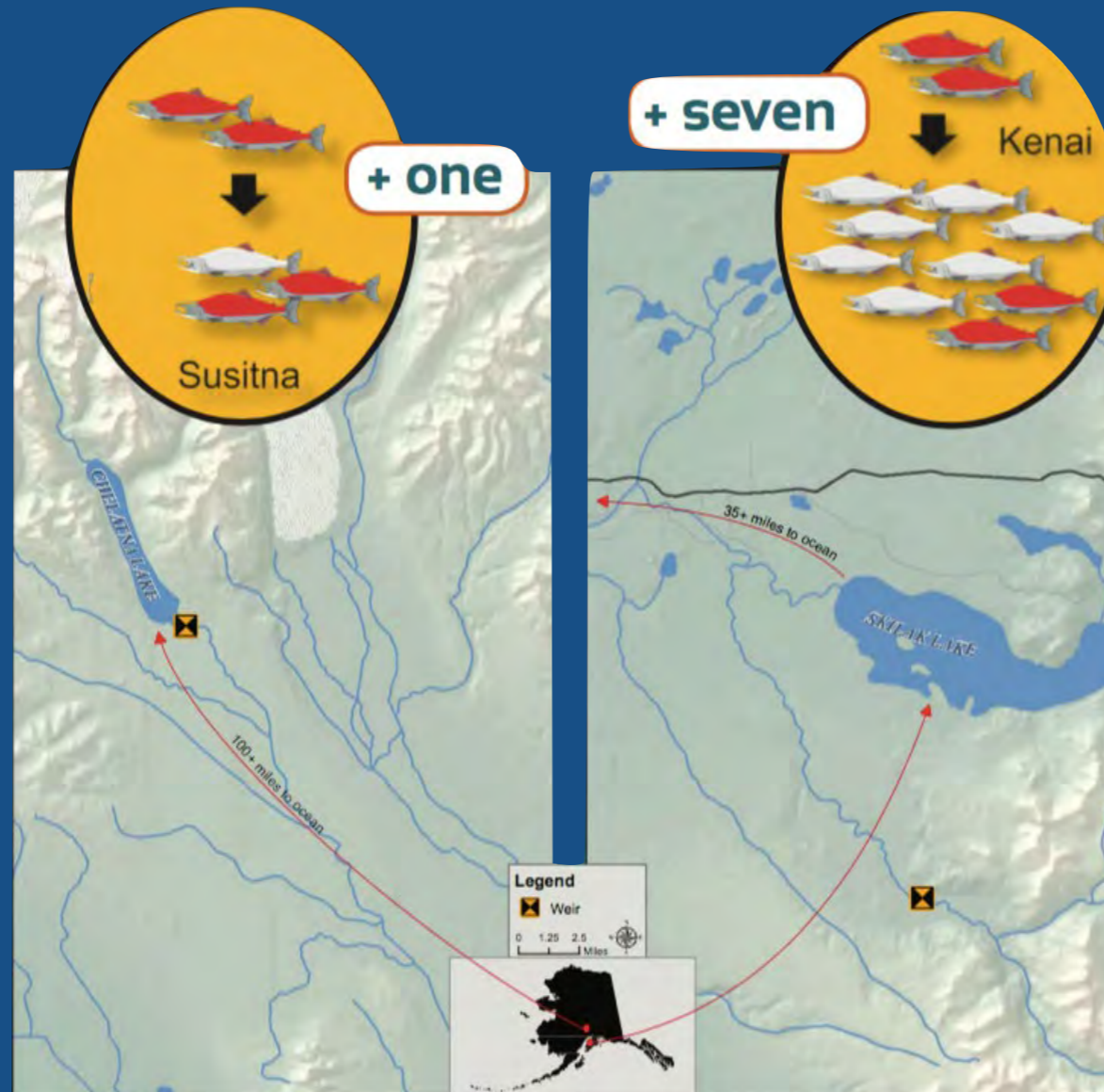
“The number of salmon that need to return to their spawning habitat to ensure a sustainable salmon population”

THE CORNERSTONES OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

PRODUCTIVITY OF STOCKS

How research helps

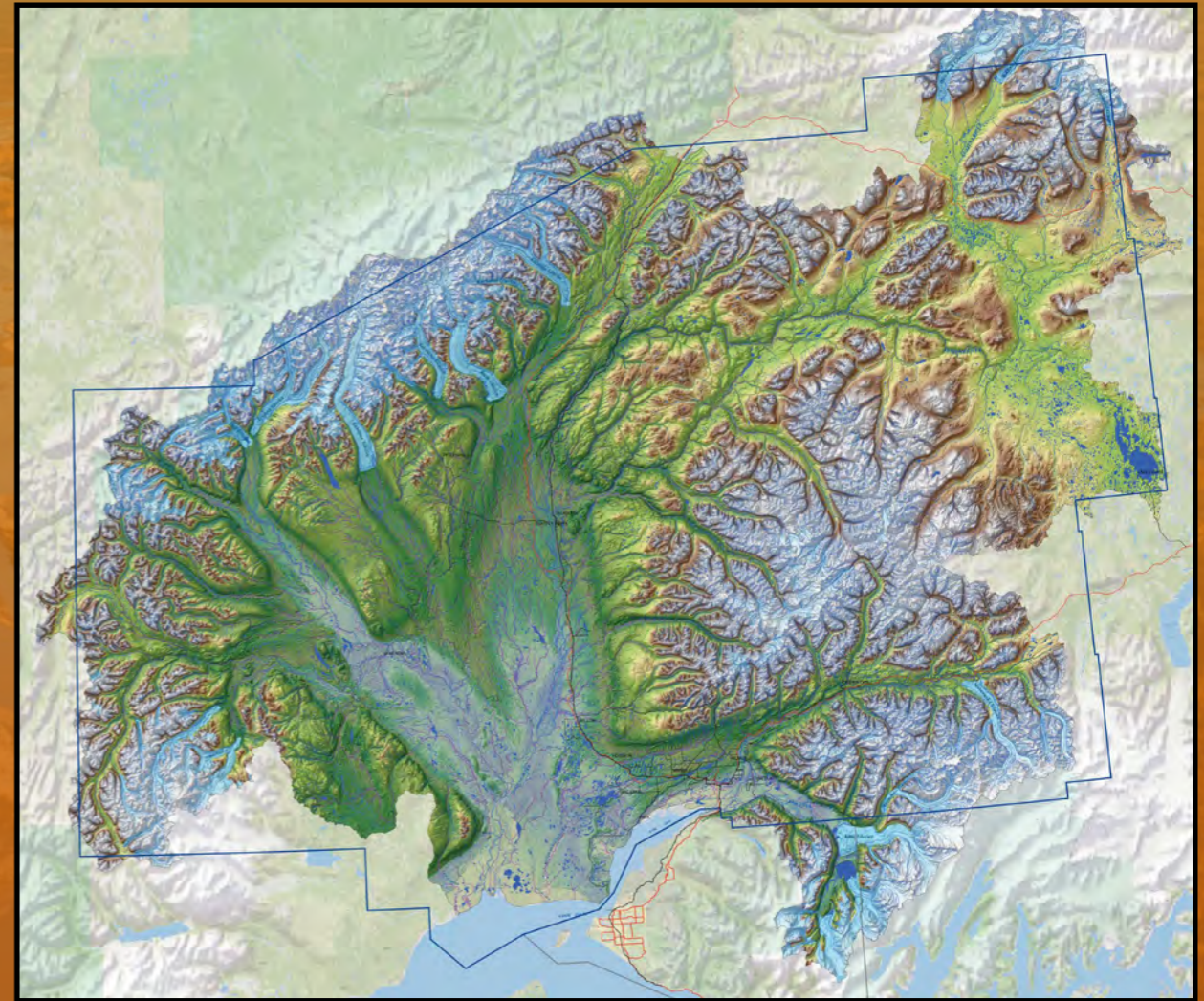
GENETICS RESEARCH HELPS US DETERMINE PRODUCTIVITY



PRODUCTIVITY IS A KEY FACTOR FOR SUSTAINABLE
MAT-SU SALMON MANAGEMENT

HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

- Over 100 Culverts replaced through Salmon Habitat Partnership
- Funding for Invasive Northern Pike management
- Funded efforts to treat Mat-Su Elodea infestations



The Five Regulation Proposals

Submitted by the Mat-Su Borough Fish and
Wildlife Commission



Proposal 133

Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan

Proposal 199

Northern District King Salmon Management Plan

Northern District



Proposal 215

Create a Susitna and Yentna Rivers King Salmon Fishery Management Plan

Proposal 217

Create a Deshka River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan

Proposal 219

Create a Little Susitna River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan



The Public



Advisory
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Board of Fisheries



Adopted Fishing Regulations

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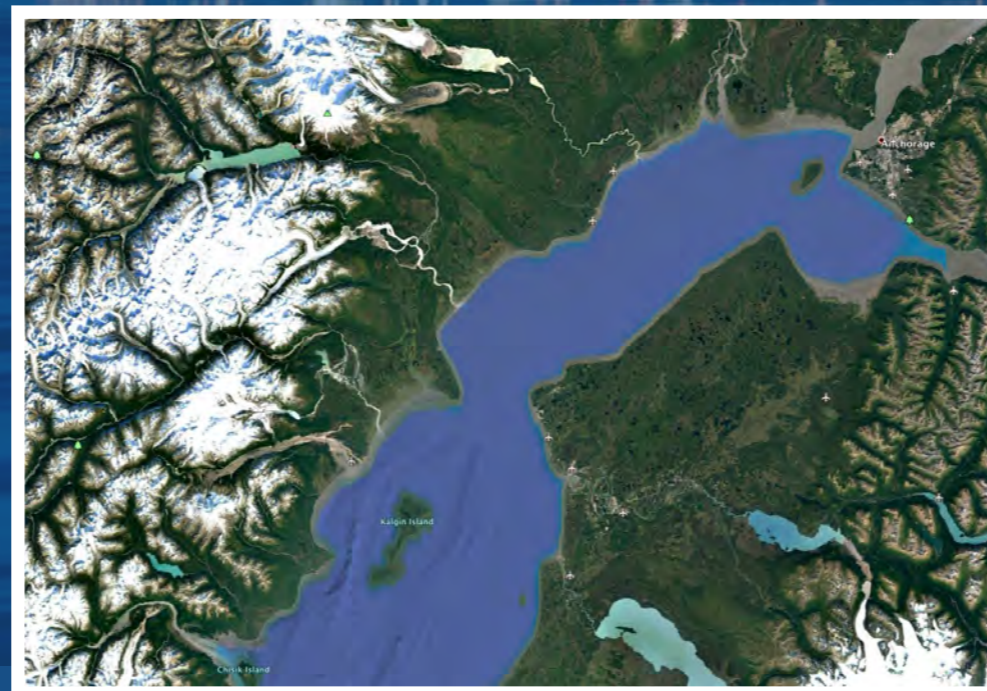
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SUMMARY

- **Goals matter - advocating for escapement goals allows for better management**
- **Knowledge is power - science can support management**
- **Diversity of perspectives strengthens management decisions**
- **FWC is a watchdog for sustainable fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet**



Best use of Alaskan Salmon is on an Alaskan's dinner table

ONGOING ISSUES

North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) rewriting federal management plans is a big uncertainty and could undo all previous gains

Budget concerns with the state's lower revenue is a threat to maintaining essential management tools



Questions?

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